

Union East Elementary School

May 2023



Dear Union East Warriors and Families,

Happy May! With May typically comes warmer temperatures and spring weather. We also take time to celebrate all of our mothers and mother figures. Additionally, Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated May 8-12 this year. We are lucky to have some of the best at Union East!

One of the indicators that we use to measure growth at Union East is the Student Growth Percentile (SGP). The Student Growth Percentile compares a student's growth to peers who have scored similarly on past assessments. According to our most recent assessment, our school as a whole has a Student Growth Percentile of 70% in Reading. This means that 70% of our student body showed the same or more growth than like academic peers. Our school had a Student Growth Percentile of 60% in Math, meaning 60% of our students grew the same or more as similar academic peers across the nation. Our students are working hard and it certainly shows!

We have many exciting activities coming up in our last two months of school. Please refer to the information about Field Trips, Field Days, our first Color Run, Moving Up Days, Musicals, and more! We will be looking for parents to participate in a Parent Focus Group the week of May 15th as well as assist in writing our School Comprehensive Education Plan for the 2023-2024 school year. Please reach out (mmitchell@ccsd-k12.net) if you are interested.

Thank you for all of your support and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Have a great month!

Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Hamels & Mrs. Anderson



UNION EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Save
the
Date

Multicultural Festival

May 16, 2023
4:30-6:30

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP!

We are looking for individuals and groups interested in:

- hosting a table displaying items
- provide entertainment (dancing, music, etc)
- working with district staff to provide authentic food samples (providing references to local chefs and/or restaurants)
- participating in a fashion show or providing clothing items for a fashion show

Sign up using the link below!



Field Days 2023

**MONDAY
JUNE 5TH**

**4th Grade
10:00-1:00**

**TUESDAY
JUNE 6TH**

**Kindergarten
10:00-12:00**

**1st Grade
1:00-3:00**

**THURSDAY
JUNE 8TH**

**2nd Grade
10:00-12:00**

**3rd Grade
1:00-3:00**



- Wear your class color
- Apply sunscreen in the morning
- Wear sneakers and comfortable clothes
- Bring a filled water bottle
- Spectators are allowed and must remain in the stadium stands (HS Football Field)
- We are encouraging students to stay in school before and after Field Days





Project Positive

April/May Incentives

During the month(s) of April/May, we are going to put it all together and will focus on the following:

Walking the Warrior Way!

How will our students being able to demonstrate this? It's as simple as following the 5B's! Please talk with your child(ren) about the importance of each!

Be On Time & Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe
Be Kind

Upcoming UE fun!

May 12th - Magical Assembly

May 30th - UE Color Run Fun!

Winning Warriors!

Student warriors will spend the next several weeks demonstrating 'Warrior Pride' by following the 5 B's. Student from each grade level have already begun spreading the word about Project Positives upcoming incentives! Listed below are the what our student warriors are working towards during the months of April & May:

1. 75 points = Kindness Temporary Tattoo (individual reward)
2. 500 points = Burger King Achievement certificate good for a free meal (classroom reward)
3. 65,000 points = Outdoor Beach Ball Dance Party! (building reward)

Last month our Union East student warriors earned a game day as our building-wide reward for 'Being Responsible!' The students enjoyed some relaxing down time, playing various board games with their friends!





May 2023 Wellness: Positive Mental Health

Goals: Positive Mental and Emotional Health

1. I feel good about myself
2. I have positive self esteem
3. I know ways to relax my body when upset or nervous, such as: coloring, talking to a friend, exercising, etc.
4. I can use breathing techniques to calm down when angry

Fun Facts:

Week #1 It takes more muscles to frown than to smile.

Week #2 Laughter is the best medicine when you're not happy.

Week #3 Social media is the leading cause of kids having low self confidence.

Week #4 Positive self esteem increases achievement and happiness in your life.

How Can Kids Improve Mental Health

- *Spend time in nature
- *Spend time with loved ones
- *Do an activity they enjoy
- *Exercise
- *Color
- *Do something to help someone
- *Get enough sleep
- *Limit time spent on social media
- *Try something new
- *Practice breathing techniques



Fun Resources/Videos:

click on the links below

[3 Dudes Who Never Gave Up](#)

[3 tips to boost your confidence - TED-Ed](#)

[HOW FULL IS YOUR BUCKET |](#)

[Bedtime Stories Read Aloud by](#)

[GoodHeart Kids Books Read Aloud for Children](#)

[Daniel Amen reads Captain Snout And The Superpower Questions](#)

[Melting Exercise - Learn To Destress | Guided Meditation For Kids | Breathing Exercises | GoNoodle](#)

[Relaxed Breathing Training, Version B](#)

<https://www.crayola.com/featured/free-coloring-pages/>

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. An mid-year update on each action step is included in blue below.

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
 - Project Positive meetings will be held monthly from 7:45-8:45. We are looking for a parent to serve on the committee.
- Kindness Connection
 - Monthly parent workshops are planned for January, March, April, and May.
- Mentoring Program
 - There are currently 18 students participating in the mentoring program (a 300% increase from last year!) on a weekly basis with High School mentors.
- Attendance Program
 - Attendance letters were sent in the fall and will again be sent in March. Our NBA attendance program will kick off after the second trimester.

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
 - All classrooms are using readers and writers workshop as their primary instruction.
- Multicultural Classroom Libraries
 - All classrooms have received many new books to add to classroom libraries. Titles continue to be added to the libraries as needed at all reading levels.
- Small Group Instruction/Intervention
 - All students receive ELA WIN on a daily basis and Math WIN every other day.
- Data Protocol
 - The STAR assessment has been administered three times and will be administered in March and May.
 - Grade levels meet on a regular basis to review data and adjust instruction accordingly.
- Community Based Learning Projects
 - Our Multicultural Festival will be held on Tuesday, May 16th. We are looking for family and community support.
- Display Authentic Student Work
 - Student work is on display throughout the building.
- Book Vending Machine
 - Our vending machine is here and is used as an incentive for Project Positive through earned Class Dojo points!

Grade 4 News



4th Graders continue to go outside DAILY for recess. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Save the Dates:

May 2 and May 3rd- New York State Math testing

May 16th - Budget Vote and Multicultural Festival

June 16- 4th Grade Moving Up Day Celebrations. More information forthcoming.



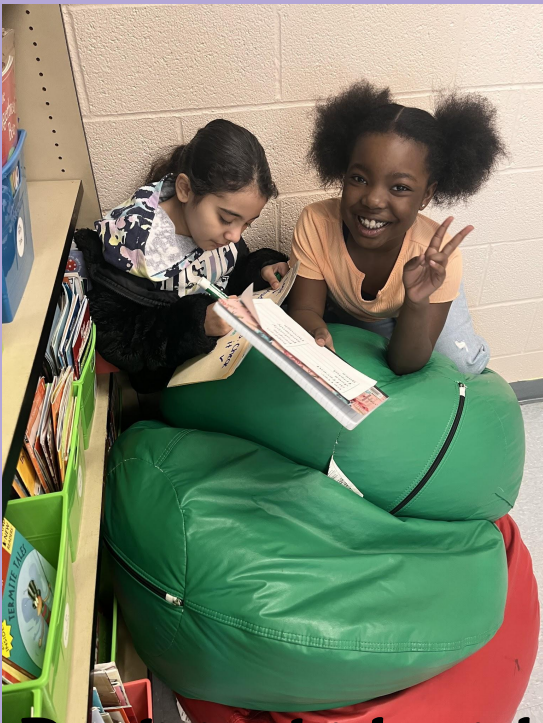
Grade 3 News



Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Greco's class welcomed Mr. Tom and Artie from the SPCA Paws for Love Program this month!



Students in Miss Jacobson's class had fun planting seeds on Earth Day!



Practicing tricky sight words during ELA WIN!

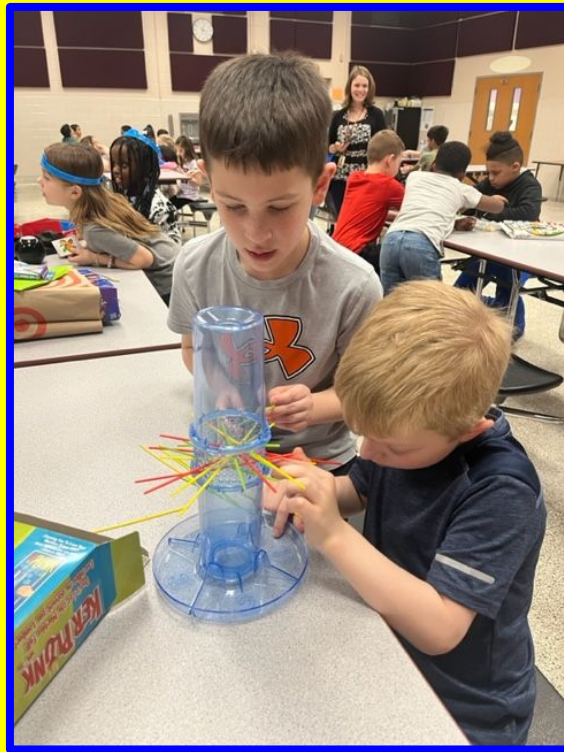


Students in Mrs. Corcoran's class LOVE visiting Mrs. Zilliox at the library to check out books to read!

Grade 2 News

WELCOME SPRING!

Our Second Graders had a great time during Game Day and planting a flower on Earth Day! Check out our pictures below!



Paws For Love!



Grade 1 News

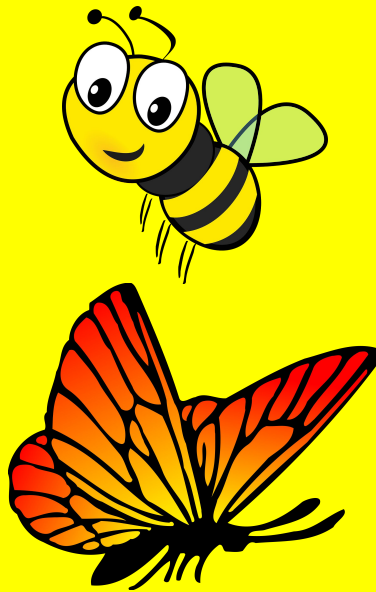
Happy Spring from 1st grade!
We will continue to go outside daily for recess to enjoy the playground, the sunshine and our friends. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather and is wearing sneakers!



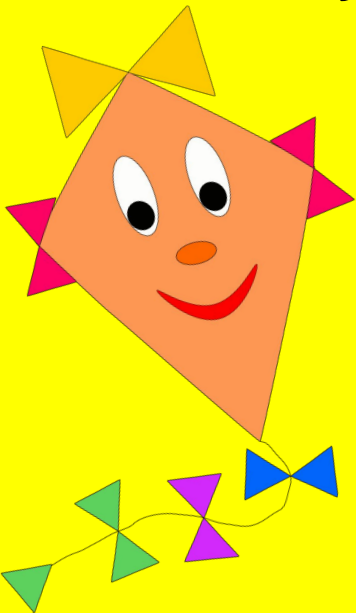
Kindergarten News



UPK News



Congratulations to our pre-k friends!!



Art, Music, Library & Physical Education



First Grade Art Classes are working on an Under the Sea Collage



Fourth Grade Art Classes are displaying their creativity and understanding of various art elements and design through their artwork.



Third Grade Art Classes are working on 3-D Hot Air Balloons.

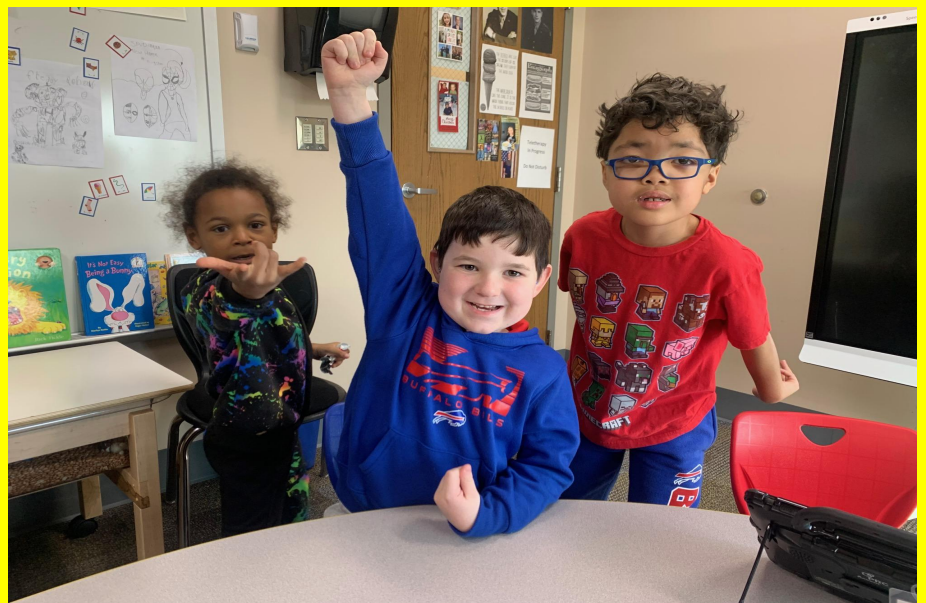


Pupil Personnel Services News

May
BETTER
HEARING
&
SPEECH
MONTH!



voice partner RECEPTIVE STUTTERING
LISTENING COMMUNICATION EXPRESSIVE
ideas TONGUE verbal PHONOLOGY CONVERSATION WORDS
Phonemes language TEAM
FLUENCY AAC helping PRACTICE
LISPS CARRYOVER vocalize
SPECIALIST THERAPIST speech
THERAPY PATIENCE PRAGMATICS
thoughts articulation
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST
break through morphemes
investigator LISPS PATIENTS
teeth
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Academic Intervention Services News



Math Win

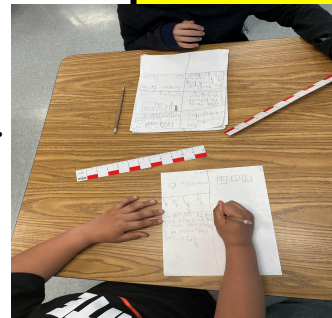


Grade 1 Identifying how many 10's and 1's in a given number.
For example, 5 tens and 9 ones = 59

Grade 2 Identifying place value and writing numbers in expanded form. For example, $147 = 100 + 40 + 7$.

Grade 3 Telling time to the minute, time elapsed and other forms of measurement.

Grade 4 Comparing and ordering multi-digit numbers to the 100,000's.



AIS Reading students continue to work on building their phonics skills. This includes reading decodable texts, writing words and sentences and beginning to use syllabication rules to decode multisyllabic words!!! Occasionally we use fun games to review skills taught and the students love it!

