

Greetings, Jets!

It was an awesome weekend for our Jets! Our Utica Chess Team came in first place in the tournament at JHS on Saturday. Also on Saturday, our Lady Jets were victorious against TJ to advance to the semi-final tomorrow. We will have a rematch with NW at 6:30 at JHS. The championship game will be Thursday at 6:00 @ JHS. Good luck, Jets! We are coming up on the busiest time of year. I hope that you are able to join us for some of our upcoming events, while still finding time for quality family time at home. Notes went home on Friday for the Holiday Meal on Wednesday, December 11. You can find links and more information below. Our Book Fair will kick off with our Family Night on December 2 and be here Dec. 2-6. There is information about signing up to shop at the book fair below. We will be having our holiday parties on Friday, December 20. We will have more information coming soon. This week our Student Council is hosting a canned food drive for CLM. We appreciate your support.

It is a great day to be a Jet!

Best wishes,

Josh

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Book Fair

Our book fair will be here December 2- December 6. We will have our book fair available Monday night as a part of our family night. However, if you are not able to attend Monday and want to shop the book fair with your child, you are welcome to come in during your child's library time that week. Everyone who is coming in during the school day must have a valid state ID with them.

You may use this link to sign up to shop. [Dec. 2024 Book Fair Shopping Sign Up](#)

You may use this link to add money to your student's eWallet. [Book Fair Homepage](#)

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The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to Utica Elementary!

December 2-6, 2024

You can find most of this information on Utica's Scholastic Book Fair homepage at [UES Book Fair](#).

Shop with Your Child During Library Class!

SIGNUP REQUIRED

This year, adults can come shop at the book fair with their student(s) during their library class time. Please follow this link [Sign Up for Book Fair Shopping](#) and complete the Google Form for EACH adult planning to come shop with their student. **THE OFFICE MUST KNOW AHEAD OF TIME THE ADULTS PLANNING TO ATTEND.** Please try to sign up no later than a day before the shopping day.

Shop at Utica Family Night

Dec. 2: 5:30-7:15

There will also be an opportunity for everyone to shop together during the Utica Family Night scheduled for December 2nd from 5:30-7:15 (You DO NOT need to complete the Google Form for this event).

Trinkets vs. Books

We will also have pens, posters, bookmarks, and various other "trinkets" available. These items are very popular and eye-catching to the kids. You and your student may want to have a conversation as to whether or not that is where they should spend their money.



Payment Methods

- Scholastic eWallet (see below for more details)
- Cash, credit cards, and checks (**made payable to Utica Elementary**).
- **Please be aware that state tax WILL be charged for each purchase made by students.**



Important Information About eWallet

You can set up your student's eWallet now. Instructions for setting up the eWallet can be found on Utica's Scholastic Book Fair homepage at [UES Book Fair](#). Family and friends can add money to your student's eWallet.

NOTE: If at the end of the book fair, your child hasn't spent all of the money in their eWallet, it will **NOT** be refunded to your credit card. Instead, the remaining funds will be converted to a gift card that can be used online with Scholastic or used to fund an eWallet for a future book fair. If you have a leftover gift card from a previous year, you'll have the opportunity to apply it to your eWallet when you set it up this year (Be sure to use the same login that you previously used in order for the system to find your gift card).


If a teacher chooses to set up an eWallet, you can contribute to their eWallet to help them expand their classroom libraries.

Thanks so much and please let me know if you have any questions - Sarah Polete spolete@gccschools.com

Holiday Meal

On Wednesday, December 11, we will be opening up our cafeteria and gymnasium to our Utica families who want to come enjoy a meal with their child. The cost of the meal will be \$5 for all visitors (no refunds will be given). A note on Friday with a form to RSVP. We ask that all RSVPs be turned in on Monday, November 25 so that our cafeteria staff has time to order. We will not be able to accommodate late orders.

 **Holiday Meal PDF.pdf**

 **Holiday Meal Spanish.pdf**

Office Reminders

- If you have a transportation change, please call the office prior to 3:00.
- Students may not be dismissed from the office nor from After Care after 3:10 until car rider dismissal ends around 3:40
- If you call the office during dismissal (3:10-3:40) we are unlikely to answer the phone, but you are welcome to leave a message.

Upcoming Theme Days

- March 7: Wear orange for multiple sclerosis
- April 4: Wear blue for autism awareness

Reminders:

Child Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse Education

Child Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse Instruction, IC 20-30-5-5.7

- By December 15, 2018, and each December 15 thereafter ○ Public Schools, including charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools
- Age appropriate, research and evidence based instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse required

for students in grades k-12 o Instruction may be delivered by a school safety specialist, school counselor, or any other person with training and expertise in the area of child abuse and child sexual abuse. o [Resources](#)



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November 2024

Parents/Guardians:

This month, your child will receive lessons designed to prevent child abduction and child abuse. The links to the materials being used in GCCS elementary schools this year are listed below.

Grade Level(s)	Material	Delivery
K-2	Lessons 1-5: Kidzsmart Lesson 6 on Surprises vs. Secrets Lesson 7 on Uncomfortable Touch Video Resources: Video Resources	General Safety Lessons are the Kidsmart 1-5. Lessons 6-7 are used for abuse prevention.
3-5	Lessons 1-5: Kidzsmart Lesson 6 on Surprises vs. Secrets: Surprises vs. Secrets Lesson 7 on Uncomfortable Touch: Uncomfortable Touch Video Resources: Video Resources	General Safety Lessons are the Kidsmart 1-5. Lessons 6-7 are used for abuse prevention.

All public schools in Indiana are required to provide age appropriate instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. It's important that children hear the foundations of safety in these areas both at school and at home. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the delivery of these lessons, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Karen Wesely

Celebrations Around the World Family Night

On December 2, we are having a Celebrations Around the World family night. We will begin with a parade of nations that the classes have been studying at 5:30. After that we will have some fun literacy activities, demonstrations, and choir performances. Additionally, our book fair will be open. We hope that you can join us for a fun night.

Girls' Basketball

Our Lady Jets are off to a great start. Here is our upcoming schedule.

11-19 Semi-finals @ JHS @ 6:30 (winner of NW)

11-21 Championship Game @ JHS (6:00)

Road Closure

Utica Sellersburg Road is scheduled to be shut down in phases starting Monday through December. We are asking families that live north of HWY 62 to use Gottbrath Parkway if at all possible to help alleviate traffic.

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November Menu

NOVEMBER 2024



PB&J offered daily

We offer a variety of fruits & vegetables daily. You must take at least one serving with each meal but can take as many as you like.



ACE'S CORNER

Breakfast Prices
Paid: \$1.75
Reduced: \$0.30

Lunch Prices
Paid: \$3.00
Reduced: \$0.40



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				Ham & Cheese Flatbread 1 Pizza Fish Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Orange Glazed Carrots
Cinnamon Raisin Bagel 4 Carnitas Taco Hot Dog Turkey & Cheese Bagel Steamed Broccoli	No School	Cinn Sugar Donut Holes 6 Fall Brunch Plate Cheeseburger Turkey Chef Salad Roasted Carrots	Mixed Berry Scone 7 French Toast & Sausage Corn Dog Popcorn Chx Salad Green Beans	Pancake Sausage Stick 8 Pizza Fish Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Refried Beans
Breakfast Pizza 11 Beef Nachos Hot Dog Turkey & Cheese Bagel Roasted Cauliflower	Chx Snack Wrap 12 Mach & Cheese w/ Mini Corn Dogs Hot Dog Turkey & Cheese Bagel Black Beans	Apple Cinnamon Square 13 Popcorn Chx Bowl Cheeseburger Turkey Chef Salad Mashed Potatoes	Turkey Sausage Bagel 14 Spaghetti & Meatballs Corn Dog Popcorn Chx Salad Buttered Broccoli	Maple Bacon Donut 15 Pizza Fish Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Steamed Carrots
Bosco Stick 18 Watchos Hot Dog Turkey & Cheese Bagel Black Beans	Blueberry Muffin Square 19 Taco Tuesday Hot Dog Turkey & Cheese Bagel French Fries	Sausage & Cheese English Muffin 20 Waffle & Sausage Cheeseburger Turkey Chef Salad Roasted Carrots / Corn	Cereal 21 THANKSGIVING MEAL Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Roll and Dessert Peas	Iced Cinnamon Roll 22 RICE KRISPIE TREAT DAY Pizza Fish Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Salad
Bacon, Egg & Cheese Flatbread 25 Eggroll & Fried Rice Hot Dog Turkey & Cheese Bagel Peas	Cinnamon Biscuit 26 Backyard Burger Hot Dog Turkey & Cheese Bagel Buttery Corn	 Thanksgiving Break No School		

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Student Council Food Drive

Student Council is hosting a FOOD DRIVE



November 18-22 2024



Requested items: canned goods and prepackaged snacks
(like pop top cans, tuna kits)

Classrooms that send in 30 items will be eligible for an extra recess.

Aramark (Cafeteria) is Currently Hiring

We currently have openings in our cafeteria. If you are interested in applying for a job with Aramark, please use the following QR code to get more information or give us a call.

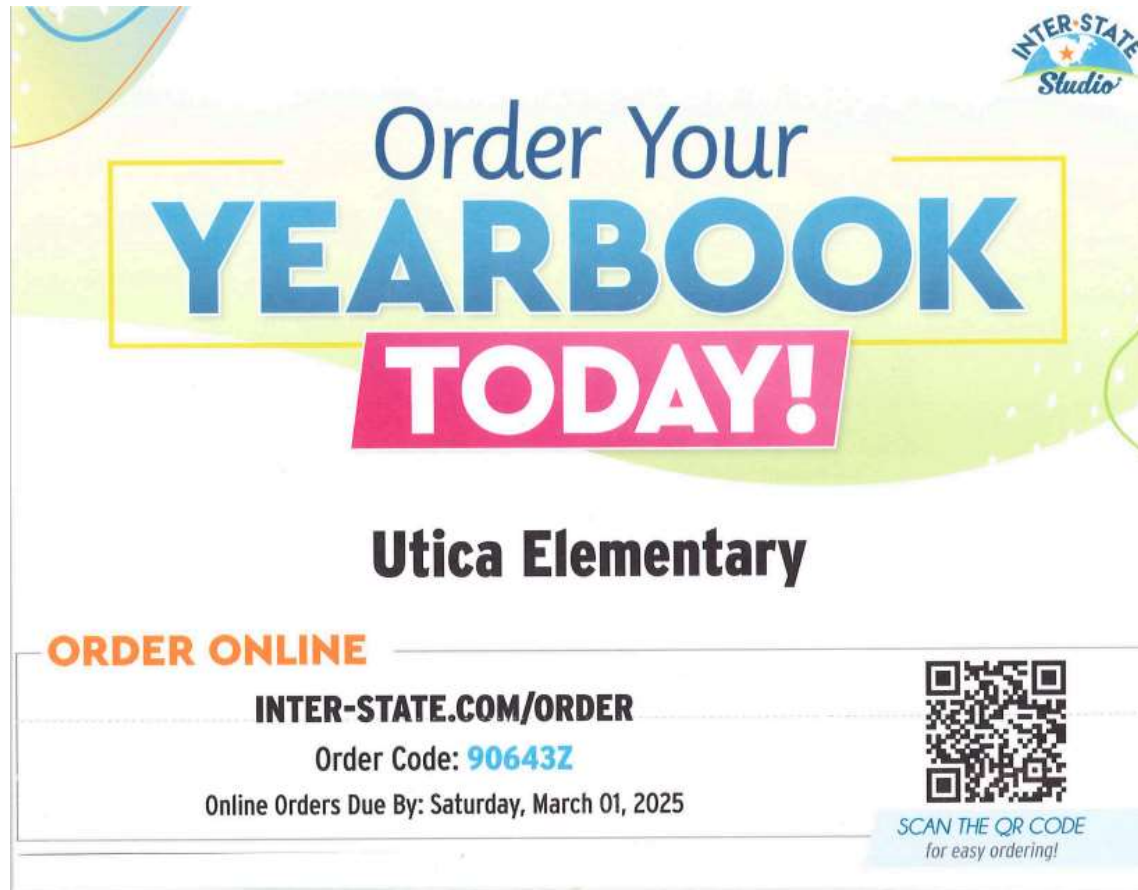
WE'RE HIRING!



Join Aramark Student Nutrition at Greater Clark County Schools

**Scan this QR code for our
current open positions. Check
back for new opportunities.**





The image is a promotional flyer for ordering a yearbook. At the top right is the logo for 'INTER-STATE Studio' featuring a globe and a star. The main text reads 'Order Your YEARBOOK TODAY!' with 'YEARBOOK' in large blue letters and 'TODAY!' in white letters on a pink background. Below this, it says 'Utica Elementary'. A section titled 'ORDER ONLINE' provides the website 'INTER-STATE.COM/ORDER', the order code '90643Z', and the deadline 'Online Orders Due By: Saturday, March 01, 2025'. A QR code is located on the right side of this section, with the text 'SCAN THE QR CODE for easy ordering!' below it.

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Nightly Reading at Home

One of the most important habits to establish with your child is reading at home on a consistent basis. This can be reading with a parent, reading to a sibling, or reading independently. The evidence that supports a direct link between reading at home and success in school is overwhelming. Any help to establish a positive reading routine with your child would be greatly appreciated. As a general guideline 4/5 grade students should be reading a minimum of 20-25 minutes a night (Monday-Thursday) while a K/1 student should be reading 10-15 minutes a night. I know our students and

families are busy throughout the week, so while nightly reading is the goal, trying to reach our weekly targets by reading more on some nights and less on hectic nights is a great plan. Some classes may be using a weekly reading note while others may be using a monthly calendar. Regardless of how you track the reading, please help us by carving time out of your child's busy schedule to prioritize reading either independently or with a family member. Establishing this routine of both reading to and with our students and talking to our students about what they read is a great way to encourage their love of reading, strengthen your connection with them, and put them on a path of success.

K/1: 40-60 minutes a week

2/3: 60-80 minutes a week

4/5: 80-100 minutes a week

Attendance

Indiana attendance laws have changed. It is incredibly important that any time a student is going to be absent, whether they are going to the doctor or not, that you call the front office to let us know about the absence. Please help us by calling as soon as possible. We prefer those calls before 10am when we start making calls about absences. I truly appreciate your help in this matter.

Helpful Links

[Utica Handbook 2024-2025](#)

[Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)

[School Supply List](#)

[School Calendar](#)

Important Dates

- December 2 - Celebrations Around the World (5:30-7:30)
- December 11 - Holiday Meal (Parents are invited to join us for lunch)
- December 14 - Winter Craft Fair/Meet and Greet Santa 9-1
- December 20 -No Preschool
- December 20 - Class Parties
- January 20 - No School -- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 17 - No School --Presidents' Day
- April 11 - Elementary Art Show Reception
- April 10-13 Elementary Art Show
- May 2 - No School -- Oaks Day
- May 6 - No School Election Day
- May 7 - PreK Celebration
- May 13 - Field Day
- May 16 - Field Day Rain Date
- May 21 - Last Day of School

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--Olympic Champion Simone Biles