"Above & Beyond"



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Union Grove Middle



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Admin. News

Greetings Wolverines,

Welcome to week 9! I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support in our educational journey. Your involvement plays a crucial role in enhancing your child's academic experience. As we progress through the term, I'd like to emphasize the importance of nurturing your child's organizational skills. A simple yet effective way to do this is by regularly checking their book bags and notebooks. This will help ensure that they are keeping track of their materials and assignments effectively. I also encourage you to remind your child about the importance of completing all assigned work and submitting it on time. Timely submissions not only reflect responsibility but also reinforce the value of academic integrity.

We appreciate your support in helping students become advocates for themselves by encouraging them to engage in their learning experiences by asking questions and participating in answering questions within their learning environments. Learning environments where your students feel comfortable asking specific questions about topics they find challenging can be greatly beneficial. Encouraging them to seek help when needed will help them gain a clearer understanding of the material and enhance their overall learning.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support. Together, we can make a significant difference in our students' educational experiences while helping them move Above & Beyond expectations.

Warm regards

Dwayne Richards

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming important dates:

Monday October 7th

- Reading Bowl - 7:30 AM
- Twin Day -You and a Buddy Be Twins for a Day

Tuesday October 8th

- Tacky Tuesday -Mismatched socks/Inside out shirts
- Robotics **Practice** after school

Wednesday

October 9th

- Reading Bowl - 7:30 AM
- Robotics Practice after school
- Football vs Austin Road -6 PM
- Flip It Wednesday -**Students** dress like their favorite teacher/teac hers dress like their favorite student

Thursday

October 10th

 Sporty Thursday -Wear your favorite team jersey or team colors

friday

Saturday October 11th October 12th

Fri-Yay -Wear your Wolverine colors maroon, black, white, gray





Additional events and information can and will be found on the <u>UGMS school</u> Website and other social media platforms. Please feel free to contact the front office regarding any questions or concerns that you may have.







The UGMS team of Educators are committed to going Above and Beyond for our students. To ensure our commitment is a reality we will focus on 3 levers that will drive the work that we do to assist our students in growing and achieving. Those levers are Instructional, Operational and Cultural. We are committed to Winning for Kids and progressively move student performance measures Above and Beyond all that is expected.

Wolverine Clubs and Organizations







Student Council



Robotics Club



Beta Club





Student Ambassadors

Men of Distinction





Dacia Webb



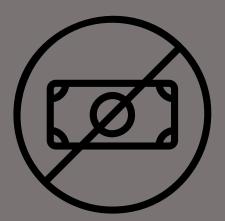
Adrain Stoutmire



For the month of August, we proudly recognized Dacia Webb as our Teacher of the Month and Adrain Stoutmire as our Staff Member of the Month. They truly deserve all the accolades they've received. Both have kicked off the year with tremendous enthusiasm, going 'Above and Beyond' to support students and staff alike. Congratulations to these two rock stars!

UGMS is Going Cashless

Purchases for most activities will be made through 'My School Bucks.



Student Printing Services

Students may print black and white copies in the media center. Each page is 10 cents. Students must have money on their Papercut printing account in order to print. All deposits can be made on the My School Bucks platform.





Pay Club Dues

Pay for Field Trips

Make School Donations

Pay Library Fines

Purchase Chromebook Accessories

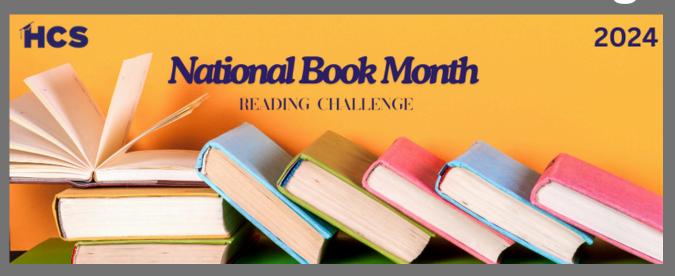
Pay for Other School Activities

Media Center

Encourage your child to reach the goal of reading for 9,000 minutes by the end of the school year.



October Beanstack Challenge



Click <u>here</u> for a video to help you and your child understand more about Beanstack.





HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalBookMonth
Pick up your favorite books and make some time to read
them. Get to any new books you have been meaning to
read. Use #NationalBookMonth to post on social media.

TOP READERS

Look who's logging minutes on





Media Center



Statistics



Top 5 Books Checked out during September

Top 5 Homerooms
Checking out books
during September

- 1. Half a Chance
- 2. Amulet. Book Four, the Last Council
- 3. Little White Lies
- 4. Amulet. Book Six, Escape from Lucien
- 5. **Big Nate and Friends**

- 1. Carter
- 2. Stefano
- 3. Isenhard
- 4. Smith
- 5. Hill

Top 5 Students Checking out books during September



- 1. Maiya Daise
- 2. Harper Womack
- 3. Prince Davies
- 4. Angelo Edmondson
- 5. Savannah Wells



Wolverine Athletics

Athletic Director: Mark Mortimer

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Jason Stevens

Defensive Coordinator: Mark Mortimer

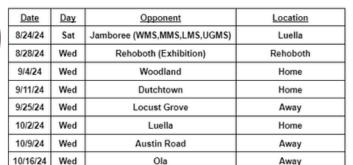
Assistant Coach: Greg Voyles

Assistant Coach: Coley Housworth Assistant Coach: Adrain Stoutmire

Football



2024 Union Grove Middle School Football Schedule



Playoffs

Semi-Finals

Championship

TBA

TBA

McDonough

All games begin at 6:00pm Jamboree start time TBA

Wed

Wed

Wed

10/23/24

10/30/24

11/6/24



Softball



2024 Union Grove Middle School Softball Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	Location
8/20/24	Tue	Ola	Away
8/22/24	Thur	Eagle's Landing	Home
8/27/24	Tue	Locust Grove	Away
8/29/24	Thur	Bye	
9/3/24	Tue	Luella	Away
9/5/24	Thur	Hampton	Home
9/10/24	Tue	Austin Road	Away
9/12/24	Thur	Stockbridge	Home
9/25/24	Wed	Dutchtown	Away
9/26/24	Thur	Woodland	Home
10/1/24	Tue	McDonough	Home
10/3/24	Thur	Playoffs	TBA
10/8/24	Tue	Semi-Finals	TBA
10/10/24	Thur	Championship	Union Grove





ugms spirit week

MONDAY, MONDAY

YOU AND A BUDDY BE TWINS FOR A DAY TACKY TUESDAY

MIS-MATCH SOCKS INSIDE OUT SHIRTS





FLIP IT WEDNESDAY

STUDENTS DRESS LIKE
THEIR FAVORITE
TEACHER.
TEACHER DRESSES LIKE
THEIR FAVORITE
STUDENT



SPORTY THURSDAY

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY OR TEAM COLORS

FRI-YAY!!

WEAR YOU WOLVERINE COLORS MAROON,BLACK,WHITE, GRAY







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