

The Arrow



Unionville Elementary Newsletter: December 2019 Edition



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- 12/12 PTO Meeting
- 12/12 Lego Club
- 12/12 Holiday Shop After School
- 12/12 Food Drive Spirit Day – Throwback Thursday
- 12/13 Food Drive Spirit Day – Future Friday
- 12/16 1st Grade Polar Express
- 12/17 Robotics Club
- 12/19 Winter Engineering Challenge
- 12/20 No School (snow make up day)
- 12/20-1/3 Winter Break
- 1/6 Back to School
- 1/7 Robotics Club
- 1/9 Lego Club

November was such a fun month, full of Blue Ribbon celebrations!



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I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas

By: The Storvik Family

As part of a project we are doing to improve the environment, we wanted to share some things we are thinking about to reduce our environmental impact this holiday season.

Wrapping paper:

One way to cut down on wrapping paper is to make your own – old maps, kids' artwork, or paper bags can all make beautiful gifts. If you choose to use commercial wrapping paper, use some without shiny coating, metal, or plastic so that you can recycle it. Better yet, reuse wrapping paper if it is in good shape. You can also use bags year over year. Or you could choose not to use wrapping paper at all and set up a scavenger hunt!

Bows and ribbons:

These are not recyclable, so reuse if they are in good condition.

Food waste:

Holiday leftovers make great meals! If you can, enjoy any leftovers you have. But if you still end up with leftovers you can't finish, use it to feed your animals (if appropriate and healthy for them) or compost the leftovers. You can compost a lot of food at home (most produce, egg shells, paper, etc). If you want to also compost meat and dairy, you can compost with a company that does high-temp composting (such as Green Camino), but this option is not as economical.

Thanks for considering the environment in your holiday celebrations!

Kindergarten Round Up

Believe it or not, it is almost time to begin registering our new group of kindergarteners. Registration will take place in February. Please help us spread the word. Any student who will be 5 years of age by August 1, 2020, will be eligible for kindergarten.

We Go Outside in the Winter ☺

Please know, we believe it is important to play outside on a daily basis.

Sometimes the weather does not allow students to play outside. This is what you need to know about winter recess:

- We play outside in 20 degree weather.
- We play in the snow, as long as the temperature is not in the teens or lower. Students must have snow boots, hats, and gloves to be allowed to play in the snow. If you need help with those items, please let us know.
- We prefer students wear coats and long pants in the winter. Some students insist that they don't need a coat or that they are allowed to wear shorts to recess in the winter. We are outside for 20-40 minutes, daily. We worry about students who aren't dressed for winter. We do have some extra coats in the office, and we can loan a coat to students who need one. ***If you don't mind if your student wears shorts or no coat, please let us know.*** You can send a note to your child's teacher. Otherwise, for safety reasons, we will ask students to stay inside during recess or borrow a coat.

Winter Weather – Closing Info.

Cold weather is here. That means possible school delays, closings, or early releases may be on the way. **Are you ready?**

Be sure the office has up to date contact information so you receive the necessary notifications.

Follow Unionville on Twitter and Instagram.

When in doubt, check the MCCSC website for closing and delay updates.

Consider downloading the MCCSC app and enable push notifications.



SEL Corner

Our teachers are implementing a curriculum called Second Steps. This program is designed to strengthen the social/emotional skills of students, which are important life skills. Some examples of these skills are: Self Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision Making. We see application of these skills across home and school and encourage you to talk with your child about what they are learning in Second Steps.

School Wide Life Skill: Empathy

We begin each day with an announcement to bring extra attention to a special life skill, empathy.

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the feeling that you understand and share another person's experiences and emotions : the ability to share someone else's feelings

Source: Merriam-Webster Dictionary

The feeling of empathy is a critical skill for all of us as we work to build a positive life. You can teach your child about empathy in the following ways:

1. Show your child empathy.
2. Don't rush to reassure, placate or distract your distressed child, first acknowledge the feeling.
3. Never discount your child's feelings.
4. Be "mind mindful" of your children; be aware of their state of mind and emotion.
5. Keep discussing other people's feelings and explain to your child the importance of caring for others.
6. Read with your child about other people's lives and discuss together.
7. Mirror your child's emotional state with your own facial expressions.



Thank you for your support to fulfill the needs of our families this holiday season! We are having a very successful food drive and star tree campaign. Through the generosity of our students, staff, and community we are able to provide our very own Unionville families with a "basket" including the following items: a turkey, ham, milk, sour cream, butter, carrots, cheese, cottage cheese, ground beef, orange juice, bread, buns, bagels, donuts, rolls, chips, cereal, soda, cookies, soup, canned veggies, crackers, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, salsa, cooking oil, syrup, pancake mix, potatoes, toilet paper, deodorant, paper towels, toothpaste, soap, Kleenex, ketchup, stuffing, peanut butter, jelly, coats, clothes, hats, gloves, socks, and toys. We are so fortunate to be a part of this community. It is another wonderful and unique characteristic of our small and mighty school.

Thank you!



Daily Attendance Calls

Please continue to call the school office in the morning anytime your child is out of school. For safety reasons, Mrs. Snooks will call anyone who has not reported the student as absent. These calls will be done before 11:00 a.m. each day. This is implemented corporation wide to strengthen our school safety protocols and to assist us in knowing the whereabouts of your child during school hours, should they be marked absent.

Again, if your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support of our enhanced safety and attendance reporting process.

Staying Connected

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