

Tales from the Nest

Week of
January 30, 2023

6th & 7th Grade Course Registration

Counselors and Specialists will be meeting with 6th & 7th grade students this week to review elective course options for next school year. Registration forms with math and language arts course recommendations as well as elective preferences will be sent home early next week for parent review. Registration forms for 6th and 7th graders will be due back by Friday, February 10th.



Congratulations

Our UMS students have been busy SOARING as we enter various competition seasons.

Congratulations to Aanandi Sunkavalli. Aanandi is this year's UMS Spelling Bee Champion. Best of luck to her as she moves on to the county competition.

UMS hosted students to participate in the AMC 8 for the first time this year! Congratulations to our top 3 Scorers: Jeffery Liang, Victor Wang, and Bella Korotchenko!

Four of our UMS students also participated in a qualifying round for First Lego League and won the Championship award. They will participate in the State Competition next month. Congratulations to Vihaan Ruparel, Taksheel Pandit, Ryan Thyparambil, and Zain Nayeem!

Congratulations to UMS' two state finalists in the Together We're Better art contest: Hannah Liu and Krysten Roberts!

Hawk Talk

This week in Hawk Talk the students reviewed 5 strategies for collaboration effectively:

1. Equity of Voice
2. Presuming positive intent
3. Keeping an open mind
4. Speak your truth
5. Disagree Respectfully

Students then participated in a scavenger hunt in groups to practice collaborating and effective group work.

Town Hall Recap

All students participated in a grade-wide town hall meeting last week to review our expectations for SOARING here at UMS during semester 2. Please support your student by reminding them that they are expected to:

- Keep their bookbags in their lockers during the school day
- Leave hats/hoods down while in the school building
- Practice hands-off behavior at all times during the school day
- Be honest in all academic endeavors, submitting their own work at all times

As always, we appreciate your support as we continue to SOAR here at UMS.



Calendar Updates

- 2/15 - 2 Hour Early Release; Midterm
- 2/20 - Presidents' Day; Schools and Offices Closed