



The Bear News

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Great to be Back!

It was great to see everyone back on campus and in a normal routine. The once routine return to school was met with much more excitement and appreciation than ever. Now that we are back, our district wanted to share with our families and community all the great things that are taking place on our campus. We are proud of the number of different opportunities our students have, the many different contributors that lead to those experiences, and the atmosphere for learning and growing that is the end product. Please take a moment to read through just some of the highlights that took place during the first quarter, and know we have much more to follow! - Mr. B



CFCU Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Robin Smith, 1st grade teacher, was selected as the Corry Federal Credit Union Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Smith is in her 22nd year of teaching!

Congratulations Mrs. Smith!

Dr. Gibbs Presents to UCASD MS & HS

Dr. Brooks Gibbs assembly was held on October 20th for the students of Union City MS/HS. Dr. Gibbs shared with the students his personal struggles with bullying as a kid in middle school, and how advice from his grandmother helped him to adapt and become an incredibly resilient high school freshman.



Mrs. Holmes Room



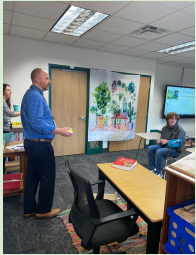
Mrs. Holmes' classroom is doing an awesome job at maintaining the brand new Gatorade Vending Machine! The class utilizes this opportunity to integrate many crucial job skills, such as: mathematics, money, accounting, and teamwork. All proceeds from this machine go towards class field trips and activities.

Parent Teacher Organization

The P.T.O. brought back some fishy fun! Money collection containers were displayed in the main hallway outside of the elementary gym during the month of September. The "Kiss the Fish" Assembly was held Friday, September 30th.



Middle School Focuses on Character



Mr. Anthony, UCASD Middle School Guidance Counselor, has been giving character presentations to middle school students. One of the first lessons focused on resiliency. These lessons will continue throughout the year.

Let's Talk Food

Mrs. Byler has been talking with Middle School students during their health classes. Mrs. Byler provides information about the cafeteria, while engaging students and getting valuable feedback. These talks will continue through the fall and winter and will also include HS students as well.



Thanksgiving Vacation

November 23rd through 28th





Elementary Safety Talks

For Fire Safety & Prevention Week, Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Talley, Mr. McMahan, and Officer Neiswonger took the opportunity to introduce themselves to all K4-5 students as trusted adults within the building. Students heard about the importance of letting an adult know if they see something or someone in school who makes them feel unsafe.

UCASD Welcomes Officer Rich

The UCASD Board of Directors approved the addition of a School Police Officer last spring. As a result, Officer Rich started at the elementary school this fall. UCASD now has an SPO on both building campuses looking after our students, faculty, staff, and community.



UCASD Thanks Parker and United Way

With a combination of funding and organization from the United Way and volunteers from neighboring Parker Hannifin, the elementary building landscaping received a fresh look. We want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone that helped that day!

21st CCLC Cub Club Year #4

Students are engaging in a diverse set of engaging experiences this year with expanded "Homework Help" time for each grade level, daily mathematics and literacy instruction in small grade-level groups, STEM and Science Explorers activities and experiments, Mindfulness and Study Skills class, ukulele lessons, arts and crafts, and finally, Fitness and Fun.



Christmas Vacation

December 23rd through January 1st





Bear Values - Union City Area High School

The High School rolled out the “Bear Values” program this year. Students are recognized for displaying the following characteristics: Leadership, Employable, Ambitious, and Respectful. Congratulations to all the students who have already been recognized!

FFA

Members of the UCASD FFA continue to be active, and recently attended the Fall Leadership Conference at Penn St University. Students attended different workshops to learn leadership skills with other students from across the state.



National Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to the Fall 2022 NHS inductees. These students were formally inducted into the NHS on Wednesday, November 9th. Senorita Martin lead an outstanding program to welcome the new members and their families

D-10 Champ!

Congratulations to Josh James who captured the District 10 AA Boys Golf Championship on Saturday, October 1st, at Meadville Country Club. Josh then traveled to State College and placed 9th in the state. Josh was the 2021 State Champion. Congratulations, Josh, on an amazing High School Golf career!



New Technology in Classrooms

Mr. Swanson, Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Niggel, and our maintenance and technology teams worked together to install the Newline Interactive Panels in many of our classrooms.



Union City Campus Improvements

If you drive by the UCASD campus, you will see it is alive with many improvements. The Union City Sports Complex Committee continues its good work. The latest structure, the victory bell (left), was by George Fox. The Elementary entered year two of the current renovation. This phase includes: new exterior windows (middle), new boilers for the school and pool, new water lines, and the revamping of our HVAC system. The board is currently working on plans for years 3 and 4. Finally, last spring's flood took its toll on our culvert and road, but it is completely fixed and looking better than ever (right).



Keeping Sharp!

The faculty and staff continue to learn and transform their educational practices to best meet the needs of our students. Mrs. Dell, Curriculum Director, has worked with our administration and faculty in formulating some great professional development sessions. As you will see, topics are not limited to instructional techniques. They address many circumstances and needs of our community and student body. Here are a few: Identifying and Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness, Emergency Response Procedures with Pennsylvania State Police, Student Assistance Program (SAP), EdInsight Data Management System Overview Training, Community Action Poverty Simulation with GECAC, Trauma-Informed Instructional Strategies Training with IU5, Handle with Care: Behavior Intervention Program, Ukeru: Deescalation Techniques & Trauma-Informed Practices, McGraw Hill *Wonders* 2023 Elementary ELA Curriculum Training, and EdInsight Data Analysis.