

April 1, 2024

# Eppler Express



**March 25 – March 29 Spring Break NO SCHOOL**

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| <b>Monday, April 1</b>  | <b>Thursday, April 4</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chess Club Room 19, 2:15—3:15</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire Drill 9:30 AM</li> </ul>     |
| <b>Tuesday, April 2</b>   | <b>Friday, April 5</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spirit Day: Tigers Day</li> </ul> |
| <b>Wednesday, April 3</b>   | <b>Saturday, April 6</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>                  |
|   | <b>Sunday, April 7</b>   |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>                  |

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# School News & Information

## Vision and Mission Statements

**Our Vision Statement:** Eppler Junior High School, in partnership with our community, will empower students to achieve their full potential and become productive contributors in a diverse society.

**Eppler Junior High School Mission Statement:** The Eppler community will collaborate to foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment that will inspire growth, excellence, and achievement.

## Project Proposals for Eppler

### WHAT'S NEXT FOR UCS? PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



#### SAFETY

#### PHASE 1: Projects in this phase will be scheduled for summer 2024 through 2026

- Create additional layers of security to limit access for exterior entry points at main entrance and corridors, such as shatter-resistant glass
- Replace drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations

#### SUCCESS

- Modernize school sign with digital technology

#### PHASES 2-5

- Upgrade network infrastructure
- Upgrade security systems (cameras and access control)
- Improve the track and bleachers

- Improve exterior façade and landscaping
- Upgrade the gym's lighting and audio system
- Improve the media center
- Renovate restrooms
- Upgrade power systems
- Upgrade interior and exterior lighting systems
- Purchase instructional technology equipment for classrooms
- Purchase computers for students and staff
- Purchase classroom furniture
- Purchase media center furniture

#### PROJECTS IN PROCESS/COMPLETED

- Replace interior door hardware to integrate improved locking system based on industry-level safety standards\*
- Replace public address system\*
- Upgrade HVAC system\*

\*Funded by 2018 bond issue



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[WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/SAFETYANDSUCCESS](http://WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/SAFETYANDSUCCESS)

## Freshmen Farewell Party

Attention all 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families. The freshman farewell will be on Friday May 17, 2024 from 5:30-8:30. This event is for Eppler 9<sup>th</sup> grade students only. Students will be bringing home a flyer with all of the guidelines to be signed by a parent or guardian. A copy of the flyer is below. Original flyers can be picked up in the main office. The event is \$20 and can be paid by cash or check. Please contact Ms. Blanchard with questions or concerns.

*Eppler 9<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to an  
end-of-the-year PARTY...*

# *Freshman Farewell*

*Friday, May 17, 2024*

*5:30-8:30 PM*

*This off-campus dinner/party will be held at:*

*Shelby Gardens*

*Monte Carlo Room*

*50265 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby TWP, MI 48317*

**5:30-6:00 PM:** *Dinner (chicken tenders with ranch or barbecue sauce, meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, pasta with sauce, salad, dessert, and pop)*

**6:00-8:00 PM:** *Photo Booth Pictures and Wii Games*

**6:00-8:00 PM:** *Live DJ and Dancing*

**8:00-8:30 PM:** *Viewing of Freshman Farewell Video*

**Cost:** *\$20.00 per student (cash or check to Eppler Junior High)  
\*Eppler Junior High will pick up the rest of the cost for this event.*

*Freshman Farewell Party Permission Slip*

## Computer Science Discoveries




# CSD SPHERO BOLTS

STUDENTS IN MRS. MATTEO'S COMPUTER SCIENCE DISCOVERIES CLASSES SPENT TIME LAST WEEK LEARNING TO PROGRAM WITH SPHERO BOLTS. A SPHERO BOLT IS A PROGRAMMABLE ROBOT BALL THAT YOU CAN DRIVE AND CODE WITH TEXT OR BLOCKS, USING THE LANGUAGE JAVASCRIPT. STUDENTS HAD TO COMPLETE SEVERAL CHALLENGES WITH THEIR SPHERO'S, INCLUDING MAKING THEIR ROBOT DRAW VARIOUS SHAPES AND CODE IT THROUGH A MAZE. OVERALL, THE STUDENTS WERE CREATIVE AND HAD FUN WHILE LEARNING TO CODE!



# Golden Ticket Winners



No Missing Assignments for 3rd Q

Candy Bouquet

**Daniel Smiley, RV Kumar, Isabella Whitnell**

Runner-Up

A. Esho, V. Bishara, S. Manna, E. Serafimovska, D. Potter, N. Florio, J. Nrecaj, B. Gappy, D. Nedev, L. Gibson, C. Troye, K. Jones, A. Tucci, E. Knake, S. Zdravkoski

## Congratulations!

## Chieftains of the Month

**Congrats to our March Chieftains of the Month!**

*Mariana Bleck, Merrick Kustarz, Adam Hickman, Grace Ealy, Carsan Peterson, Aliya Taylor,*

*Rose Mader, Samantha Manna, Jack Kline, Nicholas Alam, Josie Carlson and Emma Mai*



## Parent Access for Schoology

Parents/Guardians,

Did you know that you can have a parent account for your child's Schoology classes? You can access each of their classes, as well as the counseling department's Schoology page. The counseling page has many resources ranging from support groups and therapy to community resources for help with everyday problems. If you would like access to your child's Schoology account (this is different than PowerSchool), you can contact the main office at 586-797-2900 to request your child's 12-digit-code and instructions.

## PARENT ACCESS DIRECTIONS FOR SCHOOLOGY

1. Go to [www.schoology.com](http://www.schoology.com).
2. Click **Sign Up** at the top of the page and choose **Parent**.
3. Enter your Parent Access Code. This is the 12-digit code in **xxxx-xxxx-xxxx** format
4. To receive the 12-digit code, please contact the Main Office
5. Fill out the form with your information.
6. Click **Register** to complete.

When you use a Parent Access Code to create an account, you are automatically associated to your child. You can add additional children to your account using the Add Child button.

If your Parent Access Code does not allow you to register, or if the code does not have 12 digits, please contact [techsupport@uticak12.org](mailto:techsupport@uticak12.org).

## Life Skills Accepting Donations

Mrs. Blanchard needs your help!! Every year the students love to cook, cook, cook, and I believe this is a wonderful experience for them. Not only are they learning basic cooking skills, they are also having a ton of fun. Unfortunately feeding 100 students can be rather expensive. Any donations from the list below would be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off to the main office, or have your student bring them to room 122. Thank you in advance for any and all help.

Below are the most commonly used items in our class:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Sugar (white or brown)                                | Marshmallows (large and mini)                       |
| Rice Krispy cereal, Flour Soft Tortillas              | Non-stick cooking spray                             |
| Butter, Salsa   | Flour, Ketch-up, BBQ Sauce, Ranch                   |
| Cake Mixes, Syrup                                     | Brownie Mixes, Frozen Strawberries                  |
| Frosting, Bread Crumbs                                | Spaghetti Sauce                                     |
| Pizza Sauce, Wheat Germ                               | Chocolate Chips (white, dark, milk, cinnamon, etc.) |
| Bisquick, Lasagna Noodles                             | Powdered Sugar                                      |
| ANY disinfectant cleaners for kitchens without bleach | Aluminum Foil                                       |
| Vegetable/Canola oil                                  | Sandwich and gallon baggies                         |
| Paper Plates or cups or silverware                    | Kleenex, Cupcake Liners                             |
| Dish Soap, Antibacterial Wipes                        | Hand soap   |

Other food items may need to be brought in over the semester if they chose to do a lab not assigned by me. Thank you in advance for your support.

-Mrs. Blanchard



## EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

1<sup>ST</sup> HOUR 7:20 a.m. – 8:17 a.m.  
2<sup>ND</sup> HOUR 8:23 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.  
3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR 9:26 a.m. – 10:23 a.m.  
4<sup>TH</sup> HOUR 10:29 a.m. – 12:08 p.m.

**A Lunch** Lunch 10:29 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Class 11:06 a.m. – 12:08 p.m.

**B Lunch** Class 10:29 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch 11:06 a.m. – 11:31 a.m.  
Class 11:37 a.m. – 12:08 p.m.

**C Lunch** Class 10:29 a.m. – 11:31 a.m.  
Lunch 11:37 a.m. – 12:08 p.m.

5<sup>TH</sup> HOUR 12:14 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.  
6<sup>TH</sup> HOUR 1:16 p.m. – 2:11 p.m.

## EXAM DAY SCHEDULE

1<sup>ST</sup> EXAM 7:20 a.m. – 8:48 a.m.  
2<sup>ND</sup> EXAM 8:56 a.m. – 10:24 a.m.

# BE PROMPT!



Eppler Junior High School

# CELL PHONE/DEVICE POLICY

Throughout Entire Building at All Times, Including Before and After School

**NO Pictures**

**NO Phone Calls**

**NO Texting**

**NO Social Media**

\*\*\*This includes Kik, Snapchat, Instagram, and ALL others

During School hours 8:00 – 2:51pm

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices must be placed in lockers for the entire school day and may not be used during the school day for **ANY REASON**.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices **ARE NOT** allowed to be taken out of lockers during the school day, except for early release or permission from administration.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices **ARE NOT** allowed in the lunchroom.

**If you are found breaking Cell Phone/Device policy, your phone/device will be confiscated and brought to main office.**

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Time  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Time   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Time  | 4 <sup>th</sup> time  |
|---|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taken to Office</li><li>• Parent must pick up</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taken to Office</li><li>• Parent must pick up</li><li>• After-School Detention</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taken to Office</li><li>• Parent must pick up</li><li>• Saturday School</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taken to Office</li><li>• Parent must pick up</li><li>• One-Day Suspension</li><li>• Phone banned from building</li></ul> |

Note: Eppler Junior High and UCS assume NO responsibility for theft, loss or damage of your device. The student assumes full responsibility and brings the device at their own risk.



# Eppler Jr. High

## ID Badge Requirements

*(directly from the handbook)*



**EVERY student must WEAR his or her student ID while on school grounds.**

- Student IDs must be worn and visible at all times.
- Student ID must be presented to any school staff member or person of authority upon request.
- The front and back of the ID cannot be altered. Defacing or altering the student ID is prohibited.
- Wearing another student's ID card is prohibited.
- Lost, stolen, altered, damaged, and/or defaced ID cards must be replaced immediately.

**Students who fail to adhere to the above are subject to an after school detention and replacement fee.**

*\$5 ID REPLACEMENT for lost/broken IDs*

*3 times without ID = detention*

*6 times without ID = automatic \$5 ID replacement & Saturday School*

If you are caught not wearing your badge in school 6 or more times, another badge will automatically be printed, and a \$5 fee will be placed on your student account to be paid. **(EVEN IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A BADGE)**

**\*\*Students who are insubordinate or persistently disobedient are subject to further school consequences.**



## Lunch Deliveries : REMINDER



*Food Deliveries:* Food that is delivered by a service such as Door Dash or Grub Hub will not be permitted at Eppler. due to school safety concerns and the disruption to the school day, we cannot accommodate such deliveries. we ask that all students bring their own lunch or buy a lunch from the cafeteria. If a student forgets their lunch, they may borrow against their lunch account in the cafeteria, or a parent may drop off a lunch for their

STUDENT. However, if the food dropped off is from a restaurant, the student will be asked to eat it in the Main Office during their lunch hour. Coffee, smoothies, and outside breakfast brought in the school in the morning must be consumed before going into first hour. This is the practice that takes place at the high school level and Eppler is aligning with Utica High in order to provide consistent expectations for our students. If you would like to apply for the free or reduced lunch program, or to establish a lunch account for your child, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your understanding and we appreciate your support.

## Dress Code Rules - REMINDER

### Dress code:

Please address the following dress code items with your child:

- Hoods/hats are not to be worn in the building.
- Clothing must not show bare mid-drifts, shoulders, cut too low or any derogatory or drug/alcohol messages.

## Student Drop-off after 7:20

Parents, please be aware that there is often no need to come into the building when you are dropping off your child at school if they are late or after an appointment. The only reasons we will require you to come into the building are if you are picking up your child, for which you will need ID, or if you are dropping off anything for your child, which we ask that you label for their pick-up. Other than that, please feel free to stay in your warm and dry vehicle (on cold and rainy days) and enjoy whatever you may be listening to from your playlist! Thank you!!

## Parent Student Handbooks

Please use the following link to access the Parent and Student Handbooks for the 2023-2024 school year.

[UCS Handbook](#)

## Lost and Found

Please stop in the Counseling Hallway to check out the selection of Lost and Found items.



## School Safety

Safety remains a priority for our school. Eppler Junior High School is once again providing training to our students and staff on our safety protocols. The protocols identify actions that students may be asked to take in the event of a potential incident: hold, secure, lockdown, evacuate and shelter.

The protocols will continue to be part of the training while practicing our regular school safety drills, such as fire drills, security drills, tornado drills, evacuation procedures, etc.)

The video is available for you to review at this link: [UCS School Safety: Standard Response Protocol – Junior High - YouTube](#) If you have any questions, please contact our office.



## Shadowing visits for the IB Program

Can you believe it? It's time to start planning for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who is interested in attending Utica's IB Program at GLK-UAIS, we are now offering shadowing! Please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/ziyv7kKTCE?origin=lprLink> to sign up. Shadows are limited to 3 spots per day, so be sure to secure your spot for a shadow opportunity today!

- Dates for shadowing visits will be available beginning on **November 1, 2023**. **Shadowing ends March 15, 2024**.
- After submitting your shadowing request, our staff will contact you within a week about confirming a date and provide more information about the process.

## Yearbooks



The Eppler Junior High School yearbook captures today's memories to enjoy for a lifetime.

Don't miss out — reserve your copy today!

### WAYS TO ORDER:



ONLINE

[JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM](https://www.jostensyearbooks.com)



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1.877.767.5217  
8AM-5PM CST  
MONDAY-FRIDAY

OTHER HELPFUL INFO:

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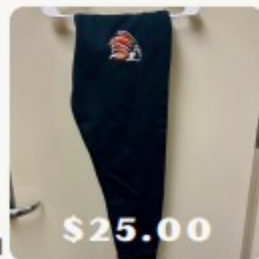


# NEW ARRIVALS

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THE CHIEFTAIN  
CORNER STORE

OPEN FOR STUDENTS W/F DURING LUNCH



CONTACT MRS. RAUPP IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
ORDER AN ITEM FOR YOUR STUDENT!

[APRIL.RAUPP@UTICAK12.ORG](mailto:APRIL.RAUPP@UTICAK12.ORG)

# Utica High Clay Target Club



**9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**

from Utica and Malow

No Experience Necessary

Registration Ends March 25<sup>th</sup> at NOON.

[More Information Available Here](#)

## UTICA DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS 2024-2025

CALLING ALL INCOMING  
9-12TH GRADE DANCERS!  
COME TRY OUT FOR OUR NATIONALLY  
RANKED JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY TEAMS

### PRE-TRYOUT CLINIC

DATES: APRIL 18, APRIL 24  
TIME: 4-5:30 PM  
LOCATION: UTICA HIGH SCHOOL MAIN GYM

TRYOUT  
INFO  
MEETING

APRIL 8  
7PM

MANDATORY  
TRYOUT  
DAYS

MAY 13-16  
4-5:30 PM  
(MAY 16 4-6 PM)

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**Utica High School Athletic Department**  
Troy Hayes – Athletic Director

**Utica Athletic Event Admissions Policy**

1. All students (home and visitor) must present a school ID for entrance to the game.
2. Only students from the competing schools shall be admitted without adult supervision.
3. All junior high / middle school students must present a school ID AND be supervised by an adult. The adult must attend the event with the student and may not leave the student unsupervised.
4. Tickets are available for presale on GoFan. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate using a credit card or cash.
5. All senior citizens (62+) and children under 12 (with an adult) are admitted free of charge.
6. All patrons must remain in the stands or concourse area. Only team and athletic department personnel are allowed on the sidelines.

**UHS Conditioning / Open Gym **\*\*FRESHMEN\*\*****



***COME JOIN US!***

**Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday conditioning  
and open gyms for  
Freshman, Sophomore's,  
Junior's, and Senior's  
looking to play this year  
and getting the work in!**

**6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**



# Reward Programs

## Calling All Shoppers!

Eppler has a reward program at Kroger. All you have to do is shop, swipe your card, and Eppler gets cash back! The Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how :



- Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
- Click Sign in the upper right-hand corner
- Put the email address and password used to enroll your card
- Go to "Savings & Rewards", then "Kroger Community Rewards", I'm a Customer"
- Enter the group number **EJ598** or search **Eppler Junior High School**
- Click on the organization then click "Enroll"

## NJHS – Planet Green Fundraiser



**Thank you to all who have donated to Planet Green! We have raised over \$400 over the last couple of years by recycling used ink cartridges and electronics! Planet Green is no longer accepting used electronics. They are only accepting ink cartridges. Please continue to send those into Mrs. Byron in room 19! Thank you!**

NJHS is doing a yearlong fundraiser with Planet Green. Please send in **Inkjet cartridges (NO toner or laser cartridges)** to room 19. NJHS sends them to Planet Green, and then Planet Green sends Eppler a check! This fundraiser helps the environment and our school! NJHS members can receive one hour for every 5 items, but everybody is encouraged to participate!

# Eppler Clubs & Organizations

## Science Olympiad News

Eppler's Science Olympiad Team participated in the Regional Competition this past Saturday. Lilly McNair won third place in Forestry, and Arya Bidja and Michael Deek won sixth place in Reach for the Stars. Congratulations to the entire team for their hard work!

## MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble

This past Saturday, members of the Eppler Band participated in the MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble event at Rochester High School. Freshman Adam Hickman earned a 2nd Division rating for his trumpet solo. Freshman Nathan Siegert earned a 1st Division rating for his alto saxophone solo. Freshmen Cassidy Smiley and Lilly McNair earned 1st Division ratings for their trumpet solos and their trumpet trio event. Congratulations to all!

## Cultural Diversity Club

Have you ever felt different? Like you don't fit in?

You're not alone. Which is why Eppler Student Advisory Board is sponsoring the new ... Cultural Diversity Club!

The Cultural Diversity Club is all about inclusion, open mindfulness, and advocating for misrepresented groups. In this club, we'll have monthly after-school meetings that showcase different cultures and give students opportunities to learn and show off their cultures. But culture is not just ethnicity, it's who you are as a person, what makes you, you. That includes hobbies, personal identity, beliefs, and more. Our goal is to give students a safe and welcoming place to express themselves, have people to relate to, remove negative stereotypes about certain groups and to have fun!

We welcome every student at Eppler to attend, even if you're unsure what culture you identify with.

If you are interested in joining, then come to our first meetings after school at 2:15 in Room 117!  
Hope to see you there!

**March 20**

**April 24**

**May 22**



## Student Council

Student Council Members, you can come in the morning at 7:00 or in the afternoon at 2:15. We will meet in Ms. Berg's classroom, Room 107, for both meetings.

Student Council Meeting Dates (subject to change)  
Meetings will be held at 2:15 pm in Room 107

**Tuesday, March 12**

**Thursday, April 16**

## Eppler Parent Involvement Committee (EPIC)

The following is a list of dates and times of the Eppler Parent Involvement Committee (EPIC) meetings throughout the school year. All parents are invited and welcome to attend. All meetings will be held in the Media Center from 9:00—10:00 am. We look forward to seeing you!

**Monday, September 25**  
**Tuesday, October 24**  
**Tuesday, November 14**  
**Wednesday, December 13**  
**Tuesday, January 23**



**Wednesday, February 28**  
**Monday, March 18**  
**Tuesday, April 23**  
**Tuesday, May 21**

## 9th Grade NJHS Members

**Current 9<sup>th</sup> grade NJHS members:** Meeting Dates for this year are listed below. Meetings are MANDATORY per NJHS guidelines. If you miss 2 meetings, you may be removed from NJHS. If you are sick or have proper documentation, this does excuse you from a meeting however, you need to communicate with me that you will be missing a meeting. Meetings will be **AFTERNOON ONLY** this year from 2:11pm to roughly 2:35pm. Make sure that you are checking our schoology page regularly for updates. Please contact me at [scarlet.gleason@uticak12.org](mailto:scarlet.gleason@uticak12.org) if you have any questions.

**Thursday, March 21**

**Thursday, April 11**

**Thursday, May 23**



## EPPLER JUNIOR HIGH

### AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

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At Eppler Junior High School, we want to help your child have a successful school year. The Homework Club will be available on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 2:20 PM to 3:20 PM in the Eppler Media Center. Students can use this time to get academic assistance, complete assignments, work on projects, and/or study for tests. A few high school tutors are usually available. Students can ask the teacher in charge if there are tutors available that day.

Each student should bring all necessary materials and books to the media center by 2:20 PM. **Please be advised that if a student comes to Homework Club with nothing to work on, he/she will not be admitted to Homework Club that day.** All students will be expected to remain in the Media Center until 3:20 PM. Students will need to sign in each day that they participate. Students need to arrange for their own transportation home.

If you would like your child to be able to attend Homework Club, please complete the bottom portion of this form and have your child bring it with him/her the first time they attend Homework Club (only one slip is needed, and the student may come as often as they like for the school year). Phone calls and other notes will not be accepted in place of this signed permission slip.

If you have any questions regarding Homework Club, please contact your child's school counselor (Last names A-K: [April.Raupp@uticak12.org](mailto:April.Raupp@uticak12.org) / Last names L-Z: [Autumn.Blanchard@uticak12.org](mailto:Autumn.Blanchard@uticak12.org)).



### EPPLER HOMEWORK CLUB PERMISSION SLIP



My child, (please print) \_\_\_\_\_, grade \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in Homework Club. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide transportation for my child at the end of the session. **My child understands that it is his/her responsibility to arrive on time, to bring all necessary materials to the Media Center, and to be prepared to work.** My child also understands that Eppler Junior High school rules apply and will be enforced. Misbehavior can lead to dismissal from being a participant in the Homework Club. Students will sign in, and if I ever want to verify my student's attendance, I will contact my child's school counselor.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Chess Club is starting up again! Our first meeting is September 25 in Mrs. Byron's room, 19. We will meet from 2:15-3:15. Please make sure your student is picked up by 3:20. You can pick up an informational flyer in Mrs. Byron's room.

**Eppler Elephants Chess Club**  
"We stomp on our competition"

**Teacher Advisor:** Mrs. Byron [renee.byron@uticak12.org](mailto:renee.byron@uticak12.org)

**Coaches:** Braden Cheung and Marwan Hassan [CheungB@stu.uticak12.org](mailto:CheungB@stu.uticak12.org)  
[HassanM1@stu.uticak12.org](mailto:HassanM1@stu.uticak12.org)

**When:** Mondays after school from 2:15-3:15 in room 19 beginning September 25

Braden and Marwan will teach you how to play chess, and if you already know how, they will show you various techniques to elevate your game (and your chess rating!)

Please return the bottom portion of this form.

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ parent phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student's chess background: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's math teacher \_\_\_\_\_ hour \_\_\_\_\_

(in case I need to relay information about chess practice)

\*please make sure that your student is picked up at 3:20. We will dismiss chess club at 3:15\*

25th Annual!!!

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Henry Ford II High School (Sterling Heights, Michigan)

Fun, unrated tournament

Open to any Kindergarten-12th grade student Must check-in by 8:30 a.m. or first round will be forfeited-no byes will be issued

5 rounds-swiss pairing

Rounds play at 9:00,10:00,11:00,12:00,1:00

Awards 2:20-3:00

Early entry fee \$15 / \$20 after early window closes

Register by 4/1/24 for early entry fee

Final deadline (letters postmarked after 4/9/2024 will not be guaranteed entry as a section may be closed. A player can choose to play up.)

G/20 (each side has 20 minutes)

Most likely the sections will be K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8, 9-12

Download the entry form to register for the event.

\*\*Spectators will not be allowed in the 4th-12th grade playing rooms, once each round has started.

Questions?

Tournament Director: Scott Burnham [scott.burnham@uticak12.org](mailto:scott.burnham@uticak12.org) 586-797-6121

Visit the tournament website for the registered player list, to download the entry form, and other information: [www.ucschesstournament.weebly.com](http://www.ucschesstournament.weebly.com)



# UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) program pathways at Utica Community Schools prepare students for post-high school careers and life through real-world, hands-on learning.



### PATHWAYS OFFERED

- Architecture and Construction Trades
- Automotive and Small Engine Technologies
- Business, Finance, and Marketing
- Computer Programming and Information Technology
- Education and Family Consumer Sciences
- Design Engineering
- Medical Health Sciences
- Welding
- Woodworking



Check out informational videos on the newly revamped CTE site!  
[www.uticak12.org/cte](http://www.uticak12.org/cte)

## College for Creative Studies



### COLLEGE for Creative STUDIES

## Take a CCS Animation Course at Stevenson High School

**Creative Visualization** (Fall 2024) & **2D Digital Animation** (Winter 2024)

#### Apply in Two Easy Steps:

- 1 Contact your guidance counselor for approval
- 2 Register online by scanning the QR code after March 1



[ccsdetroit.edu/dual-enrollment](http://ccsdetroit.edu/dual-enrollment)

#### Earn 6 College Credits!

College for Creative Studies is bringing animation courses to UCS students. The courses will be offered half on-line and half in-person at Stevenson High School. Students approved by the district can take these \$900, 3 credit courses for \$175.

**Fall: Creative Visualization, September - December, 2024**  
Wednesday, April - 6:00pm at Stevenson High School  
The emphasis of this course is on imaginative pre-production for an exciting world of moving images. Students will develop their storytelling skills through creative writing and pre-visualization exercises for animation, games, live action, and live media. This is a required course for all first-year Stevenson Art students.  
3 College Credits

**Winter: 2D Digital Animation, January - May, 2025**  
Wednesday, April - 6:00pm at Stevenson High School  
This course introduces students to two-based animation through basic concepts and theories of composing, digital workflow, sequencing, rendering, file-management and organization. Students also communicate through vector graphics design, compositing, pepping, and other digital animation practices. Prerequisite: Creative Visualization  
More art and design dual enrollment options are available at [CCSDetroit.edu/dual-enrollment](http://CCSDetroit.edu/dual-enrollment)



Kindergarten Registration



UCS UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
uticaK12.org/kindergarten

**DISCOVER Excellence**

Registration Begins January 4th!  
**2024-2025**  
Kindergarten and Young Fives

The flyer features a top-down photograph of five children sitting on a grassy field, holding colorful hula hoops. The background is a mix of green and yellow.

GSRP



UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**Get started**  
Readiness Program  
Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program

**Now Accepting Pre-Applications**  
For the 2024-2025 School Year

uccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com  
For questions call (586) 797-6930

early childhood UCS

The flyer has a green and yellow color scheme. It includes line-art illustrations of school supplies like a ruler, pencil, and books, and two children sitting at a table. A QR code is located in the bottom right area.

# Clinton River Watershed

## CRWC River Day Design Contest

### RIVER DAY DESIGN CONTEST

The Clinton River Watershed Council is now accepting submissions for its 26th Annual River Day design contest. The contest encouraged local artists to get involved in the promotion of River Day, which will be held on Saturday, June 8th. The event coincides with Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend and Great Lakes & Fresh Water Week. Events occur throughout the entire month of June and will include festivals, fishing derbies, fly-tying lessons, clean-up events, native plant sales, recreational opportunities, and more.

The winning River Day design is being used on official River Day shirts, the event guide, and the CRWC website to promote River Day. The winner of the River Day design contest received an official River Day T-shirt with their design on it and a one-year membership to the watershed council.

#### Guidelines

- Artist must reside within the Clinton River watershed
- Art must be black-and-white, thick line drawing, absolutely no gray tones
- Artist can be of any experience level
- Size: 8.5 x 11 inches or smaller
- The year 2024 must be prominent in the design of the logo, and the design must include the words River Day
  - o Electronic submissions (JPEG, PNG, AI, INDD, or PDF files only) are permitted, but they must meet the above requirements and be 300 dpi resolution or greater. Please email electronic submissions to [cole@crwc.org](mailto:cole@crwc.org) by March 20, 2024
- Hard copy submissions can be hand delivered or mailed to:  
CRWC, 1115 W Avon Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 48309, and must arrive by March 20, 2024.

Entries will be judged on their ability to convey River Day's goal of celebration and enjoyment of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair, as well as their clarity and ability to be reproduced easily at a variety of scales. Selection of the winning design will be completed on March 20, 2024.

## CRCW Weekly Clean

### Weekly Clean // April 3, 2024

Wednesday, April 3, 2024  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Welcome back to Weekly Clean in 2024 - CRWC's ongoing program dedicated to removing trash and debris from locations throughout the watershed. CRWC will provide trash bags, grabbers, and work gloves for each volunteer. Stay tuned for more information on this clean-up, including its location, which will be announced in the spring of 2024.

Weekly Cleans are open to individuals of all ages and skill levels. This cleanup will be canceled if conditions are deemed unsafe due to weather or if the temperature is below 20°F. Cancellations will be announced 24 hours prior to the event on our website and social media whenever possible. Inclement weather can roll in without notice though.

Please call the CRWC office (248) 601-0606 if you have questions about Weekly Clean.

**Prior registration is not required. If a large group plans on attending, please let us know at [lydia@crwc.org](mailto:lydia@crwc.org) or (248) 601-0606 ext. 29.**



## Nourished By Nature Reptile & Amphibian Walk

Saturday, April 20, 2024  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Clinton River Watershed Council  
1115 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI,  
48309, United States

Join us for a night of reptile and amphibian fun with local experts to learn about common critters and the most common calls that you will hear within the Clinton River Watershed watershed from both frogs and toads!

More information and a link to register are coming soon!

Posted In: Nourished By Nature, Recreation

## Steam Leaders

### WHAT DO STREAM LEADER SCHOOLS DO?

Stream Leaders is an outdoor education program that fosters experiences in citizen science, civic engagement, and environmental stewardship.

Stream Leader classrooms have a chance to participate in real field research and get out into the river with scientists and mentors. CRWC Staff teaches students about water quality testing, stream assessment practices, and aquatic insect identification. Students have an opportunity to showcase their experiences and continue building school-community partnerships at our Annual Student

[www.crcw.org/press](http://www.crcw.org/press).

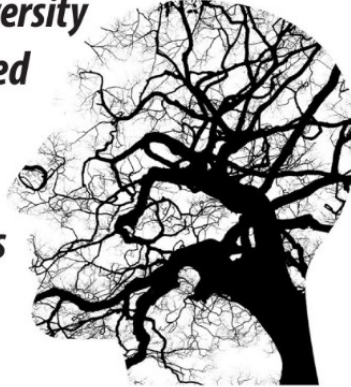
### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN STREAM LEADERS?

Upper Elementary, Middle school, and High school students within the Clinton River Watershed, Lake St. Clair Direct Drainage Area and Anchor Bay sub-watershed are eligible to participate in this program. Stream Leaders is best suited for Middle school, High school, and College-age students, although adaptations can be made for Elementary school ages.

## **YOUTH MARIJUANA (CANNABIS) USE INCREASES THE RISK OF SUICIDAL THOUGHTS**

*Research at Columbia University  
found that teens who used  
marijuana casually were  
2 to 4 times more likely  
to have suicidal thoughts  
than non-using teens.*

*Journal of the American Medical Association, May, 2023*



For more  
information visit:

**MOBILIZING  
MICHIGAN**  
PROTECTING OUR KIDS FROM MARIJUANA  
- An Educational Campaign  
[www.cvcoalition.org](http://www.cvcoalition.org)

**MICHIGAN YOUTH  
CANNABIS ACTION &  
EDUCATION ALLIANCE**

[www.mycaea.org](http://www.mycaea.org)

*\*\*Supplied to Eppler Jr High by the MISD\*\**



# PowerSchool/Text Messaging Service

PowerSchool– [Click here](#) to go to the district's PowerSchool website

## Parent Portal Access through PowerSchool

PowerSchool is the district's student information system used for scheduling, attendance, grades, and delivery of report cards. Please find more information below on how to create and access your Parent Portal Account.

To login, visit: <http://ps.ucs.misd.net/public>

Due to an update to PowerSchool, **parents who had a PowerSchool account prior to August 2, 2022 must reset their password to login.** Please [follow these directions to update your password.](#)

Below are useful documents for you to reference and take full advantage of PowerSchool:

Parents: [Create a Parent Portal Account](#)

**Helpful Tips for our PowerSchool Parent Portal:** [Click here for info on how to reset your password.](#)

## PowerSchool Mobile App:

1. Download the PowerSchool Parent App through your device's [GooglePlay](#) or [Apple App Store](#).
2. Enter the UCS district code: NKDJ (all capitalized)
3. When logging in through your mobile app, you will use the same username/password that you use to login through your desktop.

**Questions?** Contact your home school to help with your PowerSchool questions.

## Text Messaging Service

### Utica Community Schools Text Messaging Service

Utica Community Schools offers a texting service for parents. The service allows parents to receive important information such as school closings, safety alerts, school reminders and more, directly from their school(s) on a mobile device.

Newly enrolled UCS parents will receive a text message from the district that reads:

*"Utica Community Schools messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/tm"*

To receive the free\* text messages, simply reply "Y" or "Yes" to the message.

**Even if you have not received a UCS message to join, parents may opt in by texting "Y" or "Yes" to the short code 67587.**

Parents may opt out at any time by replying "Stop" to one of the messages.

\*Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.



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|---|---|
| <b>Monday, April 8</b>  | <b>Thursday, April 11</b>                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chess Club Room 19, 2:15—3:15</li><li>7th Grade Track: Eppler vs. Shelby @ Eisenhower Track</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| <b>Tuesday, April 9</b>   | <b>Friday, April 12</b>                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PSAT 8/9 Testing</li><li>8th Grade Track: Eppler vs. Shelby @ Ford Track</li></ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
| <b>Wednesday, April 10</b>  | <b>Saturday, April 13</b>                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ESAB Meeting Room 136 2:25 – 3:25 pm</li><li>M-STEP Testing</li></ul>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |
|   | <b>Sunday, April 14</b>                               |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None.</li></ul> |

[Click here](#) to view the 2023-2024 District Calendar

We're Hiring

**Utica Community Schools**  
**School Age Child Care (SACC)**  
**WE ARE HIRING!**

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE:**  
 SACC Directors- \$16/hr  
 SACC Assistants- \$14/hr  
 Substitutes



**WHY WORK WITH US:**

- Best compensation package in Macomb County
- Flexible hours
- Extra income
- Convenient locations
- Morning & afternoon shifts
- Guaranteed \$100 bonus every 10 days worked\*  
\*effective 2023-24 school year; subject to regular review and modification

Apply online: [uticak12.tedk12.com/hire](http://uticak12.tedk12.com/hire)  
 Questions? Contact Jenelle Dubey:  
 586.797.6904 or [Jenelle.Dubey@uticak12.org](mailto:Jenelle.Dubey@uticak12.org)




**SACC is Now Hiring!**  
**BI-WEEKLY BONUS!\***



- Flexible Hours
- Extra Income at Competitive Pay Rates
- Convenient Locations
- Morning and Afternoon Shifts

**APPLY TODAY! CONTACT JENELLE DUBEY**

 (586) 797-6904  [CommunityEdQuestions@Uticak12.org](mailto:CommunityEdQuestions@Uticak12.org)

\*Every 10 workdays (based on your regular shift), you are eligible to receive a \$100 stipend

Electronic Device use Protocol for Statewide Testing

For information regarding the district’s electronic device use protocol for statewide testing, please click on the appropriate link below:

[English](#), [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Spanish](#) and [Ukrainian](#)

What students and parents are saying...

"The counselor was wonderful...very interested in helping to place my son where he should be. Thanks!!"

"The yelling has stopped and the talking has started."

"CARE is very responsive to the needs of the clients and I think it is a very good agency. I would one day like to work for CARE."

Resources:

**Macomb County Crisis Center:**  
586-948-0222

**National Suicide Prevention LIFELINE:**  
800-273-TALK (8255)

**Alateen/Alanon Family Groups:**  
800-813-3105

**Affirmations (L.G.B.T.Q.):**  
248-398-7105

**Family Youth Interventions/Youth Shelter:**  
586-465-1212

**Poison Control Center:**  
800-222-1222C

**Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse (MCOSA):** 586-469-5278

Substance Abuse Prevention websites:

- www.mcosa.net
- www.abovetheinfluence.com
- www.thetruth.com
- www.drugabuse.gov



Main Office  
31900 Utica Road  
Fraser, Michigan 48026

586.541.CARE (2273)  
www.careofsem.com



SCAN HERE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US

Our mission is to strengthen resiliency in people and their communities through prevention, education and services that improve the quality of life. Since 1977, CARE of Southeastern Michigan has been a leader in substance use prevention and recovery services in Macomb County. An accredited and award-winning behavioral health nonprofit rooted in the community, CARE provides real-life solutions from early childhood to adulthood so we can live healthier lives.

CARE of Southeastern Michigan is funded by Macomb County Community Mental Health Office of Substance Abuse, Macomb County school districts, state, federal and other private dollars.

Recipients of substance abuse services have rights protected by state and federal law and promulgated rules. For information, contact CARE of Southeastern Michigan Recipient Rights Advisor, 31900 Utica Road, Fraser, MI 48026, (586) 541-2273 or State Recipient Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 30664 Lansing, Michigan 48909.



STUDENT ASSISTANCE



CARE invests in youth by working with the community, school personnel and parents to promote the healthy development and education of young people.



CARE's Student Assistance

- Does your child/student have difficulties at school or in other social settings?
- Have you noticed a change in your child's/student's behaviors and/or attitudes?
- Are you concerned that your child/student may be using alcohol or other drugs?

CARE of Southeastern Michigan understands the struggles that families are facing today. Despite all efforts, when a family is in crisis because of substance use or social and emotional health concerns, there is a greater likelihood that a young person will experience difficulties. Student Assistance offers students and their families guidance and support.

Student Assistance Clinicians specialize in at-risk issues such as substance abuse and mental health problems. A qualified Clinician will conduct initial screenings and assessments to determine the extent of a student's problems and provide resources to best help the student and their family. Students and families will receive assistance in gaining access to the most appropriate service for their area of concern.

Youth and Family Programs

Visit [www.careofsem.com](http://www.careofsem.com) for locations, times, and dates for all programs.

Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATS):

An educational series to help youth deal with their emotions in appropriate ways by understanding their own resources and developing their own plan of action with skills that really work!

\* Parent participation required

Teen Intervene:

Power of Drugs and Alcohol is a series designed to provide education, support and guidance to teens that have experienced mild to moderate use of alcohol or other drugs. This program also offers parents and guardians the opportunity to learn healthy communication skills and the importance of establishing family rules regarding alcohol or other drug use.

\* Parent participation required

Parent Education Classes:

A series for parents to discuss ways to understand behavior, build self-esteem, increase cooperation and provide discipline that teaches personal responsibility. Groups include early childhood (ages 0-5), school age (ages 6-12) and teens (ages 13-18). A book for the appropriate age group is required.



INDEPTH:

INDEPTH is the American Lung Association's Intervention for Nicotine Dependence, Education, Prevention, Tobacco and Health program. A forward-thinking alternative to suspension or citation for tobacco use, including e-cigarettes, INDEPTH addresses the teen vaping epidemic in a more supportive way. This interactive program teaches students about nicotine dependence, establishing healthy alternatives and making the change to be free of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. INDEPTH is led by a trained, CARE facilitator either one-on-one or in a group setting.

Camp CARE:

This program is offered for children/families who have been impacted by alcohol and other drugs by a loved one. Through small group discussions, children, youth and teens learn: You are not alone, identify and process feelings, how to be safe, celebrate themselves, how to handle peer pressure, conflict resolution, making healthy choices, and life skill building.

Teens Talking Truth:

T<sup>3</sup> participates in social events, community service opportunities, and workshops that address the challenges of today's youth, with a primary focus on alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention and a healthy teen lifestyle. T<sup>3</sup> also works to get rid of the myth that all teens require drugs or alcohol to have fun!



**CARE**  
SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

# ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

FOR 6<sup>TH</sup>- 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

## IT'S FREE!

Alternative Spring Break activities help increase resiliency, self-esteem, and team building to empower students to be leaders in their communities. Expect a week of fun with "out of the box" experiences! Breakfast and lunch provided.



### REGISTER TODAY!

[www.careofsem.com](http://www.careofsem.com)



**MARCH 25 - MARCH 28, 2024**

**8:30AM - 12:30PM**

Eastland Middle School  
18700 Frank St.  
Roseville, MI 48066

CARE COMMUNITY PARTNER



Federal, state and local funding has been provided through Macomb Community Mental Health Substance Use Services and other funding sources in support of project costs. Recipients of substance use services have rights protected by state and federal law and promulgated rules. For information, contact CARE of Southeastern Michigan Recipient Rights Advisor, 31900 Utica Road, Fraser, MI 48026, 586.541.2273 or State Recipient Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 30664, Lansing, MI 48909.



## Care Solace

If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace can help you quickly find treatment options matched to your needs regardless of the circumstance. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided to students, staff, and their families by Utica Community Schools.

The Care Solace team is available 24/7/365 and can support you in any language.

If you would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider:

- Call 888-515-0595 (available 24/7/365)
- Search on your own OR click “Book Appointment” for assistance by video chat, email, or phone via [caresolace.com/Utica](https://caresolace.com/Utica).

Disclaimer:

Information on individual treatment providers was gathered by Care Solace based on criteria such as geographic proximity, whether the provider accepts the authorized user’s insurance, and whether the provider is accepting new patients. The school district does not recommend, endorse, promote, or refer to any of the individual treatment providers.

## UCS Wellness

Utica Community Schools works to support the physical, mental and social-emotional development of all students. Our wellness pages contain a variety of resources for students, teachers, staff, parents and community members. Check out the UCS Virtual Calming Room, Wellness Podcast and Monday Moments, and more at: [www.uticak12.org/UCS Wellness](http://www.uticak12.org/UCS_Wellness)



## Virtual Library Card

Students and staff can access their Virtual Library account located on their ClassLink dashboard. The Virtual Library Card gives students access to digital resources from the local library and the virtual library card - Tutor.com provides online tutoring and homework help for students.



### Student Virtual Library Card

1. Click on the Virtual Library Card icon from the ClassLink dashboard.
2. Select the library assigned to your homeschool

## Welcome!

Please sign in.

Select your library

3. Enter in your Virtual Library Card number and pin

Virtual Library Card number = UCS followed by the Student PowerSchool Number

PIN = MMDD (birth month and birth day)

UCS100023456

0923

Sign In

4. Click Sign in



| Sterling Heights Library                              | Shelby Township Library | Utica Public Library | Clinton-Macomb Public Library |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bemis   | Beacon Tree             | Eppler               | Beck                          |
| Browning  | Crissman                | Flickinger           | Ebeling                       |
| Burr  | Duncan                  |                      |                               |
| Collins   | Eisenhower              |                      |                               |
| Davis   | Malow                   |                      |                               |
| DeKeyser  | Monfort                 |                      |                               |
| Dresden   | Morgan                  |                      |                               |
| Graebner  | Roberts                 |                      |                               |
| Harvey  | Shelby                  |                      |                               |
| Havel   | Switzer                 |                      |                               |
| Henry Ford II   | Utica High              |                      |                               |
| Heritage  | West Utica              |                      |                               |
| Jeannette   | Wiley                   |                      |                               |
| Messmore  |                         |                      |                               |
| Oakbrook  |                         |                      |                               |
| Plumbrook   |                         |                      |                               |
| Schuchard   |                         |                      |                               |
| Schwarzhoff   |                         |                      |                               |
| Stevenson   |                         |                      |                               |
| UAIS  |                         |                      |                               |
| Utica Alternative Learning Center                     |                         |                      |                               |
| Virtual School (Elementary, Junior High, High School) |                         |                      |                               |

# FREE Online Tutoring

## Do you need one-on-one help with your homework?

To access the free tutoring:

- On your ClassLink dashboard, select **Virtual Library Card - Tutor.com** (the orange icon with the letter "t" on it).
  - You will need your PowerSchool number to log in. You can email your counselor to ask for your PowerSchool number (Marla.Ostrom@UticaK12.org or Autumn.Blanchard@UticaK12.org). To log in:
    - Barcode: ucs##### (ucs followed by PowerSchool number)
    - Your password is your 2-digit birth **month** and 2-digit birth **day** (example 0408 for April 8)
  - Choose **GET A TUTOR NOW**. If you want a short tutorial on how the site works, you can select **Take the tour**.

The screenshot shows the Tutor.com interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Get a Tutor or Career Coach!', 'SAT Essay Drop Off', 'Drop-Off Algebra Help', and 'Practice Quiz'. Below this is a 'Hi Test!' section with the heading 'What do you need help with today?'. There is a 'Topic' dropdown menu with a list of subjects including Math, Science, History, English, Social Studies, Reading, Writing, and more. A 'Subject' dropdown menu is also present. A green 'CONNECT NOW' button is at the bottom of the form.

## CONNECT WITH A TUTOR

Connect to a tutor quickly and easily. Select your topic, subject and grade level. Then, to get the best tutor for your problem, type out your question and, if you have a file or picture, attach it to your request.

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## CHAT WITH YOUR TUTOR

Use our online classroom to chat with your tutor and share your work on the whiteboard. You and the tutor can draw, type, paste images and use graph paper on the interactive whiteboard.

The screenshot shows a chat window with a whiteboard on the left and a chat log on the right. The whiteboard contains handwritten math work: a point  $(-1, 5)$ , the equation  $y = mx + b$ , a calculation  $\frac{5}{-1} = \frac{-6}{-4} = \frac{3}{2}$ , and the equation  $2x - 5 + b$ . The chat log on the right shows a conversation between a user and a tutor, with the tutor providing help.

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# Virtual Library Card – Tutor.com



1. Click on the Virtual Library Card Tutor.com icon from the ClassLink dashboard.

2. Enter in your Virtual Library Card Tutor.com number and pin

Virtual Library Card Tutor.com number = UCS followed by the Student PowerSchool Number

PIN = MMDD (birth month and birth day)

## Would you like to save your login?



Virtual Library Card - Tutor.com(Suburban)

You can save your login for this application to auto login on your next visit

Fields marked as \* are required

\* Barcode

UCS100023456



\* Password

0923

4. Click Save

## UCS Meals Are Nutritious And Delicious!

- UCS cafeterias offer a wide variety of different food choices to meet your student's needs
- We serve the same brand named products, like Tyson, Land-O-Lakes and Jennie-O, that you do you in your homes
- Meals follow federal guidelines for nutrition
- Meals include a variety of fresh fruit, vegetables, whole grains, low fat meat and dairy as well as low fat and fat free milk
- **To qualify for free and reduced meals students must take at least 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable with a meal.**
- **Breakfast meals include up to 2 grains, up to 2 fruits and a milk. Must take at least 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable with 2 more items to qualify.**
- **Lunch meals include a grain, meat/meat alternate, vegetable, fruit & milk. Must take 3 out of 5 with one being 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable to qualify.**
- We watch our saturated fat and sodium levels to help support our student's health needs
- Visit the Healthy Meals at School page to learn more about meal requirements

### "Hey Alexa, what's for lunch?"

UCS's School Menus are digitally accessible on all devices as well as Amazon's Alexa!

**Customize, view and print all school menus by clicking here or visiting <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com>**



All meals are free this year thanks to the Michigan School Meals law. Students that would like to be eligible for benefits, such as pay-to-participate sports, college entrance/AP testing fees, summer EBT cards and more need to complete the Eligibility Benefits Form or the School Meals and Summer EBT Form. These forms are available at <https://utica.familyportal.cloud>.

### **Allergens Form**

We take food allergies and student safety very seriously. If your student has any food allergies, please have your physician fill out the MDE Dietary Needs Form and return it to the food service office. [MDE Special Diet Form](#).

- 1- You must fill out a physician signed MDE Special Needs Accommodation form and send it to the Food Service office. Without this, we cannot make any accommodations. Please make sure to be specific with regards to the allergy (Example: all dairy or just fluid milk intolerance, etc.)
- 2- Because allergies can change, you MUST fill out a new form EVERY YEAR.
- 3- You must indicate to your child's school which days and which menu item you would like at least 48 hours in advance. We will not automatically have these available if we do not hear from parents in advance.
- 4- A vegetarian and nut free options are available every day, so please see the regular menu.
- 5- Juice or water are not acceptable substitutes per USDA guidelines. At this time, we have Kikkoman Soy milk as a substitute. You're welcome to send in your own milk with your child if they don't like it.
- 6- We will do the best we can to accommodate other requests but there may be some limitations. For questions, please call our food service office at 586-797-1180



## Art Box Studio-Drawing Grades 5th-8th

Strengthen drawing skills and challenge your creativity. A variety of media, such as, graphite, charcoal, ink and more will be introduced. Students encouraged to utilize self-expression. Develop an understanding of line, shape, value, form, perspective and composition. Beginner through Advanced and Returning students are welcome. Bring sketchbook and pencil.

**Questions Contact:**  
[communityedquestions@uticak12.org](mailto:communityedquestions@uticak12.org)  
or [ArtBoxStudio4u@gmail.com](mailto:ArtBoxStudio4u@gmail.com)  
[www.ArtBoxStudioLLC.com](http://www.ArtBoxStudioLLC.com)

6071-WS24A Tues. 2/6 - 3/12/24 no class 2/20 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm

6071-WS24B Tues. 4/9 - 5/14/24 no class 4/23 Drawing @ Eppler Jr. High 6:00-7:30pm

Tuition: \$98 5wks. New Experience each session!!!



**Register Online:** [ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com](http://ucsccommunityeducation.ce.eleyo.com) or 586-797-6900

UCS Community Education 38901 Dodge Park Sterling Heights, MI 48312

# In Case You Missed It

Back To School

*Thank you staff, students and parents!! We had a fun and successful first week at Eppler.*



*A huge thank you to our EPIC parent group for the Staff Lounge make over.*



# Homecoming

Thank you to our football, volleyball, and student council members for participating in the annual Homecoming Parade. Beautiful weather, fun times and great memories for all.



# Choose KINDNESS.

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*Tommy Mercario, Alexander Moore, Aleyna Margilaj, Layleigh Monroe, Madilyn Backus, McKenna Jordan, Tristan Taepke, Justin Nrecaj, Charlie Hinton, Hope Jasmund, James Bishop, Karly Ingals, Gavin Camp, Jaxson Readett, Jacob Koja, Christian Priester*

Thank you to all of the nominees and keep up the kindness

## Chieftain of the Month

### Congrats to our September Chieftains of the Month!

*Alexander Sesi, Joshua Hayes, Justin Nrecaj, Tristyn Taepke, Christian Wilson-Hardwick, Peyton Combs, Gabriella Still, Samantha Gott, Emma Stone, Alyssa Martin, Karly Ingalls, Kylee Backus*





## Chieftains of the Month

### Congrats to our October Chieftains of the Month!

*Brendan Antias, Nicholas Wright, Christian Toye, Michael Long, Charlotte Orlowski, America Gonzalez, Sophia Zdravkoski, Victoria Gjekaj, Jozlynn Schroeder, Malgorzata Ojrzynska, Olivia Blumke, Madelynne Quinlan*

### Great Job Everyone!



## Thank you

The Eppler staff would like to give BIG thank you to our EPIC Group for supplying the "Tailgate Dinner" coordinated by Ms. Bluhm and Ms. Mansfield.



## Thank You!!!

The Eppler staff would like to give a BIG thank you to Ms. Bluhm and Ms. Mansfield for putting together the pizza lunch for staff prior to the October 13 conferences. We would also like to thank Sam's Sorrento's Pizza in Utica for their generous donation of all the pizza.



# Kindness Matters

## A WEEK IN REVIEW

### Kindness Branches Out

Students and staff signed their name to a leaf pledging to be kind to one another and attached it to our kindness tree. The beautiful tree was created by Evelyn Urban and Daniella Najar.



Students colored placemats with positive messages which were donated to a local Meals-On-Wheels program to give to their special clients.



### Dress Up Days

Each day staff and students were asked to dress up in a kindness theme. Thursday's participants wore their favorite music artist/band t-shirt to show KINDNESS ROCKS! Good job everyone!



## Door Decorating Contest

All 4th hour classes were given the challenge to decorate their classroom door in a design that promotes kindness. The three classrooms below won a pizza party. All of the doors were awesome!



**Room 134**



**Room 117**



**Rooms 113/114**



## Guest Speaker

To start off our Kindness Matters Week, students saw a presentation by motivational speaker and magician, Anthony Grupido.



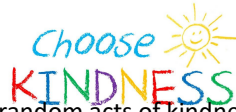
Students were able to color and fill out notes of appreciation for teachers and other school staff which were then delivered.



Special thanks to the AVID students who helped out!

# Kindness Matters at Eppler!

## Caught Being Kind



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*Carter Czapski, Jayden Washington, Dominic Toth, Mateo Pipetone, Presley Orlowski, Audrey Hinton, Brooke Maffetone, Manuel Yaldo, Hunter Brockway, Abby Luzier, Eva Normandin, Evelyn Urban, Daniella Najar, Farah Hami, Afra Lopez, Maria Martinez, Melanie Macias-Gonzalez, Anthony Camilleri, Cassidy Smiley, Jackson Jolly, Ella Lobb, Carl Ventimiglia, Denise Acebedo, Veronica Timmons, Michael Long, Lilian Boskovich, Jacob Koja, Jayden Washington and Derrick Keehn*

Thank you to all of the nominees and keep up the kindness

## Chieftain of the Month

### Congrats to our November Chieftains of the Month!

*Carter Smith, Jaydon Washington, Jayden Fuller, Jose Gonzalez, Noah Karrandja, McKenzie Boyd, Alie Garrett, Emerson Hansen, Cassidy Smiley, Megan Dziadzio, Eva Normandin and Abigail Luzier*



## Thankful Thursday

The Eppler staff would like to give another BIG thank you to our EPIC Group for supplying a Thankful Thursday lunch coordinated by Ms. Bluhm and Ms. Mansfield, Ms. Blash and Mrs. Panoff.



# GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE RESULTS



Last week, students were given a Golden Ticket for each class in which they had ZERO missing assignments. Students used the tickets to enter a raffle. The grand prize was a pizza party at lunch with two friends and the runner-up winners were given a coupon to use at the school store. Good job everyone!

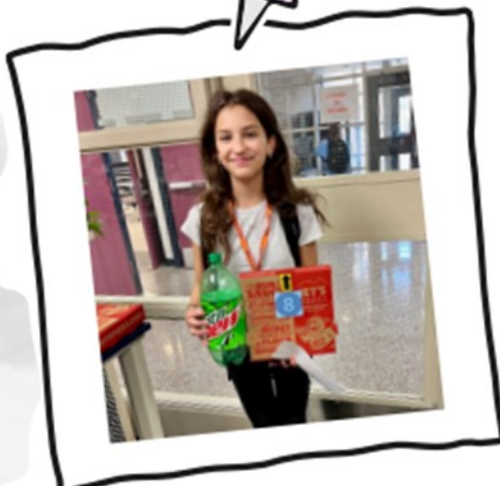


## CONGRATULATIONS!



## GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

Emma Blash  
Angelina Bshara  
Hollye Kilburg



## RUNNER-UP WINNERS

Savanna Stachurski  
Michael Lasceski  
Milania Bitti  
Brayden Beebe  
Layleigh Monroe  
Gavin Anys  
Abigail Gabridge  
Kaitlyn Gorlewski  
Nachelle Hopson  
Sawyer Willis  
Tristyn Taepke  
Lilly McNair  
Mariana Bleck  
Kendall Yousef  
Matthew Thomas



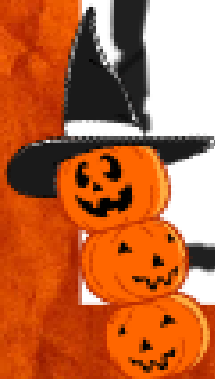
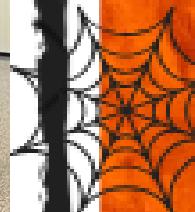
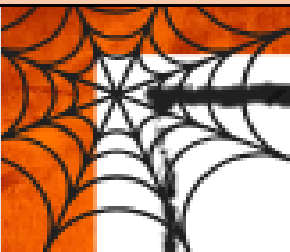
## 2023 HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



Above: Teachers' choices from each class selected to move on to the final judging

### Below: Final Winners !!

Each winner received a coupon to the Chieftain Corner Store for one item of their choice.



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*Danny Chang, Josie Carlson, Nicholas Alam, Austin Manni, Lauryn McConachie,  
Jayden Washington, Elizabeth Azou and Justin Ncraj*

Thank you to all of the nominees and keep up the kindness

## Chieftain of the Month

**Congrats to our December Chieftains of the Month!**

*Landon Davis, Rawlin Keyes, Charles Hinton, Camdyn Griffin, Magdalena Anceski, Isabella Gappy, Kendal Abro,  
Madelynne Gabridge, Madison Eichmann, Madeline Kraft, Layleigh Monroe, Stella Urguhart*





Thank you to all of our generous families who donated to this years Toys Tots. We collected over 100 toys!!



Congrats Eppler Cheer!!!!

Eppler Jr High cheer had a great weekend at the Shorian invite! They took a strong 2nd place finish amongst eight other teams. We are so proud of their accomplishment! They will compete again February 9th 5:00pm at Stevenson high school





## Glow Dance



## Chieftain of the Month

### Congrats to our January Chieftains of the Month!

*Giovanny Mendoza, Nicholas Johnson, Jacob Margiewicz, Aaron Paul, Troyee Ray, Denise Acebedo, Evelyn Urban, Maria Yousif, Adela Tuci, Rachel Brown, Milena Jackman and Brooke Maffetone*



## Eppler Band

On Saturday, members of the Eppler Band participated in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival at Rochester High School. The students played instrumental solos and small ensembles for music judges. All of our students who participated received 1st Division ratings! Congratulations to 8th Grader Adrian Flattery, and Freshmen Anthony Camilleri, Nathan Siegert, Adam Hickman, Cassidy Smiley, and Lilly McNair!

## Counseling Week



SCHOOL COUNSELING: NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK: STUDENT-FOCUSED  
FEBRUARY 5-9, 2024  
STANDARDS-BASED,

## 8th Grade Boys Basketball



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Eppler boys basketball team capped off a championship season with a 58-43 win against Davis. The team finished 10-2 overall and 6-0 at home. They ended the season on a 8 game winning streak. They were proud to cut down the nets as District Champs! Congratulations on a great season boys! You will always be a great part of Eppler history.



## 2024 Art Show

Over a thousand pieces of art were entered into the 2024 Macomb County Secondary Juried Student Art Show and only 300 pieces were chosen to be exhibited. 21 works of art were by Eppler students!!!

Please congratulate the following students for having their artwork selected in this prestigious event.

*Emmerson Hansen, Emma Blash, Mackenzie Kraft, Sylvia Szatkowski, Denise Acebedo, Mara Mariam, Adela Tuci, Kylie Brendel, Merrick Kustarz, Payton Fertik, Rachel Brown, Riya Patel, Samantha Gott, Alejandra Carrera, Daniella Najjar*

## Clinton River Watershed Council Visit



As part of a unit on ecology and conservation, 9<sup>th</sup> grade science students were able to speak with a representative from the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC). Students were provided information about the Clinton River Watershed Council, what its goals are and how they are working to conserve different areas within our local watershed. Information was also presented about ways students can get involved with these types of projects and things to consider if this is work that interests them in the future. A big thank you to the CRWC for

## Utica Wrestling




Eppler freshman, Merrick Kustarz, along with Utica High senior teammate, Hunter Thomson, placed at their regional wrestling meet and qualified to move on to the State Finals at Ford Field this weekend. Good luck, gentlemen!

Go Chieftains!


## Wellness Monday Moments

Students had the chance to learn some calming strategies at lunch through word searches, puzzles, and tip sheets.






Mrs. Gleason's class made coping playlists and discussed how music helps us take a break from reality and change our mood. The kids loved listening to music and hearing songs from their friends and the teacher. She said there was a whole lot of singing going on!

Mrs. Bankstahl was "DJ Bankstahl" on Wellness Monday while students completed My Mix Tape and Mood Music handouts. There was even a little time for karaoke!



Mrs. Daugherty's French classes tapped into their creative side to relax while they made Mardi Gras masks. Beautiful!



\*The next Wellness Wednesday is April 17, 2024!

## Chieftains of the Month

**Congrats to our February Chieftains of the Month!**

*Vincent Larkins, Jayden Gagne, Ranvir Kumar, Basam Berdi, Austin Hall, Enzo Gaffiero, Adrianna Battisti,*

*Camila Potter, Landen Bailey, Makenna Bliskey, Shyla Cheateum,, Emma Bozek*



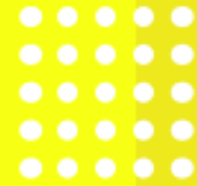
## MSBOA Band Festival

This past Saturday, the 8th and 9th Grade Band performed at the MSBOA Band Festival at Dakota High School. The band received a 1st Division rating from the judges. Congratulations to all our band members!



Mrs. Markus & Mrs. Gleason are lucky ducks with students like this! Avid 7 & 9 students spent “Fun”damental Friday recreating a rubber duck with playdoh. Students picked a duck randomly and had only 20 minutes to create their replica. There were a lot of laughs and impressive artwork. This activity touched on AVID WICOR strategies of Inquiry, Collaboration and Organization. Great job AVID 7 & 9! We can't wait to the ducks AVID 8 comes up with next week!

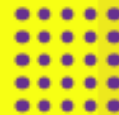




# MACOMB COUNTY ANNUAL SECONDARY STUDENT SHOW





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## OPEN MARCH 9 – APRIL 13, 2024

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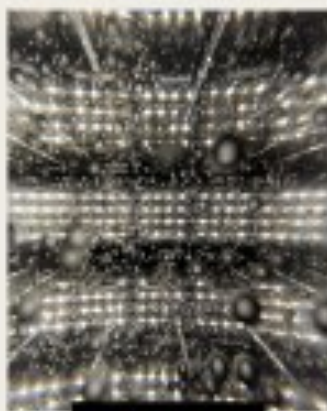
**2ND PLACE 7TH  
GRADE : EMERSON  
HANSEN**



**7TH GRADE  
MACKENZIE KRAFT**



**1ST PLACE 8TH  
8TH GRADE  
DENISE ACEBEDO**



**8TH GRADE  
MARA MARIAN**



**9TH GRADE  
RIYA PATEL**



**9TH GRADE  
RACHEL BROWN**



**7TH GRADE  
EMMA BLASH**



**7TH GRADE  
HONORABLE  
MENTION SYLVIA  
SZATKOWSKI**



**7TH GRADE  
DANIELLA NAJJAR**

# 2023 Anton Winners





9TH GRADE  
KYLIE BRENDEL



9TH GRADE  
PAYTON FERTIK



9TH GRADE  
MERRICK KUSTARZ



9TH GRADE  
HONORABLE  
MENTION ADELA  
TUCI



9TH GRADE  
MERRICK KUSTARZ



PAYTON FERTIK  
3RD PLACE 9TH  
GRADE



9TH GRADE  
RACHEL BROWN



9TH GRADE  
RIYA PATEL



9TH GRADE  
SAMANTHA GOTT



8TH GRADE  
ALEJANDRA CARRERA