

University Elementary January Newsletter



WELCOME BACK TO U-SCHOOL!

Wow, it's 2019! Welcome back to University for the second semester of the 2018-2019 school year. What went quicker, the first semester or Winter Break? Regardless, we are ready to kick things off tomorrow (Monday, January 7th) with your children. Our custodians have worked throughout the break to get everything looking wonderful for your children to walk through the doors.

As we prepare to begin the semester, I ask that you take some time to help your children transition back to school. Make sure they are getting to bed on time each night, eating a reasonable breakfast, and are dressing comfortably for school. If you can do these three things, we will be in a much better position to help your children succeed during the day.

Beyond these three tasks, I ask that you take time each night to talk with your children about what they are learning in school and how you can support them. They may have questions about something they are studying or you may be able to redirect some misconceptions.

Most importantly, I ask that you take the time to work with your children on those "softer" skills - how we treat each other. Kindness, integrity, forgiveness, problem solving, etc. - these are the foundational skills our children need to find success in life. I am a true believer that one can ace every test, but if you don't have the interpersonal skills, you won't reach your fullest potential.

It's a new semester - a time to reset. I encourage you to help your children get off to a positive start each day by engaging with them about what they are learning and to help them develop their "soft" skills. It's going to be a great second semester at University School!



~ Glen Hopkins
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Jan. 7: School Resumes
- Jan. 11: Report Cards Go Home
- Jan. 15: PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- Jan. 16: Makers Challenge Showcase @ 6:00 @ CoLab
- Jan. 21: MLK Jr. Day - No School
- Jan. 23: PTO Stay and Play @ 3:45
- Jan. 29: PTO Skate Night @ 6:30
- Feb. 4: Kindergarten Registration Opens

Afternoon Dismissal Changes

A new semester offers the opportunity to review dismissal plans. Please notify the school office of any change in dismissal plans by 12:00 each day. This will help ensure that we are able to notify teachers in a timely manner. Teachers are busy throughout the day and they may not have the chance to check their email or voicemail. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to make sure your children are delivered to the right locations each day.

Report Cards and Spring Clubs

Report Cards for the second grading period are scheduled to come home with your children on Friday, January 11th.

Look for information about Spring UES Clubs in the next few days via email and/or flyers.



Winter Weather

It hasn't really felt like Winter yet, but that doesn't mean that we are aren't looking at some Winter weather down the road.



Please log into Skyward to ensure that you have all of your information up to date to ensure that you are notified appropriately of any delays, closings, or early dismissals.

You can always visit the MCCSC webpage to check the "stoplight." Also, we will do our best to communicate things through our University Elementary Facebook and Twitter accounts - so follow us!

IREAD 3 and ILEARN

Keep your eyes open for information about IREAD 3 and ILEARN this semester. IREAD 3 is a reading assessment that all 3rd grade students are required to take in March while ILEARN, which replaces ISTEP, will be given to students in grades 3-6 in April.

Mrs. King goes to IU

When you stop by the University Office, you will find that Mrs. Donahue has moved into the Lead Administrative Assistant role, replacing Mrs. King. Mrs. King has accepted a job with Indiana University, and we all wish her the best in this next chapter of her life. The last day in December, students and staff showered Mrs. King with thanks as she walked the hallways to applause, hugs, flowers, and a few tears. Check out our video on Facebook if you have not had a chance to do so already.

While this is a transition in our front office, we are confident that we will continue to run in an efficient manner. Please exercise patience as Mrs. Donahue coaches up our new Support Administrative Assistant.

Makes Challenge Showcase

In November and December, 4th grade students across the corporation participated in the annual Makers Challenge where they were to make an innovative space for the new hospital, in cooperation with IU Health. There will be a Finalist Showcase on Wednesday, January 16th from 6:00-7:00 at the CoLab on Miller Dr. Come out and see our students' work from across the corporation!

MLK Jr. Day - Jan. 21st.

There will be no school on Monday, January 21st in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Teachers will be working with your children leading up to this date to explore Dr. King as well as other Civil Rights Activists throughout history. Look for information from your child's teacher - or simply ask them what they are learning!



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