

June 2014

# HAWK NEWS

For Urbana Middle School Families



## UMS SUMMER EVENTS:

**Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** – Report Card, Global Scholar Scores & End-of-Year Paperwork Pick up, 9AM-3PM

**Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** – unclaimed Report cards mailed home

**Tuesday, August 12, 2014 - Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade OPEN HOUSE, 1-3PM OR 5-7PM.** *Pick up schedules & tour the school.*

**Wednesday, August 13, 2014 – Rising 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade OPEN HOUSE, 1-3PM OR 5-7PM.** *Pick up schedules & tour the school.*

**Monday, August 25, 2014 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School**

**Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night, 6:30PM**

**Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night, 6:30PM**

## Grade Level News and Events

*(Please see pages below focusing on grade level updates from content teachers.)*

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The month of May has been very busy for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Students enjoyed the social studies fieldtrips to Baltimore and D.C., as well as Outdoor School for Science. The students have been working hard in language arts on their debates and the top teams will be competing in front of their peers. The staff/student kickball game was also a lot of fun. The last day is quickly approaching, but please make sure your student has the materials needed each day, is continuing to give his/her best effort each day in class, and is completing assignments on time.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Looking forward to an awesome summer!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade had an AMAZING time at Bar-T on Tuesday. We climbed rock walls, rode the giant swing, and used the high ropes approaches to reach the zip line! What a wonderful day of fun and team building activities. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade semi-formal dance was also an amazing night! It was wonderful to see everyone dressed to impress!

## END OF 2014 SCHOOL YEAR NEWS

### **ONE LAST CHANCE FOR A 2014 YEARBOOK**

Our yearbook company sent us 16 extra yearbooks that we will raffle off on Friday, June 6. Students interested in obtaining a 2014 UMS Yearbook need to bring \$40 cash/check to school on June 6.

Yearbook raffle tickets will be distributed only to students having their money.

Yearbooks will be raffled off as follows:

6 Grade – 5 books

7 Grade – 5 books

8 Grade – 6 books

### **Urbana High School Meet the Coaches Night**

Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm

Main Gymnasium

If you are interesting in playing on one of the 27 Sports Teams available at Urbana High school you will want to attend this event to receive important registration information and tryout dates for your sport. Coaches from the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons will be on hand to answer questions and pass out information

### **FIELD DAY MONDAY JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>**

Please send students to school with the following supplies:  
Hats, Sunscreen, appropriate foot & clothing attire.  
UMS Supplied: Water & Snacks

### **Congratulations to the 2014-2015 UMS PTSA Executive Board:**

**President** - Christina Nations

**1st Vice President** - Susan McCoy

**2nd Vice President** - Tanya Zink

**Treasurer** - Suzanne Voss

**Secretary** - Belinda Savage



**Math-** With the HSA behind us, Ms. Roberts' Algebra students are finishing up the curriculum and preparing for our second CRES, which is scheduled for June 5th. It has been a fast-paced, productive year in Algebra and we are all looking forward to a brain-break after these major assessments!

**Language Arts-** Eighth grade students in Mrs. Bosley's and Ms. DeGroat's classes will be closely studying Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet." The unit will be full of discussions, analysis of key scenes, and interpretation of various formats and adaptations of the text including written, audio, and visual media to give students a broad exposure to the famous poet and playwright's work.

**Science-** As 8th grade science students consider the celestial bodies and the infinite perspectives of space, and the end of the year approaches at light speed (186,000 miles/second), strong gravitational forces are pulling us back toward planet Earth where we'll learn the lessons of Galileo, Newton, and Hubble...

**Social Studies-** Great job this year in American Studies 8th graders! We are finishing the year by studying the Civil War and Reconstruction after the War. We will take our final CRES on Wednesday June 4th.



**Social Studies-** Mr. Farbman's class will continue with their studies of the Latin American cultures of the Aztec, Maya, and Inca. Mr. Farbman's classes will completed a mini-research assignment relating to the daily aspects of these cultures with Mrs. Domboski in the media center.

**Creative Arts-** Mr. Snyder's students recently completed a travel poster design for a city/state/country (location of choice) in the world. Currently, the students are working on a product invention.

**Tech Ed-** Mr. Thomas' classes will begin learning about simple machines. The students will be using this new information to help them complete a challenge in class. Continue to check Mr. Thomas' website for up to date information about the class. <https://sites.google.com/a/fcps.org/mrthomas/>

**Life Skills-** Ms. Roberts' class is going out with a bang! We have been cooking up a storm. The students have learned how to prepare deviled eggs, personal pizzas, sherbet punch, and lasagna! We have talked lots about safety and students have been demonstrating what they've learned in the kitchen. We've also discussed the difference between store-brand and name-brand ingredients (taste, calories, & cost included!) and conducted a blind taste-test. Ask your student which punch they preferred!

## **MEDIA CENTER**

### **Did you know that all Urbana Middle Library books were due Friday, May 23?**

#### **Not sure what your student has checked out?**

- Follow the link: <http://circ.fcps.org:8080/?config=716#section=home>
- You must log-in, located in the upper right corner.
- The LIBRARY CARD NUMBER is your child's student ID.
- The LAST 4 digits of the student ID are the PIN.
- The items loaned to your child can be found in the pull down menu in the upper right hand corner.

## **2014-15 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS**

Supply lists for all 3 grades may be found after July 1<sup>st</sup> on the FCPS website/schools/middle/Urbana:

<http://www.fcps.org/cms/lib02/MD01000577/Centricity/Domain/63/UMS.pdf>

## **HEALTH ROOM**

1. Parents need to pick-up their student's medications from the Health Room prior to June 11<sup>th</sup>.
2. State vaccination requirements for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade for school year 2014-2015 have been revised.

#### **Your 7<sup>th</sup> grade student must have the following:**

- Single dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MCV)
- Single dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) vaccine.\*  
\*\_Tdap isn't the same as other Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis vaccines called DPT or DTaP. Even if your student has received these vaccines in the past they will still need a single dose of Tdap.



**Math-** Mrs. Stultz and Ms. Boyle's classes are finishing up the school year with geometry and statistics.

**Language Arts-** Mrs. Kaveny's and Mrs. Waybright's classes participated in a very thoughtful and collegiate debate presentation! Excellent job to the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

**Science-** We have just finished a great week at Outdoor School thanks to a wonderful Frederick County Outdoor School Staff! We will continue our study of water and hopefully have time to do tests on tap water from home. It's been a great 6th grade year!

**Social Studies-** As part of our final ancient world unit on Rome, students are researching ancient locations in Mrs. Troy's class and writing roman scripts in Ms. Georgi's class. Students will have their final test, CRES D, the last week of school.

**Visual Arts-** Mr. Snyders' students are currently working on a pen and ink project. The students have the choice of media as well as subject matter in their project.