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# CUB GAZETTE

## January 2023

### Upcoming Events

January 16th- Martin  
Luther King Day -No  
School

January 20th- end of  
the first semester

January 25th -  
February Follies  
tryouts

Save the Date: - PTO  
Donkey Basketball  
February 10th

Save the Date:  
February Follies:  
February 25th

### News & Notes from Dr. Tomcho

It's hard to believe  
this school year is  
almost half over.

Second semester will  
begin on January  
20th. UC Elementary  
has been a very busy  
place with special  
presentations, events,  
and exciting learning  
opportunities for our  
students.







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### Community School Corner

On November 29th, volunteers from Elevate Church worked with our Community School Director, Mrs. B. Pituch to get students in grades Pre-K to 5th grade all new winter boots! Volunteers at the church picked out boots for all students who signed up, checked their size, and then wrapped the boots in holiday wrapping paper with a nametag!

On the morning of the distribution 15 Elevate Church volunteers came to Union City with their box truck full of boots. With the help of Mr. Wygant, and Mrs. Moss, a parent volunteer, they unloaded boxes and boxes of boots wrapped like presents. And one-by-one, students at Union City Elementary got winter boots! They even brought extra boots to make sure every student had the right size!



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COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS







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We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Lake Erie Ballet, the Erie Community Foundation and the Union City Community Foundation for inviting 100 of our students to attend a special showing of The Nutcracker Reimagined at The Warner Theatre.

We were special guests of Artistic Director, Christina Maria, who made sure our students had this amazing experience.

Thank you for getting us tickets for the Nutcracker I really liked going to the warner theater my favorite part of the Nutcracker was seeing the Nutcracker and Clara.







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During staff/faculty's mandatory flex time on

December 12th, our Community School Director brought The Big Cheese food truck onsite to thank our staff for the role they play in being part of a United Way Community School.

Volunteers from United Way delivered meals to faculty/staff throughout the school!



The Erie Family Center was here on December 15th for a Diaper Depot pop up distribution. In Erie County, 1 in 3 working families experience diaper need.

This was our second pop up distribution. We were able to serve 20 families that live in our school district. The next closest Diaper Depot is held in Girard.

A poster for a Diaper Depot pop-up distribution. It features the Diaper Depot logo with a baby carriage icon and the text 'Erie Family Center'. The poster includes the following text: 'JOIN US FOR A POP UP DIAPER DISTRIBUTION! DECEMBER 16TH 3-5:00PM', '\*NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR THIS POP UP EVENT\*', 'UNION CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL', '91 Miles St Union City, PA 16438', 'THERE ARE NO INCOME OR LOCATION REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.', and '\*Sizes are First Come, First Served for Pop Up Distribution\*'. The poster is decorated with colorful confetti and a blue and green geometric design at the bottom.





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### **MAIN STREET ART CENTER HOSTS A FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT!**

On December 20th, we hosted a Family Craft Night with the Main Street Art Center. The Art Center sent six volunteers to help students and families make a rice snowman craft.



Students who completed a coloring page were entered in for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to the Main Street Art Center, which would cover the cost of two children's craft nights! We had 17 students in attendance with their families. It was a wonderful evening of family fun time.



**CONGRATS TO MISS  
BRIELLE KERR, THE  
WINNER OF OUR GIFT  
CERTIFICATE!**







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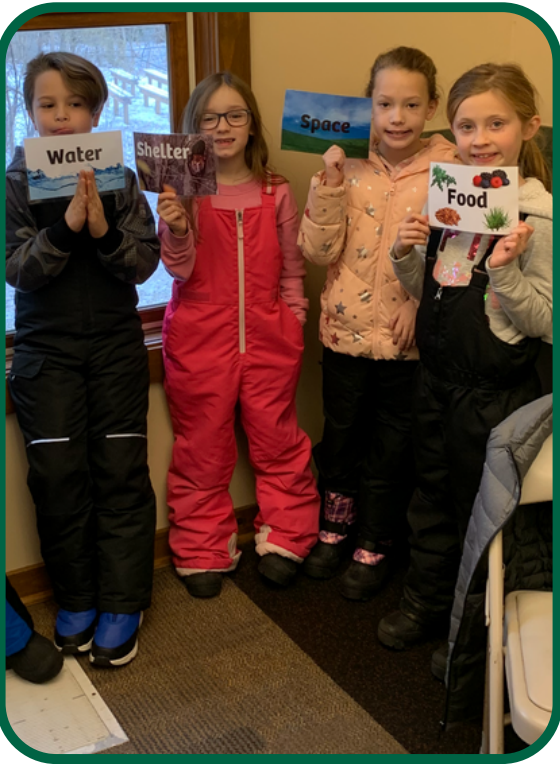
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## Second Grade goes to



## Asbury Woods



Second grade brought Asbury Woods to their classroom as well as a trip to their center for lessons on Habitat Essentials. Students learned about the 4 essential things that habitats provide to living things through interactive games, taking pictures of different habitats, and conducting an insulation experiment. Funding for these lessons and the trip was provided by United Way of Erie County.







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# Learning at UC Elem.

In November, Kindergarten learned about being thankful and having gratitude. We had feasts to build community in our classrooms and talk about thankfulness. We also learned about turkeys and Thanksgiving along with the colors brown, white, and gray. The dairy princesses also visited and helped the students learn about the dairy industry. Mrs. Bleasby's class also adopted a calf named Paisley so we can watch how she grows and is cared for on a farm. Our Kindergarteners are learning many things to build their literacy, math, and social-emotional skills!



Kindergarten had a ROYAL visit Amber Lassiter, (UC student) and Erie County Alternate Dairy Princess along with Sarah Kosack, Dairy Princess presented to the kindergarten students. The students enjoyed making a craft and learning about dairy foods.





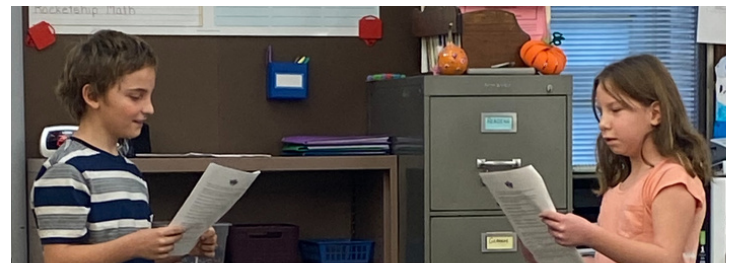
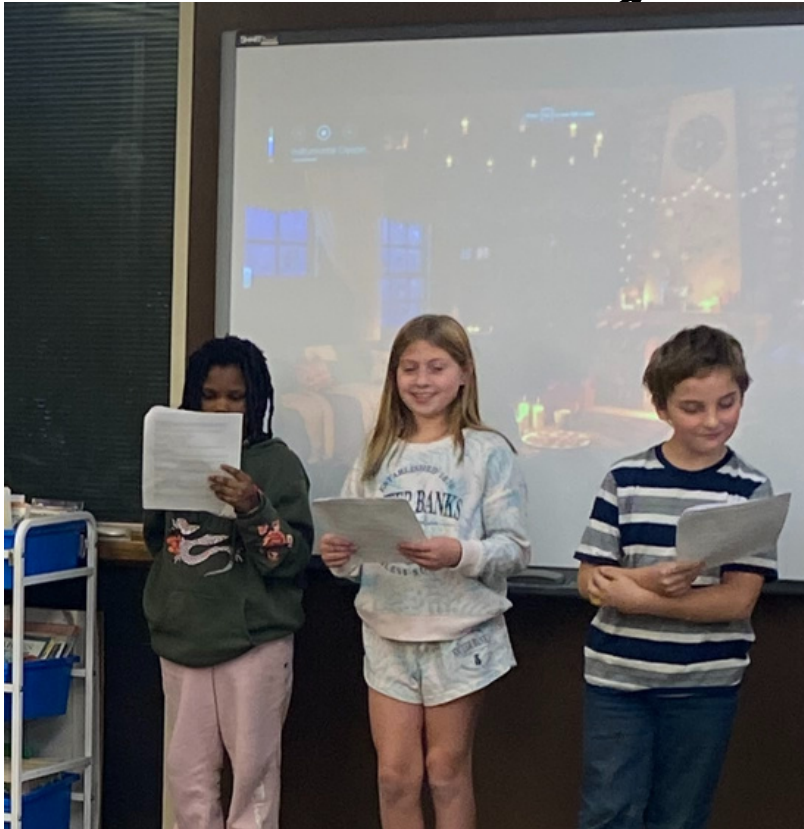


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Our fourth graders have been putting their reading skills to work in a Reader's Theater. Here students are sharing the story "The Chocolate Touch" with their classmates.



Dr. Tomcho  
enjoys reading  
to all the  
primary grades





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Power Up (Adagio Health) the week of December 12th shared healthy food tips to students in grades K-5th during their gym special time



Ms. Moore's class prepared a reader's theater for the other first grade classrooms.





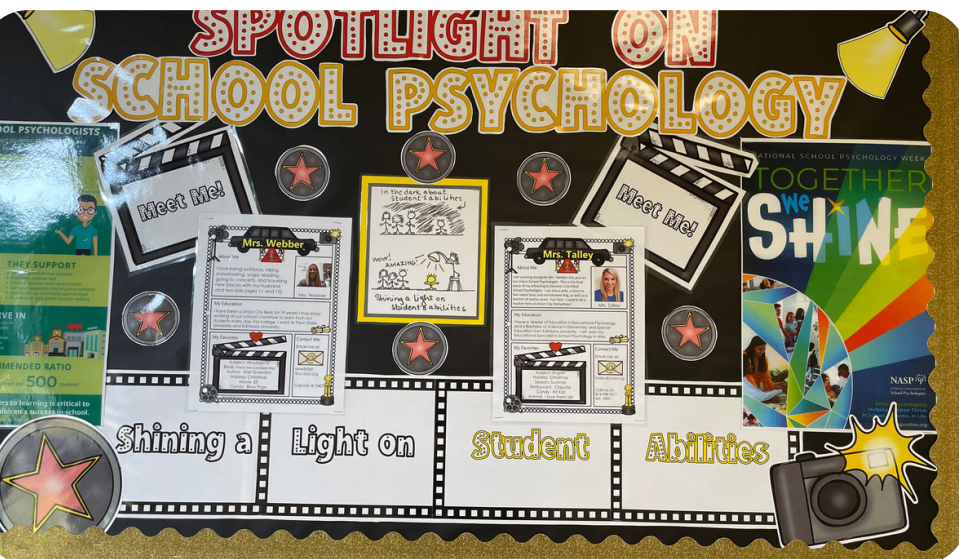
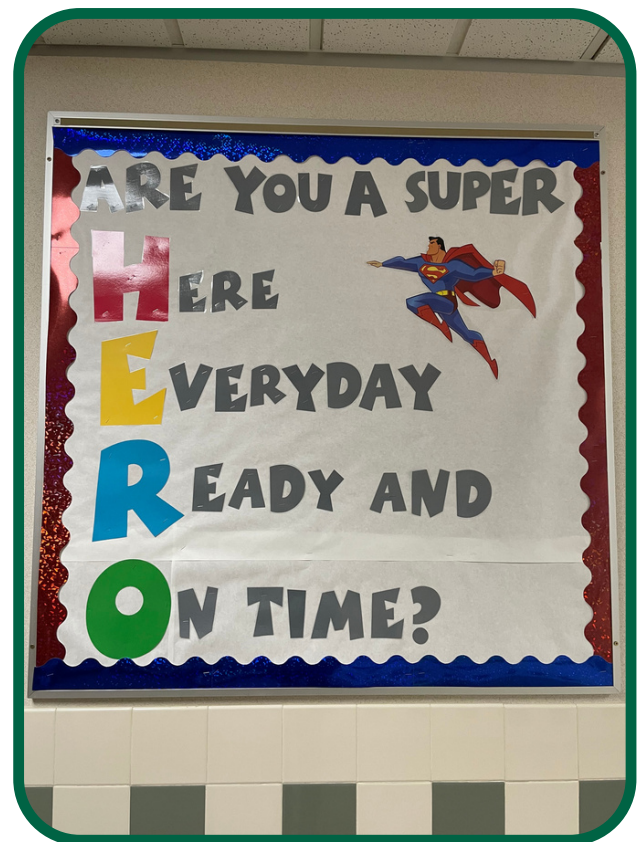
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## Informative Bulletin Boards decorate the Elementary School

Miss Adrian Nagy,  
Truancy Monitor from  
Bethesda with help from  
Mrs. B. Pituch, CSD  
created this bulletin  
board to promote good  
attendance



Mrs. Katie Talley,  
school psychologist  
intern created this  
bulletin board to  
inform the student  
body





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## P.T.O. Update JOIN US!

PTO meetings are held in the library at the elementary building. PTO meetings begin at 6:00 pm and usually are the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise announced.



**DONKEY  
BASKETBALL IS  
BACK!! February  
10th, 2023**







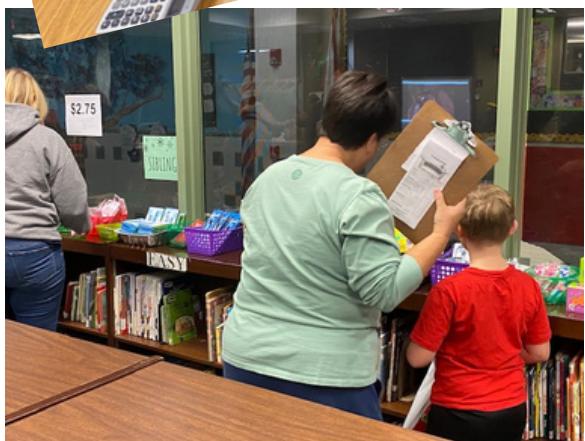
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## Snowball Express Gifts

**THANK YOU** to our P.T.O., student leaders, donors, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this year's Snowball Express Gift Shop a year to remember! Our students shopped with helpers and left with smiles.



**Thank  
You!**







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### Military Veterans

Our annual Veterans' Day assembly was held on Friday, November 11th at 8:30 a.m. in the elementary gymnasium. Thank you to the Veterans that were able to attend the assembly and for all those that contributed information for Mr. McMahan's presentation.

On behalf of the Union City Area School District,  
**THANK YOU!**







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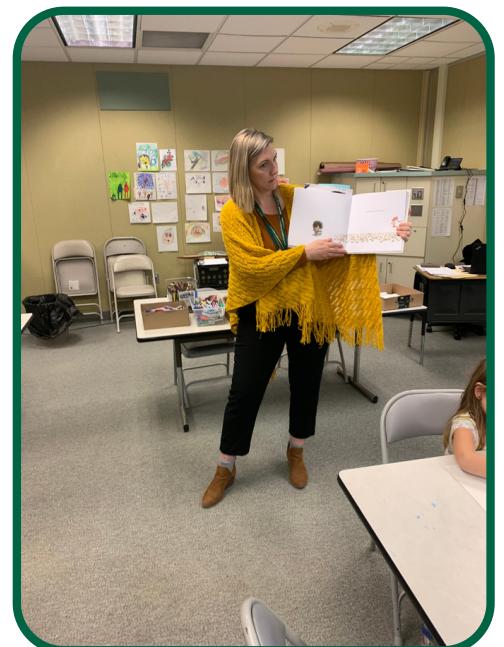
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## Guidance Dept. Update!



Completed Grief Tree by  
students in grades K-5th

Mrs. McNulty presented  
to students in grades K-  
5th during art class







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## Guidance Dept. Update!



Every student in grades K-5th completed a "piece" of the Celebrate Life bulletin board during Red Ribbon Week while in their art special.

The building wide current Choose Love topic is All About Gratitude

December 21st- February 22nd, 2023

Gratitude



Mr. Yared Admasse (Senior Community Manager) and Zoey Reyes (Lead Game Designer) from Whitethorn Games presented to for our 5th gr. Career Cafe for students interested in Business, Finance, Information and Technology.





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## Concert enjoyed by all

Students in  
grades in 3rd-  
5th and their  
families  
thoroughly  
enjoyed the  
Winter Concert  
on December  
15th.







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## K9S IN K4!

On November 21st, Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Drayer's K4 students learned all about the animal shelter with the help of the Canine Partners Program, Inc.



Our students listened to the book Jetta Dog. It's a great book about a dog that was found and ended up in the shelter! Then being adopted (& so much more.)

Families of Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Drayer's students have generously contributed food for the animal shelter.







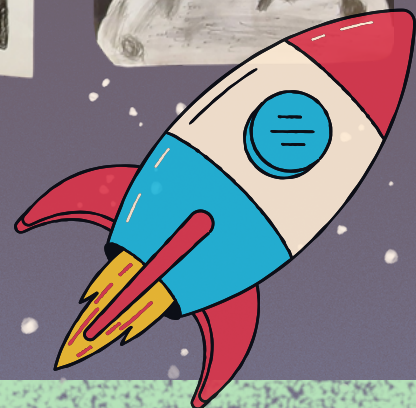
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Mrs. Thompson incorporated this project into her art classes for the students to learn about astronauts and space travel.



*Learning and fun at  
UC Elem.*

First  
graders  
making  
crafts







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UC Elem  
wears red for  
Homeless  
Awareness

*Let's Celebrate!*

**Pennsylvania ECYEH Awareness Week  
Nov. 14-18**



**#IWillBeYourVoice**



**#RedShirtDayPA  
Nov. 18**





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## Congrats! Kenzy

Kenzy Bird made the cut for the Academy National Championship with a 7th and 9th place, but unfortunately didn't make the Finals on Sunday. She rode very well. Overall, it was a positive experience and well worth the effort. We are so proud of you!!

