

# The Arrow



Unionville Elementary Newsletter: October 2019 Edition



## Have you heard? We are a Blue Ribbon School!

The U.S. Department of Education recently named our small AND mighty school a National Blue Ribbon award winner. This award was earned as a result of our excellent academic achievement. Ms. Albright, Mrs. Misheikis (chosen by Unionville staff), and the MCCSC Director of Elementary Education, Dr. Prekert will be attending a ceremony in Washington D.C. in November to be presented with the award by the Secretary of Education. This is a "big deal!" We are still trying to wrap our minds around it. ☺ We are thrilled to be able to deliver curriculum that is engaging, interesting, challenging, and authentic, while achieving at high levels on outside assessments. We are proud to serve as proof that outdoor/environmental education and learning at high levels are not mutually exclusive.

This award is an ABSOLUTE testament to the strength of our teachers, families, and community. Unionville Elementary is a very special place. Thank you for being a part of it!

P.S. We will be having a big BLUE RIBBON celebration at the end of November. Stay tuned. ☺

## Upcoming Events

- 10/8 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to IU Campus Farm
- 10/8 Young Hoosier Book Club
- 10/10 Lego Club
- 10/10 PTO Meeting 6:00
- 10/11 End of First Term
- 10/14 No School
- 10/15 No School
- 10/17 Urban Air Night
- 10/18 Vision Screening
- 10/22 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to IU Campus Farm
- 10/23 Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 10/25 Vision Screening
- 10/25 Club Friday
- 10/31 Fall Parties

## Fix-Up Strategies

When your child comes to a tricky word, ask him/her to try the following:



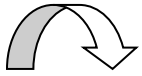
Get your mouth ready to say the first sound.



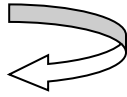
Look at the picture. Pictures can provide clues to the words.



Chunk the word. Look for parts of the word that you know.



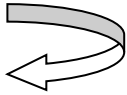
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Skip the word and read on, then go back and reread.



Think about the story. What word would work?



Reread the sentence.

## Absent?

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please leave a message on the attendance line: 332-0175. If you have an upcoming planned absence, please notify the school at your earliest convenience to inform us of that absence.

## Names on Jackets

Please put your child's name in their jackets and coats. This will help us when determining who they belong to.

## Hold Hands at Parent Pick Up

We are worried that we may have a young Arrow dart into traffic at parent pick up in the back of the school in the afternoon. Can you please help us by holding the hands of your young children, especially those in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

## After School Safety

A few tips regarding after school safety:

- Please take some time to talk to your child about what to do if they ever come home and find that they are alone or cannot get in the house. We never want students to be stranded outside alone.
- If you need to reach school personnel after 4:15 p.m., the most reliable option would be to call the transportation department. They can get in touch with Ms. Albright and other staff members, if needed.
- If you ever need to change your child's dismissal plans during the day, please call the office and speak to a staff member directly. Email and voicemail are convenient, but are not as reliable when time is limited.
- Be sure your contact numbers are accurate and up to date.

## Respect Our Neighbors

After school, some of you utilize a small parking area to the north of the school, during parent pick up. The private property owner has allowed our use of the space, but has noticed some trash being left behind, lately. Please help us show our appreciation for the kindness of our neighbors by being respectful of their property.



## Kirkwood Photos Available Online

<https://kirkwoodphotolab.zenfolio.com/f653470727>

Student photos taken on Picture Day are now available to view online at the Kirkwood Photo Lab's website gallery. Visitors will need their student's alpha key to log in and view photos on Kirkwood's site. To retrieve your student's alpha key, go to your family Skyward account, click 'Portfolio,' then run report called "ALPHA\_Key."

## Health Aide Position

We are looking for someone to help Nurse Shelley in the health office daily, from 10am-2pm. MCCSC Human Resources Department will be posting the position soon. Please apply, if you are interested.

**Dismissal Changes:**  
Please remember to send notification of any dismissal changes to school. You can send a note or call the office before 3:15 p.m. Either option is acceptable. Please do not just tell your child of the change. We need notification from an adult.

### Ms. Albright's Promise

As a principal, I am dedicated to ensuring that every child in my school receives a quality education, and I will work daily to model and nurture the behaviors that form the basis for a safe and supportive educational experience, including mutual respect, friendship, compassion, honesty, and self-esteem.

I am aware that the impact bullying can have is profoundly negative on a student's development. It can destroy positive school community and culture.

As principal of this school, I pledge to foster a school climate based on mutual respect and tolerance for every individual in our school, to hold everyone in the school community accountable for preventing bullying, and to intervene in bullying incidents whenever they occur.

And, I pledge to do all I can to give all educators and staff the knowledge and skills they need to create a school culture that supports every child's well-being, safety, and self-confidence.

My door will always be open to help students, staff, and parents.



# 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.

### Fall Festival

We hope you enjoyed our first annual fall festival/chili supper!

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who worked so hard to plan the event! It was a gigantic job!

Also, thanks to anyone who helped out on the night of the event. It would not have been possible without the support provided by families.

Thank you!



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### Skate Night

Mark your calendar: Skate Night will be taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month this year. It is a good time for a good cause. It is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Western Skateland. A portion of the entry fee is donated back to the school.

Our next Skate Night will take place on Tuesday, 10/22!

### 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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