

Tales from the Nest

Week of
Nov 14, 2022

FCPS Systemic Survey

This week in Hawk Talk students completed the FCPS Systemic Survey for students, providing feedback on their school experience that will help the county and UMS understand their experience and next steps. Please check your FoF email for a link to the family survey and share your thoughts about UMS!

MTSS Spotlight

This week, UMS is celebrating its first Mid-Month Madness of the year! On their scheduled day, every student from the grade level will report to the cafeteria, gym, and recess areas for ELT to enjoy time with friends and staff playing bingo, basketball, foursquare, and other activities! Students can use their Talons from Terms 1 & 2 in raffles for prizes, as well!

- Wednesday, 11/16 - 7th grade
- Thursday, 11/17 - 8th grade
- Friday, 11/18 - 6th grade

Remind your students to bring all of their hard-earned Talons on that day!

Classroom Connection

Ms. Poti and Ms. Uhl's classes worked to understand rock formation by participating in a hands-on lab where they created chocolate rocks! Students had to use what they learned about rock processes to create a delicious snack for themselves!



Parent Tip

Getting your middle school student to share with you can be a challenge. Consider using these conversation starters with your student when their answers default to the ever-present "fine."

Instead of "How was school?", try "What class was the most challenging today?" or "What moment in your day was the most enjoyable?" These questions require full answers instead of single syllables.

High Flying Hawks

The following students are recognized this week for exemplifying the traits of SOAR:

- 6th grade:
- 7th grade: Sam Lessard, Sophia Lare
- 8th grade: Madina Dalili



Calendar Updates

- November 16 - 7th Grade Mid Month Madness during ELT
- November 17 - 8th Grade Mid Month Madness during ELT
- November 18 - 6th Grade Mid Month Madness during ELT
- November 21 - UMS Turkey Trot during PE classes
- November 28- December 2 - UMS Book Fair
- December 19 - 6PM - Academic Information Night @ UHS