

Union East Elementary School

Back to School - September 2022

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

We are so excited to be kicking off the 2022-2023 school year. We were busy all summer preparing for the new school year. We hired many new staff members to join our dynamic team. Our teachers put in many hours of Professional Learning to prepare to best meet the needs of our learners this fall. We will be continuing with our work with the Readers and Writers Workshop and are excited to share the new skills that have been gained throughout the summer.

We will continue to live our lives the Warrior Way at Union East and in our school community. We will continue with our Kindness theme this year along with our Kindness Thursdays. "Kindness Rocks" at Union East and we cannot wait to see the amazing things that are in store!

We ask all of our families to take a moment to review the 2022-2023 Cheektowaga Central Code of Conduct. It can be found using the QR Code below. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.

2022-2023 CCSD
Code of Conduct



We are looking forward to the partnership that the new school year will bring. We are confident that together we can help all of our students succeed!

Student Dismissal

In order to create a safe and efficient dismissal time, please complete the following form to indicate your child's daily dismissal routine.

[Union East Dismissal Form](#)



For those parents picking up students at dismissal, please park in a parking space and sign your child out at the Door 309 (K-4) or the UPK door (UPK and UPK siblings).

Photo ID will be required.

Any changes to your child's pickup must be received by the main office before 2:00.

We will only be accepting pick up changes through a note from home or a phone call to the Main Office. We cannot accept changes through Class Dojo.

UNION EAST SPIRIT WEAR



[HTTPS://UNIONEAST.PIDEASSTORE.COM/HOME/](https://unioneast.pideasstore.com/home/)

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Union East SCEP 2022-2023

(School Comprehensive Education Plan)

In June 2022, a committee of Union East stakeholders gathered to develop the School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) for the 2022-2023 school year. Two commitments were agreed upon along with action steps for each.

The 2022-2023 plan was collaboratively developed by:

- Masuma Akther - Parent
- Stephanie Anderson - Assistant Principal
- Shai Arnold - Parent
- Julia Hamels - Assistant Principal
- Melissa Mitchell - Principal
- Melissa Rogers - Teacher
- Shannon Stroh - Teacher
- Sarah Swiatek - Parent

Commitment 1

Union East Elementary School commits to ensuring that every child feels safe, respected, and represented in our school community and has intentional opportunities to practice and build social-emotional and cognitive skills.

Action Steps:

- Continue implementing Project Positive
 - Include parent representation on Project Positive Team
- Kindness Connection
 - Provide families with additional resources and workshop opportunities
- Mentoring Program
 - Continue mentoring partnership with the High School
 - Explore outside mentor partnerships
 - Increase the number of mentorships to meet the needs of UE students
- Attendance Program
 - Implement a tiered system to identify and support students and families
 - Recognize attendance on a regular basis

Commitment 2

Union East Elementary School commits to ensure that every child has the opportunity and authority to drive and shape their own learning by engaging in meaningful learning that is relevant to them, whereby they can see themselves reflected in teachers, leaders and curriculum and learning material.

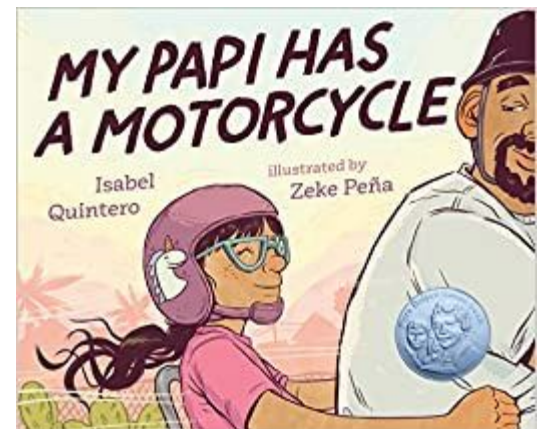
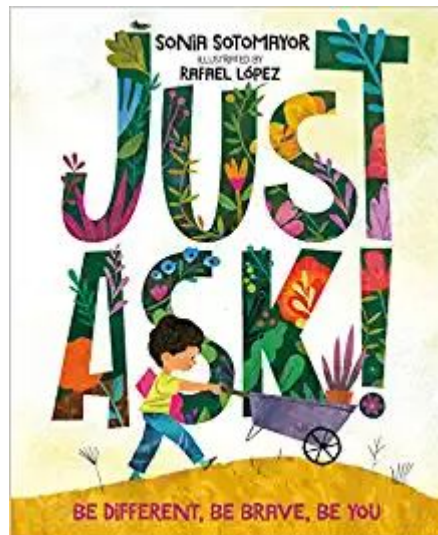
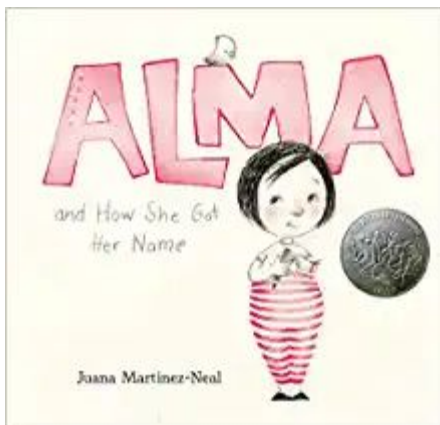
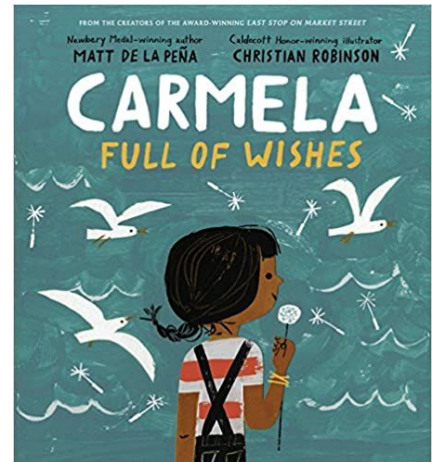
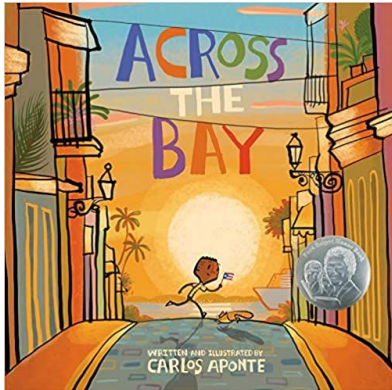
Action Steps:

- Continue use of Readers & Writers Workshop
 - Provide professional learning opportunities for staff focused on conferring
- Multicultural Classroom Libraries
 - Expand collection of decodable books and determine gaps within grade levels for classroom libraries
 - Highlight books to celebrate Heritage Months throughout the school year, informing parents each month of the books students can read to celebrate different cultures
- Small Group Instruction/Intervention
 - Continue to incorporate WIN time daily in ELA and Math
- Data Protocol
 - Administer STAR assessment 5 times
 - Utilize the data to guide instruction
- Community Based Learning Projects
 - Implement at least one community project based learning through innovation, entrepreneurship, and education of food access or nutrition at each grade level
- Display Authentic Student Work
 - Explore avenues to display authentic student work
- Book Vending Machine
 - Utilize a book vending machine to support our Project Positive campaign

More Union East News

National Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15 - October 15

Each month, we will be celebrating different cultures and heritages that represent members of our school community. In our newsletter, we will be highlighting a few pieces of children's literature that we will be sharing in school and can also be enjoyed at home.



If you are interested in being a guest reader in your child's classroom or another classroom, please reach out to the Main Office.

In October, we will be celebrating **Italian-American Heritage** along with learning about the celebration of **Diwali**.

If there are any books that your family loves that you would love to share around these themes, please email Mrs. Mitchell at mmitchell@ccsd-k12.net.

More Union East News

Current COVID Protocols

The New York State Department of Health has updated their COVID protocols as we enter the new school year. We will be following the guidelines below and will update the information if and when changes to the guidance are made.

- Individuals are encouraged to stay home if they are ill.
- Children **MUST** be 24 hour fever free in order to return to school.
- An individual who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for a minimum of 5 days from the onset of symptoms. If the individual is symptom free after 5 days, he or she may return to school by wearing a mask for days 6-10.
- No close contacts will isolate. Close contacts are encourage to test for COVID-19 should they begin to show symptoms.
- Test kits will be available in the Union East Main Office while supplies last.

HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK

Union East Elementary

Monday, September 19
Buffalo Bills Day

Tuesday, September 20
Maroon & Gold Bead Day
(Beads to be provided)

Wednesday, September 21
Maroon & Gold Day
Project Positive Pep Rally

Thursday, September 22
Kindness Day

Friday, September 23
Hat Day



Are you connected to your child's teacher in Class Dojo?

Did you know Union East has a Facebook page?

These are the best ways to stay up to date on the happenings at Union East!



Project Positive

Guiding Principles

- Every child can learn proper behavior.
- Being proactive can prevent more serious behaviors.
- Each child is different and many kinds of behavioral support must be provided.
- Behavior is taught like any other subject.

Cheektowaga Central's 5Bs

The following expectations are **taught** and **reinforced** with our students daily. Students are **acknowledged** when they demonstrate desired behaviors.

- **Be On Time and Ready**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Safe**
- **Be Kind**

September's Activities

- 9/9/22: Project Positive Back To School Kick-Off Assembly
- 9/21/22: Homecoming Assembly

This month and for the month of October we will be focusing on the following expectation(s):

1. Being On Time & Ready
2. Being Respectful

As a building, our student warriors will be trying to earn points through ClassDojo for compliance with these two expectations. If UE meets their goal our students will earn a Halloween Costume/Parade on October 31st!



Wellness

Our Goal

Our goal is to work to reduce the risk of obesity and chronic disease by increasing demand for and access to healthy food & physical activity.

Resources

click on the links below

- [Classroom Safety](#)
- [Playground Safety](#)
- [Bus Safety](#)

Monthly Exercise Calendars

- Each month students will bring home a calendar of daily activities
- Students will color in each box they complete
- Calendars need to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned at the end of each month
- Students who complete and turn in their calendars will be eligible for prizes!

September's Theme: School Safety

1. Being safe is one of our 5 B's
2. Buses can earn extra incentives by being safe & respectful
3. Proper footwear is best on the playground. Sneakers only - no sandals or crocs
4. Stop and listen to the teacher's directions during fire and lock down drills. These are important drills to keep us safe!

****Please reinforce these facts with your child(ren)****

