

The Arrow



Unionville Elementary Newsletter: November 2019 Edition



Each student had an opportunity to cast their vote for school president and vice president. This year's student advisory board is pictured, above.

Student Advisory Board

Our newest classroom representatives have been elected to serve on our Unionville Elementary Student Advisory Board.

This group of student leaders will take on school wide projects and assist Ms. Albright in making decisions regarding improvements to our school. These students meet a few times a month to plan and problem solve. We believe that having a voice in the management of the school, where the children spend so much time of their formative years, is very important. If your student has an idea about how to make our school a better place, please encourage him or her to discuss the idea with the classroom representative.

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Upcoming Events

- 11/25-11/29 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/2-12/17 Food Drive
- 12/6 Cookies and Canvas Event
- 12/9-12/13 Computer Science Week
- 12/9-12/13 Food Drive Spirit Week
- 12/10 Young Hoosier Book Club
- 12/11-12/13 Holiday Shop
- 12/12 PTO Meeting
- 12/12 Lego Club
- 12/19 Last Day before Winter Break (unless we have a snow day)
- 12/20 Snow Make Up Day
- 12/20-1/3 Winter Break
- 1/6 Back to School



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Contribute to Our Yearbook

Do you have some great pictures of school events? If so, please submit them to be considered for inclusion in our yearbook. You can email your pictures to: Unionvilleelemyearbookpics@gmail.com.

High Ability Services Update

We have received the data from the InView cognitive abilities assessment given to all MCCSC 3rd and 6th grade in early October. Those results will be sent home very soon. Additionally, please know that the high ability ID application/ identification process has begun for middle school. Qualifying 6th grade students will be taking the NWEA in December.

Star Tree

Are you looking for a way to support those in need this holiday season? Consider donating a gift to a child in our community. We have an evergreen tree in the office, which has paper stars on it. Each star represents a gift for a local child. If you would like to purchase a gift for this good cause, just:

- stop by the office to pick up a star (or send a note asking Mrs. Snooks to send one home with your child)
- purchase the gift written on the star
- bring the gift back to school (with the star), unwrapped, by the end of the day on Wednesday, December 11th



Food Drive

We will kick off our annual food drive on Monday, December 2nd. We will collect non-perishable food items through Tuesday, December 17th. Students will collect and count food items each day. We'll be working toward a school wide goal of 2,000 items. All items collected will be distributed to families in need in our school community. If you or someone you know in our school community are in need of a food basket this holiday season, please contact the school office at: 332-0175.

Cold Weather

Cold weather is coming. 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.

Also, we will go outside for recess every day this winter, unless it is raining or colder than 23 degrees. Students need to bring warm clothes so they are comfortable while they play. If it snows, students with snow boots will be permitted to go outside and play in the snow.


Speaking Up at School



At Unionville, you can expect a safe learning environment for all. An important part of keeping everyone safe is talking with students about how we treat others. One way we do this is by modeling the respectful behavior and language we expect. We want our students to know it is never acceptable to speak in a way that intentionally hurts others. Another way is we respond to biased incidents. At Unionville, our students are taught how to include others, and celebrate diversity. As always, we want the Arrows to be leaders, setting an example for our community of what it means to work hard and love others.

Be Smart – Gun Safety



Owning a gun is a personal decision, but secure storage is a public safety issue. Kids and unsecured guns are a potentially lethal combination. Fortunately, a simple conversation can help keep children out of harm's way. It doesn't need to feel strange or awkward to bring up the issue of how guns are stored. These simple conversations with your friends, caregivers, and relatives before your child visits can help save lives. 

Sample conversation starters

Part of a general safety conversations

“Before I drop my son off, I just wanted to check to see if you have pets? And also ask if you have firearms in your house and confirm how they are stored. I want to make sure he knows your safety rules.”

Part of other teen safety conversations

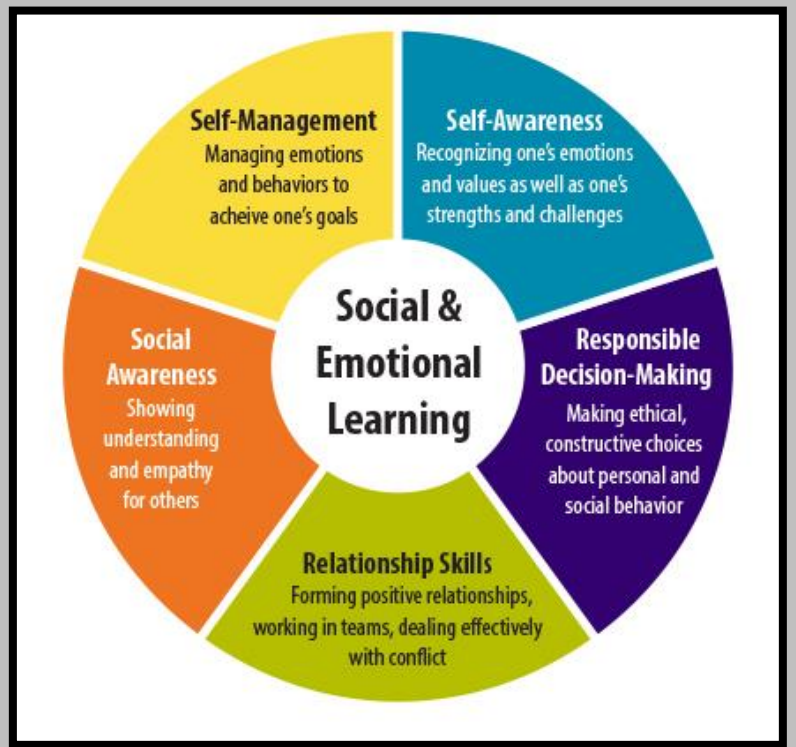
“Hey, excited the kids are getting together over the weekend. I know that they've hung out quite a bit, but my daughter has never been over to your house so I want to confirm a couple of things: Will an adult be at the house the whole time? Also, I heard a story on the news that made me decide I should always ask this—do you have any firearms, and how are they stored? Do you need me to pick her up or can you give her a ride home?”

If you know that the homeowner or your family member is a gun owner

“We are looking forward to spending time with you and with the whole family. I know I have never asked this before, but after hearing about a recent unintentional shooting in the area (refer to the Not An Accident map), I just have to ask: how are your guns stored? The kids get into everything and I don't want to spend the day looking over my shoulder worried about them, or the rest of the kids. (option: I'm happy to purchase gun locks if you don't have them).”

Be SMART! Many unintentional shootings happen in the homes of relatives, friends, or caregivers. It's very possible that some of your family members or close friends have unsecured guns in their home. Never make assumptions when a child's safety is at stake. It's up to all of us to keep our children safe.

Our school takes a multi-faceted approach to ensuring all students learn at high levels. Supporting the social emotional needs of students is a part of what we do each and every day. The diagram to the right features some of the skills we work to build in our students.



Biz Town Trip

Elementary school students are not old enough to drive, work, vote, or be the boss. But that doesn't stop them from operating banks, managing restaurants, writing checks, and voting for mayor at JA BizTown! The program combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to this fully-interactive simulated town facility. The program helps students connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world.

Our 5th and 6th graders had the privilege of taking a trip to Biz Town. They prepared for the trip in class for several weeks leading up to the big day. Each student applied for and was assigned a job to do on the day. It was an amazing experience. Each student was busy, ALL DAY, contributing to the function of the town. They had a great time and returned to school happy and tired.

Your contributions through our PTO helped to make this day possible for our students. Thank you so much for your continued support of our school! It is a great place to learn and work!

We need your t-shirts!

Mrs. Julovich has quilt ideas. We could use some Unionville t-shirts. If you have any that you would be willing to donate to the cause, please send them in to school.



Staying Connected

Stay up to date on everything going on at Unionville by following us on Instagram and Twitter. You can also follow our PTO on Facebook.



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