

Union Canal Connection

NOVEMBER 2020



FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

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The Month of November marks the end of the first quarter for 2020-21. We have completed 25% of the school year! Our staff along with myself are so blessed to have had a full marking period with our students in school! We are so thankful for this opportunity!

Parent report cards have been completed and available to view via Skyward Parent Portal as of Thursday, November 12. Paper copies of student reports were also sent home with students on Thursday, November 12, so your child and you can review and discuss together. Student academic reports have changed significantly over time and you may have questions as to what information is being provided for you. If you have questions or concerns as to what marks are indicated on your child's report please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher for an explanation.

Over the past several weeks we discussed as a school our first monthly character trait, Respect. We will be meeting monthly and discussing character traits that lead to the growth of a productive citizen of society. Working with our students so that they can continue to 'Be A Hero', we have also met virtually as a school to discuss the next character trait Kindness/Courtesy.

Please take time throughout the month of November to discuss kindness/courtesy with your child/ren and what kindness/courtesy is, looks like, feels like, and may be different depending on environment and social groups.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Union Canal Elementary School will be conducting conferences for parents of all students on Monday, November 23, 2:00 – 9:00 P.M., and Tuesday, November 24, 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Students will not have school on November 23 and 24. Again to help with our mitigation efforts of Covid-19, we are asking that ***no*** children attend parent teacher conferences. We are also asking that only parents/guardians attend. Please do not bring extra family members with you. Masks and social distancing will be required for the conferences to take place. If these constraints make it too difficult for your family to attend conferences ***We Can Hold Your Conference Via Computer or Phone!*** To change or update any conferences at this time please contact your child's teacher via phone, email, or note. Your child's teacher will reach out to you with instructions for the virtual




conference if you have selected one. Thank you for your support in helping us hold parent teacher conferences in a safe and appropriate way.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our students. At anytime if there is anything that we can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours In Education,
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NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<div>  <div> Union Canal November Activities 2020 </div>  </div>				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Rain Date for Lebanon County Trick or Treat Day 3	3 Election Day Day 3	4 1st Marking Period Ends Day 4	5 Virtual Character Trait Assembly 9:15 AM Day 4	6 No School for Students
9 On Line Parent-Teacher Conference Sign Up Closes at 7 PM Day 4	10 UC PTT Meeting 6 PM Day 4	11 Veteran's Day Day 1	12 Report Cards Available On line today Breakfast Program for CLSD Veterans & Military Families CCMS @ 8 AM Day 1	13 Day 1
16 School Board Mtg. 5:30 PM, CCHS LGI American Education Week Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Educational Support Professional's Day Day 2	19 Day 2	20 Day 2
23 No School for Elementary and CCMS Students Parent/Teacher Conferences National Family Week	24 No School for Elementary and CCMS Students Parent/Teacher Conferences	25 No School—Thanksgiving Vacation	26 No School—Thanksgiving Day	27 No School—Thanksgiving Vacation
30 No School—Thanksgiving Vacation				

UNION CANAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will take place on Monday, November 23 (2:00 - 9:00 PM), and Tuesday, November 24 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM). Conferences will take place in person at Union Canal

within your child's classroom. Anyone attending conferences are required to socially distance and to wear an appropriate face covering the entire time they are Union Canal.

A letter was sent home with all students on Friday, October 2, 2020, regarding this year's conferences. Scheduling will be done online through PTCFast. Parents will find the link on our district website under each elementary school. The registration process requires parents to provide a valid email address. The online scheduling will open at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 5 and will close at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 9.

If you are not able to schedule using the internet, paper request forms will be available in the school office, on the district website, and with your child's homeroom teacher beginning Friday, October 2. If you are choosing this option, please have the form returned to our school office as soon as possible. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Union Canal School Office 717-270-7227.

Dates

October 2 – Letter will be sent home with all students regarding this year's Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 5 – Online schedule for Parent-Teacher Conferences opens tonight @ 7:00 PM

November 9 – Last day to register online for Parent-Teacher Conferences, closes @ 7:00 PM

Note: all parents/guardians who have not selected a date and time for a parent-teacher conference by November 9 will have one assigned.

FALL INTO READING FAMILY NIGHT AT U.C.

Fall Title 1 Family Event

This month Title 1 families from Union Canal, Ebenezer, and South Lebanon joined together for a "Fall Into Reading" event held at Union Canal Elementary. Families and teachers had the wonderful opportunity to meet each other and discuss the Title 1 reading program. Families spent the evening using Mad Libs to learn about reading context and parts of speech. There was a lot of silly story writing and laughter shared throughout the event. At the end of the evening, each student was able to choose a book to take home as well as delicious subs from R&K Subs. Thank you to all of the families involved in our district's Title 1 programming. It was fun to spend the night with you!



During the week of October 26 through October 30th all of the students participated in fun activities to celebrate "Red Ribbon Week".

Monday - Poster Contest

Tuesday - Real World Super Heroes Day

Wednesday - Wear Red Day

Thursday - Fantasy Super Hero Day

Friday - Falcon Wear Day

Below are pictures from some of the events:





SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students who completed the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge for Union Canal!

These students received Kanoodle games as a reward for their hard work. This is a very cool and compact brain game for all elementary ages. It is easy to learn and has many levels of play for increased difficulty as students grow in ability.

Thank you to the students pictured for their participation! Way to go!

Alex Koch, Cody Rider, Gwendolyn Grier, Jevin Reazer, Jenna Myer, Rylie Stauffer, Adina Lentz, Aubrey Williams, Azree Martinez, Honor Leid, Lilyana Lopez, Garret Brubaker, Nardz Galan, Iona Marshall, Michael Kuntz, Lucas Rebman, Olivia Pelicia, Jayden Reist, Hannah Kline, Reagan Enimpah, Angie Cheatile, Samanth Brown, Mikayla Fripps, Isabella Ketner, Cameron Spade, Olivia Ketner, Samie Rundle, Jordan Ketner, Kaylee Fuhrman, Aidan Enimpah, Lilyan Stauffer

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

1) Military Families are reminded to complete the survey sent via Skyward Message Center and email **no later than Sunday, Nov. 1**. You can also register for meals to be distributed at the Nov. 12 Veterans and Military Families "Drive of Honor" at the end of the survey. **Veterans residing in the district** are asked to call (717) 389-1810 by Nov. 1 to register for meals for the event.

2) Cedar Crest High School Drama presents the Fall Play, "The Foreigner." Enjoy the play via Live Stream on the CCHSToday.com website: <https://www.cchstoday.com/> November 19, 20 and 21.

3) "Fairy Tale Courtroom" - Cedar Crest Middle School Performing Arts will present their fall play in a virtual presentation, Saturday, Nov. 14. If you would like to view the play, please email kglassford@cls.d.k12.pa.us for information.

4) Thank an Educator: Recognize your student's special teachers, staff members, or coaches with a Certificate of Appreciation by donating to the Falcon Foundation through the "Thank an Educator" program. Make a donation in an amount of your choosing by December 11th for certificate delivery the week of December 14th. Visit www.clsd.pa.us and select **Falcon Foundation** under the COMMUNITY tab menu

5) The next meeting of the **CLSD Board of School Directors** is Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m., in the large group instruction room (LGI) at the high school. A work session will be held Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m., at the Educational Service Center, 105 E. Evergreen Rd. Both meetings are open to the public. Click on the link on the District website to register to attend either meeting.

6) **Online Community Bulletin Board:** Check the online Community Bulletin Board regularly for information about upcoming events, activities and fundraisers throughout the CLSD community (Click on the "COMMUNITY" tab on the District website: www.clsd.k12.pa.us, or Look under the "SERVICES" tab on any CLSD school page.) Currently, you can find out about **sports activities** for the participant and spectator ... **Scouting** opportunities ... Student club **Fundraisers** ... **community events & activities** ... and many more items of possible interest!

7) **Inclement Weather Procedures & Skylert Notification System:** The decision to close school or open two hours later will be announced before 7:00 AM on the CLSD Home page, www.clsd.k12.pa.us, as well as on the [Cornwall-Lebanon School District Facebook](#) and Twitter pages (@CLSD_Schools), and on local radio and TV stations. The Skylert automated notification system also will be used to contact parents/guardians during the school day in the event of a building power failure, hazardous situation, or an early dismissal. Please review the important information that is printed inside the front cover of the *CLSD 2019-20 Calendar of Events*. The District website is the first place important information is posted. Please, **do not** contact school or District offices in the case of these events as it is important for our phone lines to be available for emergency communications.

Remember, the Skylert notification system is only as accurate as the information you have provided to the District. Be sure your phone and email settings allow (does not Block) these three numbers: (717) 272-2031, (717) 272-2036, and (717) 389-1810, and emails from addresses ending in @clsd.k12.pa.us. Please review your information in Skylert, as well, and make any updates (for general information sharing, including school closings):

1. Login to your Skyward account.
2. Click the word "Skylert" in the left menu.
3. Fill-in and check or uncheck your desired settings.
4. Click "SAVE" in the upper right side of the page when you are done.

SPECIAL INVITATION FOR CLSD VETERANS & OUR MILITARY FAMILIES:

IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR 2020: To help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we are planning a complimentary Drive-by & Pick-up Breakfast and Virtual Program for Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, to honor veterans who reside within the district and our CLSD Military families. Details about how to reserve your free breakfast and access the special virtual recognition program will be shared on the "Military Families Survey" that will be sent to all families via Skyward Parent Access in mid-October.

MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAITS

RESPECT

Each month Union Canal recognizes a student from each class room who best represents the chosen character trait for that given month. The character traits are "Respect, Kindness/Courtesy, Self-Discipline, Friendship, Perseverance, Acceptance, Responsibility, Honesty and Caring". The student is given a certificate and a t-shirt during a special assembly to note the importance of displaying this character trait. The students below are the students chosen by their teachers for displaying "Respect" during the month of October. The students were recognized during a virtual meeting and they each received a certificate and stickers. They will also receive a t-shirt.

Mrs. Fiebig AMK, Leah Gates, PM K, Braelyn Martinez

Mrs. Eberly AM K, Camry Costello

Miss Fink AM K, Adrienne Santiago

Mrs. Raub, Gr. 1, Samuel Bowser

Mrs. Derr, Gr. 1, Emma Jenkins

Mrs. Schmidt, Gr. 1, Rylan DeVatt

Mr. Menser, Gr. 2, Sarah Horning

Mrs. Wenzke, Gr. 2, Gregory Harris

Miss Haag, Gr. 2, Giovanni Verna

Mrs. Martinez, Gr. 3, Lilyana Major

Miss Schantz, Gr. 3, Kiaraliz Andujar Ortero

Mrs. Waranavage, Gr. 3, Garret Brubaker

Mr. Litzenberg, Gr. 4, Livia Zearfoss

Mrs. Wagner, Gr. 4, Myla George

Mrs. Rest, Gr. 4, Jayden Reist

Mrs. Marsh, Gr. 4, Jayden Barry

Mrs. Riegel, Gr. 5, Wyatt Wolfe

Mrs. Pedrick, Gr. 5, Michael Nieves

Mrs. Stellar, Gr. 5, Emerson Brandt

Mrs. Burrows, Gr. 4, Kameron Collins

Mrs. Campbell, Gr. 2, Calie Atkins

Mrs. Cyphers, Gr. 5, Trynity Brennan

Specials Teachers, Gr. 5, Mikayla Fripps

Mrs. Donnachie, Gr. 5, Aiden Enimpah

Mrs. Griffith, Gr. 7, Austen Lehman

