

Urey Parent Pages

Fall 2018

ATTENDANCE

Despite the recent hot weather, cooler weather will start becoming the norm soon. As a result, cold and flu season will soon be upon us. Please monitor your child carefully for any flu-like or other unhealthy/sickness symptoms. If your child does have any symptoms, please keep him/her home from school. As a general rule, anyone who has had a temperature needs to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child is sick, please call the school before 8:15 a.m. at 586-3184. This number can be called 24 hours a day to report an absence. If you would like to request homework for your child on a day he/she has missed, please contact the office before 8:30 a.m. so we may notify teachers. You may also check Harmony after 11:00 a.m. to see your child's assignments.

STUDENTS ARRIVING FOR SCHOOL

Students are allowed in the building beginning at 7:30 a.m. on regular school days. On 2 hour delay days, students are allowed in the building beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please do not drop your student off or allow him/her to walk to school prior to these times as they will not be allowed inside the building until 7:30 a.m. on regular school days or 9:30 a.m. on 2 hour delay days.

Students being dropped off in the morning or picked up in the afternoon should use the back of the building (doors facing Adams Street). The doors in the front of the building (facing Washington Street) are reserved for buses to drop off and pick up students. Please try to keep the drop off and pick up lines moving as quickly as possible to avoid cars being backed up. Thank you!

ANTI-BULLYING

During the 2nd week of school, students underwent anti-bullying awareness lessons in their homerooms. Students discussed what bullying is, how to deal with it, how to help anyone they see/hear being bullied and how to report the bullying to an adult.

On a regular basis throughout the year, we will continue to remind and reinforce these lessons with a variety of discussions aimed at anti-bullying efforts. S.T.A.N.D. is an acronym UMS is using to remind students what to do to reduce incidents of bullying.

Show good character every day.

Treat others the way I want to be treated.

Always report bullying to an adult.

Never bully or stand by and watch bullying.

Do my best to help anyone who is bullied.

DELAYS/CANCELLATIONS

In the event of weather delays, JGSC will notify you through local TV stations WNDU (Ch. 16) and WSBT (Ch. 22) as well as calls/texts through SchoolMessenger to notify you of any delay/cancellation that may occur.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held October 1st and 2nd from 3:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. each day. Parents are invited to attend anytime either day on a walk-in basis. All teachers will be at individual tables in the gym during conferences to meet you on a first come, first serve basis. In fairness to other parents who may be waiting to speak with the teacher to whom you are speaking, we ask that you hold individual conferences with teachers to 10 minutes or less.

FOLLOW UMS ON TWITTER, FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Follow Urey Middle School on Twitter @UreyMS, on Instagram at ureyms or like the Urey Middle School Facebook page for the latest news, updates and reports from extra-curricular events.

21st CENTURY SCHOLARS

The 21st Century Scholars is a program that provides students the opportunity to earn up to a four-year scholarship at an Indiana college or university. Students who meet income eligibility can enroll in the program during 7th or 8th grade. Applications can be completed online at <http://www.in.gov/21stcenturyscholars> or complete a paper form that is available for pick up in the office and return it to the office and we will complete the online application.

FALLOWEEN

Falloween takes place on September 21st – 23rd on the campus of John Glenn High School. Everyone is encouraged to join the fun and festivities throughout the weekend. Please visit www.falloweenfest.com for additional information including a daily itinerary. Our booths will be in front of the high school. Basket raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and you do not need to be present to win. Some of this year's basket titles include:

Some of Ronald's Favorites
Go Cubs Go!
Let's Play Ball!
Ready to Move In!
Movie Night
Let's Share a Cup of Joe
Cleaning Up for the Holiday
Oh, Baby!
Got Mud?
What a Crock!

FORE!
Family Game Night
Earth Scents
Fun for All Seasons
For Man's Best Friend
Best Friends Forever! (Lego Friends)
Welcome to Our Garden!
It Drives Better When It's Clean
Tow it to the Shop!
Life in the Fastlane

In addition to our annual Basket Raffle, UMS will also have a Washer Toss game again this year. We are currently collecting 2 liter bottles of pop to be used as rewards for this game. Students who bring in three (3) 2 liters of pop (Pepsi, Coke, any flavor of Mountain Dew, Root Beer, Dr. Pepper, or A&W or Barq's Root Beer) will receive a certificate good toward **extra credit in ONE class**. In addition, students will receive a chance to win a **FREE one day ride wristband** for the festival for **EVERY 3 bottles** donated. In addition, the homeroom that has the most bottles donated will be rewarded with a pizza party! Please consider sending in pop to help us

keep our start-up costs down. This will allow us to put more of our game profits toward scholarships and student activities.

Ride wristband tickets can be purchased in advance at any JGSC school office or at www.falloweenfest.com for only \$17 through 11:00 am on September 21st. This is a savings of \$6 versus purchasing the wristband the day of the carnival. Again this year, a 3 day ride pass is also being offered for \$44.00 if purchased in advance. Please note: **the JGHS Scholarship Fund receives a greater percentage of the money earned from presale wristbands compared to wristbands purchased at the carnival.**

HARMONY

Harmony allows students and parents access to live data regarding grades, attendance, book rental balances and discipline. Several communications are sent to parents via email (reminders about parent/teacher conferences, information about upcoming events, etc.). Our goal is to be able to communicate through email with 100% of our parents/guardians. If you would like to include your email address in Harmony, you may do so within your Harmony Family account or by calling the main office. If you need help with a username and/or password please call the main office at 586-3184.

THE LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center is a free service to all UMS students to receive extra help and assistance with any class. The Learning Center opens at 7:30 a.m. and remains open until school begins. It is open during lunch periods as well. If your child is struggling in a particular subject, with a specific assignment or project, needs assistance studying for an upcoming test or quiz or is looking for a quiet place to study for about a ½ hour before school, encourage him/her to take advantage of the resources available in the Learning Center.

BOOK RENTAL FEES

If you have not already taken care of book rental fees, please call Mrs. Johnson in the main office to make arrangements to take care of getting your book rental fee account up to date. All textbook rental contract payments are due on the 15th of each month. (Contracts were signed electronically online during registration). Please make these payments on or before that date each month. Thank you for your assistance.

LUNCH RECESS

We will continue to go outside as long as the weather permits during lunch recess. Please encourage your student(s) to dress appropriately for the fall's typically cooler weather and the cold normally brought on by winter. As long as it is dry outside, we will continue our routine of being outside during lunch recess.

PLASTIC CAP/LID DRIVE

We are currently collecting plastic caps in an effort to purchase 2 benches for student use in the front of our school. Each bench requires the collection of 2,000 pounds of plastic caps. The following guidelines are set up by Green Tree Plastics, the company that will build our benches. Please keep this list handy when saving caps/lids. Lids may be dropped off in our office during any school day. Please note that all caps must be free of debris/food particles, etc.

ACCEPTABLE CAPS

Medicine bottle caps	Drink bottle caps
Milk jug caps	Flip-top caps (ketchup, mustard)
Detergent caps	Spout caps (mustard)
Hair spray caps	Spray paint caps
Toothpaste cube caps	Ointment tube caps
Caps w/RECYCLE NUMBERS of (2) (4) (5)	Deodorant caps

ACCEPTABLE LIDS

Cottage cheese container lids	Cool Whip container lids
Mayonnaise jar lids	Coffee can lids
Yogurt lids	Cream cheese container lids
Peanut butter jar lids	Butter container lids
Ice cream bucket lids under 8"	Prescription bottles – labels removed

NEVER ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Metal of any kind	Trash of any kind
Drink bottles	Food containers
Plastic Ziplock type bags	Soap pumps
Trigger sprayers	Lotion pumps
Fast food drink lids	Grocery bags
Plastic that is not a cap or a lid, plastic pieces or parts	
Caps or lids with (1) (3) (6) or (7) recycle number	

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please remember to save and send in your Box Tops for Education. These can be found on hundreds of items that most of us use every day! Box Tops for Education provides us with money that can be used for student activities though out the school year.

ILEARN

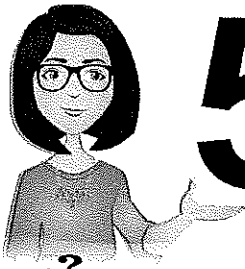
The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has replaced the ISTEP+ test in grades 3-8 with the ILEARN test beginning with the Spring 2019 test administration. They have provided schools a testing window in which to administer the test of April 22-May 17. At this time we do not know the dates we will be testing during the window but will share that information with you are the IDOE provides more information to us. It is anticipated ILEARN will reduce overall testing time. More information from the IDOE about the ILEARN test is available in the handout at the end of the newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 21-23	Falloween @ John Glenn High School
September 24	No School
October 1 & 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. UMS Gym
October 1-12	UMS Student Council Canned Food Drive
October 12	End of 1 st Grading Period
October 10	UMS/JGHS Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. JGHS
October 15	UMS/JGHS Band Concert 7:00 p.m. JGHS
October 18,19	Fall Break – No School
October 26	Honor Roll/Athletic Awards Assembly in UMS gym during noon homeroom
November 4	Daylight Savings Time Ends – move clocks <i>back</i> 1 hour
October 30	Spell Bowl District Competition – Kesling Middle School
November 10	State Spell Bowl Competition @ Purdue University
November 14	2 nd Grading Period Progress Reports Emailed to Parent/Guardian
November 17	Student Council Toy Drive Begins
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break

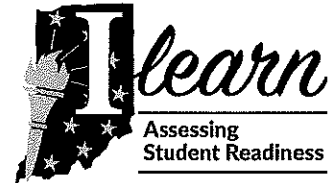
NEW!

ILEARN Assessment Information for Families



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Key Points for Families to Understand About Indiana's New Assessments



“Educator-Created; Student-Centered”



1. What is ILEARN?

ILEARN is Indiana's new online computer-adaptive assessment designed to measure your child's proficiency of the Indiana Academic Standards in Grades 3–8, Biology and U.S. Government. ILEARN fulfills both state and federal legislative requirements as the accountability assessment for Indiana students.

Subject	Grade(s)
ILEARN English/Language Arts	Grades 3–8
ILEARN Mathematics	Grades 3–8
ILEARN Science	Grades 4 and 6
ILEARN Social Studies	Grade 5
ILEARN Biology End-of-Course Assessment (ECA)	High School*
ILEARN U.S. Government End-of-Course Assessment (ECA)(optional)	High School*

*Taken at the end of the course, regardless of grade level.



2. What is a computer-adaptive assessment and how does it benefit my child?

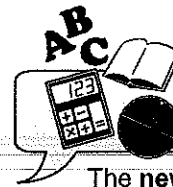
Computer-adaptive assessments adapt to each student's mastery of the content throughout the assessment. Every time a student answers a question, his or her response helps determine the next question presented. **The difficulty of the test will adjust to each student's skills**, providing a better measure of what each student knows and can do.

- ILEARN is a computer-adaptive assessment. For more information about computer-adaptive assessments, visit: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/assessment-literacy>.



5. When will I receive score reports about my student's performance on ILEARN?

- Schools can access final scores and score reports on August 15, 2019 in the Online Reporting System. Beginning in 2019–20, reports will be available to schools within 12 days of students testing.
- Reports provide a scale score as an indication of overall student achievement in a grade level, as well as several subscores.
- Parents and guardians may request rescues of open-ended items through the local school.



3. How does ILEARN support all students?

The new online testing system is easy to use and is more accessible to students who require features or accommodations while testing. New tools and resources are available to help students show what they know.

- Built-in glossaries allow students to select unfamiliar words and read their definitions. Glossaries are available in English, Arabic, Burmese, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- Students are provided with authentic tools, such as spell check, a dictionary, and a thesaurus for use when responding to the writing task.
- The Desmos calculator (provided for Mathematics Grades 6–8) is available for students to practice using free of charge at: [desmos.com](https://www.desmos.com).
- Spanish translations (stacked over the English version) are available for Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.



4. What resources are available to help prepare my child for ILEARN?

- Indiana's Released Items Repository allows students to interact with released items and try some of the tools and features at: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-sample-items-and-scoring>.
- Indiana's ILEARN Portal provides information and resources for understanding the assessment at: <https://ilearn.portal.airast.org/>.
- The ILEARN for Families website answers questions about ILEARN at: <https://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families>.

Contact us at: INassessments@doe.in.gov with questions.