



Cub Gazette

Union City Elementary School
April/May 2018



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To our fifth grade students and their parents/guardians:

On June 6th, we here at Union City Elementary School will say goodbye to our fifth graders as they bless our doors for the last time as elementary students. The class of 2025 will one day soon, be walking across the graduation stage and receiving their diplomas in front of their proudest families and closest friends. This will one day soon, be a momentous occasion for celebration for all the hard work that went in to getting to that day. It will be a bittersweet moment, saying goodbye to friends and teachers for the last time. But for now, our fifth graders will be taking a different walk. It is hard to believe that these children started out the first day of Kindergarten together just six short years ago and next year they will be walking into the Union City Middle/High School for the first time as middle school students. They will begin leaving behind their childish ways as they begin that awkward transition into adulthood. Right now, it may seem so far away, but it will be here in the blink of an eye. Make time for the moments now, don't let time pass by and one day wish you would have been there for more.

Fifth graders, you have laughed together, cried together, celebrated successes together, and comforted each other in failure. May your future bring much of the same. May your future build the bonds of lasting relationships and happiness. Best of luck in middle school. Your being here at Union City Elementary School has in some way shaped it into a better place. You have impacted and influenced others, and they are better people for it. Continue to make a positive influence in others and remember, it only takes one person with courage to make a difference. So, BE COURAGOUS! Thank you for making my first year as your principal a great one!

Sincerely,

Mr. Shrout

IMPORTANT APRIL/MAY DATES

- April 10 - April 25 - PSSA Testing. Please see attached schedule
- April 11 - PTO Yard Sale Sign pick up elementary school 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- April 11 - PTO Pizza Hut FUNraiser - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- April 17 - After School Stem Club begins on Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 26th
- April 21 - PTO Pool Party K4 - 5
- April 26 - **PTO Pig Raffle tickets deadline - please return any sold and unsold tickets**
The winning ticket will be drawn the last weekend of April
- April 27 - PTO meeting elementary library at 6:00 p.m.
- May 4 - Swimming begins and will continue through the end of the year
- May 7 - May 10 - PTO Scholastic Book Fair
- May 9 - PTO Pizza Hut FUNraiser - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- May 15 - PTO meeting elementary library at 6:00 p.m.
- May 19 - PTO Pool Party K4 - 5
- May 24 - Spring Extravaganza K - 2 high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.
- May 25 - Vacation day - snow makeup day if needed
- May 28 - Memorial Day - no school
- May 30 - Awards assembly at 8:30 a.m. in the elementary gym
- June 6 - Last day of school



PSSA TESTING SCHEDULE

Grade/Time	Subject	Testing Dates
<u>3/ 8:30 am</u> (3 sections)	ELA	4/10/18 (Tuesday), 4/11/18 (Wednesday) & 4/12/18 (Thursday)
<u>4/ 9:00 am</u> (3 sections)	ELA	4/10/18 (Tuesday), 4/11/18 (Wednesday) & 4/12/18 (Thursday)
<u>5/ 8:30 am</u> (3 sections)	ELA	4/10/18 (Tuesday), 4/11/18 (Wednesday) & 4/12/18 (Thursday)
<u>3/ 8:30 am</u> (2 sections)	Math	4/17/18 (Tuesday)- 4/18/18 (Wednesday)
<u>4/ 9:00 am</u> (2 sections)	Math	4/17/18 (Tuesday)- 4/18/18 (Wednesday)
<u>5/ 8:30 am</u> (2 sections)	Math	4/17/18 (Tuesday)- 4/18/18 (Wednesday)
4/9:00am or 12:15pm	Science	4/24/18-4/25/18

CORE VALUE: APRIL-COOPERATION & MAY-RESPECT

As part of our efforts to incorporate character education within our educational environment, the core value for April is Cooperation and May will be Respect.

Please look for this month's *Core Value Discussion Sheet* (CVS). Once the questions are discussed at home, please sign and have your child return to school to be entered in a weekly drawing.

Brain Facts about Children:

Stress disables learning. Cortisol, a hormone that kills off connections in the learning and memory parts of the brain, is produced during trauma. While you can't (and shouldn't) protect your child from all stressors, a close relationship with you and other caring adults will help them learn to cope and to feel good about themselves.

Childhood is key. The brain makes the most connections among its cells before your child turns 10 years old. This is also the time when they learn language best. When you use rich language with your young child, you are improving their future vocabulary.

The brain builds itself based on repetitive sensory experiences. The language portion of the brain is enhanced greatly by interaction with others because the brain can then connect words with objects and experiences.