

Union Canal Connection

January



From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy New Year!

With every new year (calendar or school year) brings the ideas of fresh beginnings and a renewal of purpose. At Union Canal we will be continuing to provide a wonderful academic experience as well as encourage our students to meet our Falcon Pillars of


Character: Respect, Responsibility, Safety, and Working Hard.

Thank you for donations!

Our Falcon Families met this month and talked about Friendship. Our falcon families discussed what Friendship is and what it looks/feels like in action. Each month our families will meet together to discuss and share the highlighted monthly character trait to help support our students growing their individual values and foundational belief system. We also experienced wonderful winter activities with our Elves Magicland and "Polar Express" day, as well as a "[Falcon Family Christmas](#)" Sing-a-long which you can watch [here](#) prior to leaving for break.

We will continue our journey this year by pushing our students academically and socially to help them meet expectations. January is filled with mid-year assessments to help us understand our students growth and allow us to develop pathways for their success. If you have any questions or concerns about your students academic and social engagement please take the time to reach out to your child's teacher.

Student attendance is a great item to focus on as a mid-year check point for student success. Did you know that student attendance is directly linked to academic and social achievement? Chronic Absenteeism (missing 15 or more days of school in one school year for any reason) directly impacts a students' achievement during that school year as well as future school years to come. Please know how many days your child has missed school this year and be conscious of the amount of school days missed. We appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra time off of



attending school. As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as to connect to their peers and teachers. We thank: Our students and their families who do their best to show up daily even when it isn't easy; Our teachers who go above and beyond to make school a welcoming and safe place for all students to learn; Our administrators who help us work together to ensure we create a physically and emotionally safe and engaging learning environment; Our many, many healers and helpers - the support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need. If your family or your child needs support, please reach out to our guidance counselor, Mr. Matt Davis (mdavis@clsd.k12.pa.us) or our community coordinator/student liaison, Mrs. Madeleine McCurdy (mmalda@clsd.k12.pa.us) for help.

Don't forget...Volunteering! We would love to find ways for you to volunteer during the school day. This may not be in your child's classroom or with them but you still can be of great support! Call us to find out how you can volunteer to help our staff with our students in the building. Specific areas include, cafeteria, hallways, office, and playgrounds. If you have your volunteer clearance through CLSD you can support our school in many ways. Find out how you can receive this clearance [here](#).

As always if you have any questions or concerns about our school or operations please do not hesitate to reach out to me via phone 717-270-7227 or email bmcginty@clsd.k12.pa.us .

Yours In Education,

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Union Canal January 2023



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Welcome Back Just Play in Gym 1st—2nd gr. 3:45-4:45PM Day 5	3 COLA Grade 3 Games & Sports Gr. 3 to 5 3:45—4:45 Gym UC PTT Meeting 6:00 PM Day 1	4 Character Trait Assembly 2:30 PM Cub Scouts 3:15-5:00 PM Just Play Gr. 1 & 2 in Gym 3:45—4:45 PM Day 2	5 Games & Sports Gr. 3 to 5 3:45 to 4:45 Gym Day 3	6 Day 4
9 Nat'l Law Enforcement Day School Board Public Work Session 5:30 PM, LGI Day 5	10 Acadience Testing Good News Club 3:30-5 PM Games & Sports Gr 3 to 5 3:45 to 4:45 PM Gym Day 1	11 Dibels Testing Maintenance Workers & Custodian's Day Cub Scouts 3:15-5:00 PM Just Play Gr. 1 & 2 Day 2	12 SAVVAS Training 4th Gr. Field Trip LCCTC 9:10 AM-12:45 PM Games & Sports Gr. 3 to 5 3:45 to 4:45 PM Gym Day 3	13 Day 4
16 (1st weather make-up day) School Today  Day 5	17 Good News Club 3:30-5 PM School Board Meeting 5:30PM Day 1	18 Kids N Kops Gr. 5/Mrs. Horst Cub Scouts 3:15-5:00 PM Just Play Gr. 1& 2 3:45—4:45 PM Day 2	19 Kids Heart Challenge Assembly 2:15 PM Day 3	20 Second Marking Period Ends PTT Family Night Dinner and a Show Chris Ivey 7-8 PM Juggling Day 4
23 Professional Learning Day No School for Students	24 Good News Club 3:30-5 PM Games & Sports Gr. 3 to 5 3:45 to 4:45 PM Gym Day 1	25 Cub Scouts 3:15-5:00 PM Day 2	26 Games & Sports Gr. 3 to 5 3:45 to 4:45 PM Gym Day 3	27 Day 4
30 Report Cards Available on Line Today Just Play Gr. 1&2 in Gym 3:45—4:45 PM Day 1	31 2nd Gr. (Mr. Meuser & Mrs. Campbell) Trip Planetarium 9:25—11:05 AM Good News Club 3:30-5PM Gr. 3-5 Games&Sports Day 2			

*Note-PTT Event on January 20

This event is listed as a "Dinner and a Show" However the Dinner/Food portion of the evening has been canceled. This event is just a "Show".

Save the Date!!

Book Bingo is scheduled for Thursday, February 16th!

Hope to see you and your family there!

¡¡Reserva!!

¡Book Bingo está programado para el jueves 16 de febrero!

¡Espero verte a ti y a tu familia allí!



Kindergarten Registration

for the 2023-2024 school year



If your child resides in the Cornwall-Lebanon
School District and will be 5 years old
BEFORE September 1, 2023 ...

Visit www.clsd.k12.pa.us

Kindergarten Orientation and Registration

Kindergarten Registration

In order for your child to be eligible to attend kindergarten this upcoming fall of 2023, she or he must have reached the age of five (5) BEFORE September 1. You can register your child on the Cornwall Lebanon School District Website by clicking on "Student Registration" and then "Kindergarten Registration". There will be directions regarding the registration process on that page. Please follow the steps listed and if you have any questions, please call the district office at 717-272-2031.

Also, Union Canal, along with all Cornwall-Lebanon elementary schools, will have **Kindergarten Orientation** on Thursday evening, February 9th at 6:00 PM. The orientation will give you the opportunity to visit the school, meet the kindergarten teachers and review a brief presentation about the kindergarten schedule and curriculum. At that time, you will also be able to sign up for a time and date for your child to attend kindergarten registration at their school. The staff will be glad to answer any questions you may have as well.

Geography Bee

Pictured below are the students who participated in the Union Canal Geography Bee on December 16th.



Geo Bee Winner

Kelton Stevenson was the winner of the Union Canal Geography Bee!



Band and Orchestra Concert





Elves Magicland

Our students had the opportunity to shop for Holiday Gifts at the Union Canal Elves Magicland, hosted by the Union Canal PTT on December 8th and December 9th. After all of their hard work shopping they enjoyed some home made cookies!





Pictured above, the Union Canal cafeteria staff, Emily Risser, Theodora Sios, Dawn Garber, Evelyn Fidler and Missy Leibich.

Kindness & Courtesy

Pictured below are the students who best represented the character traits "Kindness & courtesy" during the month of November.

The students pictured below received recognition certificates for "kindness & courtesy" on 12/2/22

Grade K Mrs. Mays - Jaxon Martin

Grade K Mrs. Fiebig AM - Nora Laucks

Grade K Mrs. Fiebig PM - Naomi Quinones

Grade K Mrs. Eberly - Aiden Quinones

Grade 1 Mrs. Schmidt - Marianys Hernandez

Grade 1 Mrs. Derr - Jason Brubaker

Grade 1 Mrs. Raub - Niccolo Aungst

Grade 2 Mr. Menser - Daniella Hassan

Grade 2 Ms. Haag - Semaj Daniels

Grade 2 Mrs. Wenzke - Greta Lied

Grade 2 Mrs. Campbell - Renee Freed

Grade 3 Mrs. Mori - Anika Deshpande

Grade 3 Mrs. Martinez - Chloe Gillan

Grade 3 Mrs. Waranavage - Rosabeth Padilla

Grade 4 Mrs. Wagner - Amaya Ryals

Grade 4 Mrs. Horst - Emony Sanchez

Grade 4 Mrs. Rest - Remas Heikal

Grade 4 Miss Fink - Angel Colon

Grade 5 Mrs. Pedrick - Guinevere Schlegel

Grade 5 Mrs. Marsh - LilyAnn Fryberger

Grade 5 Mrs. Stellar - Amelia Vega

Grade 5 Miss Stamm - Xavier Donmoyer

Grade 5 Specials Teachers - Garrett Brubaker



Union Canal "PTT" Parent & Teachers Together

The PTT is a group of parents and teachers committed to helping the students of Union Canal throughout the year. They help to plan and organize field trips, assemblies, family nights, school, fundraisers, etc. Visit the Facebook page at "UnionCanalPTT" or attend a monthly PTT meeting at Union Canal held the 1st Tuesday of each month during the school year at 6:00 PM. New members are always welcome and appreciated! The January meeting for this school year is being held on Tuesday, January 3rd at 6:00 PM here at Union Canal in the library.

A special note of thanks from our PTT. This holiday season a card was delivered to our organization with a note of thanks for all of the support and hard work that this group (UC PTT) does for our school and our students. With the card was a gracious donation of \$800.00. Many thanks to our donor for the kind words and large monetary donation!

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the PTT

Family Night "Character Juggler Chris Ivey" January-20th 7:00pm, UC LGI. www.chrisivey.com

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser tentative schedule - February 2022

Family Roller-skating Night 3-9-22

Breakfast with Someone Special - 3-28-22, 4-19-22

News From the District Office

Did you know?

- Information about any **School Closings or Delays** will be posted to the District Home page: www.clsd.k12.pa.us and also to the Cornwall-Lebanon School District **Facebook** page and Twitter (@CLSD_Schools). Be sure to update your weather emergency contact information under the Skylert tab on the parent portal in order to receive calls and emails. Also, verify that your phone allows calls from these numbers: (717) 272- 2031 and (717) 389-2036.
- **CLSD Calendar of Events:** Please check the District website calendars on each school and District page for updates to events listed in the *2022-2023 CLSD Calendar*. www.clsd.k12.pa.us.
- January 2023 Calendar Notes** (*January is School Directors Recognition Month*):
 - **Monday, Jan. 2: All Schools are In Session**
 - **Sunday, Jan. 8: CCHS Winter Band Concert**, 2 PM; Tickets available after Jan. 2, 2022, by calling (717) 272-2033, ext. 5106, or, at the door.
 - **Monday, Jan. 9: CLSD Board of School Directors Public Work Session**, 5:30 p.m., CCHS LGI. Please register to attend under the School Board tab on the District website. Meetings are Live streamed in a window that appears at the top of Board Meeting Dates web page.
 - **Wednesday, Jan. 11: CLSD Maintenance & Custodians Recognition Day**
 - **Monday, Jan. 16: All Schools are In Session** (This is the 1st Weather Make-up Day for the Dec. 15, 2022, closure day.)
 - **Tuesday, Jan. 17: CLSD Board of School Directors regular meeting**, 5:30 p.m.; CCHS Auditorium. Please register to attend under the School Board tab on the District website. Meetings are Live streamed in a window that appears at the top of Board Meeting Dates web page.
 - **Friday, Jan. 20:** End of the 2nd Marking Period/1st Semester
 - **Monday, Jan. 23: No School for Students (Professional Learning Day)**
 - **Wednesday, Jan. 25: High School Orientation for Current 8th Grade Parents**
 - **Monday, January 30: Report Cards Available Online Beginning this Day** (all grade levels)



