

University Elementary October Newsletter



RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATION

Each month, University faculty and staff break down the "grade level" labels and engage in small group conversations about a topic during a time we like to call, "University Spirits and Traditions." The objective of these conversations is to share current practices, ideas, and advice. Regardless if you are first year teacher or a veteran teacher - we all have something to learn!

The topics in August and September were "Building Positive Relationships with Students, Families, and Peers," and "Effective Communication with Families." At University School, we believe that positive relationships and clear communication are key components that must be in place in order to maximize student learning.

Teachers, parents, administration, custodians, cooks, community partners, etc. - we all play an important role in the education of your children. As we draw close to the end of the first grading period, I encourage you to take the opportunity to reach out to your child's teacher, the nurse, or school administration if/when you have a question or concern. I believe that when we engage in open dialogue, we are able to gain clarity and we are able to make informed decisions regarding your child's education.



Thank you for the support you give your children and our school each day!

~ Glen Hopkins
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct. 7: Dine and Donate @ Chipotle
- Oct. 8: PTO Meeting @ 6:00
- Oct. 7, 9, 11: Teacher Appreciation
- Oct. 10: Flu Vaccines
- Oct. 11: End of First Grading Period
- Oct. 14-15: Fall Break - No School
- Oct. 16: School Resumes
- Oct. 21: Report Cards Go Home
- Oct. 22: PTO Skate Night @ 6:30
- Oct. 25: PTO Fall Campaign Ends
- Oct. 30: Elementary Strings Concert @ JCMS @ 7:00
- Oct. 31: Storybook Character Day
- Nov. 1: Global Community Potluck @ 6:00
- Nov. 1-8: Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 5: Election Day - No School

End of First Grading Period, Fall Break, and Report Cards

Believe it or not, we are knocking on the door of wrapping up our first 9-week grading period! The first quarter of the year will conclude at the end of the day on Friday, October 11th.

Fall Break will run for two days - October 14th-15th. School will resume on Wednesday, October 16th.

Report Cards will be sent home with your child on Monday, October 21st.



Flu Clinic

MCCSC is working in partnership with IU Health to offer flu vaccines to your children. If your child does not have health insurance, has Medicaid, or has insurance that doesn't cover immunizations, there is no charge for the vaccine. If your child has insurance that covers vaccines at any level, insurance will be billed. A form was sent out in the middle of September with additional information, including the form to complete to authorize the immunization.



Immunizations will be given on October 10th.

The deadline to return forms was September 27th.

October Lifeline and Learner Profile

For the month of October, we will focus on the Lifeline of "Initiative" and the Learner Profile of "Thinkers."

- **Initiative:** "We set goals for ourselves, and focus on our efforts."
- **Thinkers:** "We use creative thinking to solve problems, to make good decisions, and to take responsible action."

Each month, teachers will nominate students from their classrooms that model these traits. Students will have their pictures taken and placed on the large bulletin board outside the gym where we hope to have a collage of our students by the end of the year.

Ultimately, all of our Lifelines fall under the umbrella of the Lifelong Guidelines, "*Do the Right Thing*" and "*Treat People Right*."

Fall Campaign

The Fall Campaign is off to a great start! We are only one week in and we have raise over \$8,000 of our \$18,000 goal! Please return forms to help your child's class earn an extra recess. Any donations that you can make will go a long way towards our PTO's goal. You can also [donate online using this link](#).

Bully Prevention Month

October is Bully Prevention Month. Below are the weekly themes. In addition to this, Mr. Simonton, our school's social worker, will be engaging classes in education opportunities.

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AWARENESS
MONTH

Week 1: (Oct. 1-4) Take the Challenge a Month of Action Against Bullying

Students and staff sign a standing up to bullying pledge.

Themed day: (Oct. 4th) Wear mismatched socks to show it is ok to be different.

Week 2 (Oct. 7-11) Make new friends

Mix up lunch table day where kids sit with kids at different tables at lunch than they normally do.

Themed day: (Oct 7th) is World Bullying Day and is #Blueup where everyone is encouraged to where blue in solidarity against bullying on that day.

Week 3 (Oct. 16-18) Stand up for others week

Each grade will lead the anti-bully pledge on the intercom over the course of the week.

Themed Day: (October 18th) Stand up against bullying. Wear something representing your favorite super hero.

Week 4 (Oct. 21-25) Week of Inclusion

No one sits or plays alone. Students and staff are encouraged to reach out to children that may be eating alone or playing alone outside.

Themed Day: (Oct 23rd) is Unity Day to wear and share orange uniting for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. This is pushed by the Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center.

Week 5 (Oct. 28-Nov. 1) Speaking Out about Bullying

Students will make posters to post around school or their class for the week about speaking up against bullying and for inclusion.

Themed Day: (Nov. 1st) Team up against bullying - wear your favorite team or school shirt to team up against bullying.



MCCSC Textbook Fees

From an email sent out by the MCCSC Business Office (slightly modified):

The Textbook Rental Fee is established within the Indiana Code (IC 20-26-12). This Code has been in place for many years in the State of Indiana and requires the Governing Body of each school Corporation to purchase curricular materials and rent the materials to each student by charging appropriate fees to reimburse the costs of the materials.

Families with students in grades K-6 may see their fee schedule on the MCCSC website (www.mccsc.edu). These fees are already calculated by grade based on curriculum needs.

Students in grades 7-12 will have their fees determined based on their class schedule which they should have already received. After class schedules have been finalized, then the fees can be calculated and assessed to students.

Families with fees were notified of their balance on September 28, 2019, with fees due to MCCSC no later than November 30, 2019. Families are asked to log in to [Skyward Family Access](#) regarding their balance, and deadlines for payment. At this time, those listed as the primary contact for their student will be the recipient of the notices. Please make sure your email address in Skyward Family Access is correct. If your email needs updated please contact your building administrative assistant. Reminders about student balances and due dates will be included in the Corporation Family Newsletter that is sent out on a weekly basis.

Global Community Potluck

Mark your calendars! This year's University Elementary Global Community Potluck and Talent Show will be Friday, November 1st from 6- 8:30pm. Bring a favorite dish to share and sample foods from around the world! After sharing a meal together, settle in and enjoy a showcase of talents and traditional clothing from University Elementary students.

If you are an adult and would like to volunteer for the event, [please sign up here](#).

Students - Have a talent or skill that you would like to share with others? Want to showcase traditional clothing that is special to you? From pogo sticks to piano, calligraphy to comedy, all are welcome at the University Elementary Global Community Talent Show! Please include your name, grade, and what you would like to do for the show. Please note that performances are limited to 2-3 minutes each. Looking forward to seeing you there!

If you are a student and would like to sign up for the talent show, [please sign up here](#). Questions? Contact the event coordinators at ues.potluck.talent@outlook.com

Dine and Donate

Our October "Dine and Donate" will take place on October 7th from 5:00-9:00 PM at Chipotle (Mall Location). Enjoy some delicious food while helping our PTO to get 33% of the proceeds!

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