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Parent Notes

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Coming up:

Oct. 6: 3rd grade Fall
Reading Achievement Test

Oct. 7 & 8: Fire Safety
Program in visitor parking lot

Oct. 7: grades 3, 4, & 5 in
Commons for speech from
Lee Rouson (NFL Player)

Oct 17: PTO Fall Festival

Oct. 19-22: Fall Book Fair

"In times of change, learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists."

Eric Hoffer

Have you visited our
new website?

<http://ulschools.com>

You will find quite a lot of
information including
lunch menus, athletic
event schedules, a link
to study island, and
much more.

Check it out today!!

What's Happening at School

Pre-School is off to a good start! Both classrooms are full in the morning and afternoon classes. We started the school year off learning our colors and shapes. We are working hard on our "All About Me" theme. We will be visiting Groves Pumpkin Farm in October. Kindergarten will be having a Pajama Party on Friday Oct. 2. Kindergarten received a grant from Martha Holding Jennings to purchase leap pads. They will start to use them soon. Autumn Troullos, our new Academic Coach, came to Mrs. Nagy's class to help them understand patterns and has plans to go to other classes as well. 1st grade will be learning about

fire prevention. The smokehouse, fire truck, and firemen will be here on Oct. 7 & 8. They are learning to read, taking spelling tests, and learning to write numbers. 2nd grade will have their field trip to the fire station to learn about fire prevention. October is fire prevention month. They will have their Halloween Program, "Halloween is almost here," at the end of the month. They are very busy writing stories. 3rd grade has been studying penguins and Antarctica. Chris Wilson talked to the entire third grade and showed them pictures of her trip to Antarctica. They have been getting ready for the OAT test. 4th grade classes have

Accelerated Reader goals to meet for the month of October. Teachers would like for students to utilize the website www.macmillanmh.com, as well as Study Island. This website has reading activities and other activities to complement their learning. The 5th grade are studying story elements, synonyms, summarizing, science fiction, fiction, non fiction, tall tails and have set AR monthly goals. In Language Arts, they are studying nouns, and doing an Ohio Astronaut Research project. In Social Studies, they are working on Native Americans and Spanish Explorers. Math has them working on decimals and Algebra. Mrs. Bernard's Class are working to master addition and subtraction facts, place values, and mental math.

Music and Physical Education

Kindergarten and 1st grade are honing their social skills by learning partner songs and musical social games. 2nd grade are starting to practice for their Halloween Program. 3rd grade is learning the "Star Spangled Banner." 4th grade is learning folk songs and 5th grade are looking at beginning instruments for band.

The 4th and 5th grades will be participating in the Mighty Milers Program. This is a running/walking program that offers incentives for various miles completed. The students will be keeping track of their miles and will receive awards for accomplishments. Permission slips will be sent home soon. We encourage all parents to return their permission slips for this program as soon as possible.





Art and Computer Science

Kindergarten classes are listening to stories and illustrating something from the story. 1st grade art classes worked on a two week project called "Starry Night Over The Pumpkin Patch." 2nd grade completed a bubble fish project and will be working on decorations for their Halloween program. 3rd grade are working on pond habitats relating to work

they are studying in the classroom. 4th grade are working on Australian Dot Paintings. 5th grade worked on Modigliani Chalk Portraits which will be displayed at a later date and have started working with clay.

In Computer Class, Kindergarten is working on mouse mobility and have used Kidspiration.

1st grade are getting ready to make pumpkin growing cycle books. 2nd grade are working on plant parts. 3rd grade are making a PowerPoint presentation called "All About Me." 4th grade are working on ecosystems to compliment their class work. 5th grade are researching countries and creating a postcard for that country.



Library

The library has been re-arranged to have an open floor plan and to be more user friendly. The students have been busy learning about how to locate books on the computers and the three sections of the library: fiction, nonfiction, and easy. Books they have read to compliment their reading stories in class are Mouse Trouble, The

Cat's Meow, Story of Helen Keller, The Quilt maker's Journey, and many others. The teachers, staff, and students are working on teamwork, so as a project, Mrs. Pubal, 3rd grade teachers, and the entire 3rd grade worked together on a project. The project is called "penguins Marching into Your Classroom." The students have been

studying about penguins and created a postcard featuring penguins. The postcards will be forwarded to the McMurdo Research Station nearest the penguin colony in Antarctica. Ms. Jean Pennycook of Penguin Education Outreach will then review the postcards and send them back to the students here at U. L. elementary.



Cafeteria



Union Local Elementary continues to offer free breakfast to our students. We hope that parents will encourage their children to take advantage of this or make sure that they have a good breakfast at home. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Studies have shown that students who eat breakfast are better able to concentrate and do not exhibit as

many behavior problems.

We would also like to invite you to take advantage of our hot lunches. We make every effort to provide nutritious and tasty hot lunches for our students.

We encourage all of you who are eligible to submit the forms for free and reduced price lunch even if you do not want to receive lunch at free an reduced

prices. The Department of Education, the state of Ohio, and the Federal government, as well as some grant funding entities, use these statistics to distribute monies to the school. We need to take full advantage of any monies that our school can receive. If you need help filling out the forms, please contact the school.

