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Switzer hosted Ivory Williams a storyteller from Detroit. Ask your child about the story of the Lion and all the washing, sweeping and dusting he had to do. Thank you for supporting PTO that helps fund these opportunities.

Principal's Corner

Conferences have been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 12. Your teacher will reach out to you to confirm the day and time. Please remember that this conference period is by request only. If you would like to meet with your teacher, please contact them.


As we close out the first month of 2020, we also complete our first semester of the school year. Report cards came home on January 24th electronically. If you are not receiving your students report card, please contact the main office.

The groundhog hinted that we could prepare for the end of winter. That means it is time for Kindergarten Registration. This year Kindergarten Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 at 7pm. All Utica elementary buildings will be hosting a meeting. Please make sure to share this day with your friends and neighbors. We can all relate to the day when we had to prepare to send our first child to school. The uncertainty and questions can create some anxiety with new parents. Please encourage them to attend the open house and feel free to share the information included in this newsletter or you can also look up all information online at uticak12.org.

Indoor movie night (Toy Story 4), Mid Winter Break, Talent Show, and Heritage Day are all on the horizon. Make sure to check out the information in our newsletter

Stay warm!
Jacob Palmer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31 SC: NFL Day	1
2 	3	4	5	6 Popcorn Sale @ lunch Indoor Movie Night 6:00 arrival 6:30 movie starts	7	8
9 	10 Bagel Day SC: MEME/ Video Game T-Shirt Day	11	12 Family Dinner Night "Esplendido" Conferences by appointment PTO Meeting 7pm	13	14 PBIS MEDALS 	15
16	17 No School Mid-Winter Break	18 No School Mid-Winter Break	19 No School Mid-Winter Break	20 No School Mid-Winter Break	21 No School Mid-Winter Break	22
23	24	25	26 Mother Son Bowling	27 Popcorn Sale @ lunch	28 SC: Heritage Day Skate Night at the Rink	29

Mid-winter break arriving soon

The month of February has long been associated not with just frigid temperatures, but also as a time to break up the Michigan weather with a vacation! Whether your family is planning to travel, or simply relax and sleep in, the week off from school can be a re-energizing period of time.

This year's mid-winter break will begin Monday, February 17, 2020. School will resume on Monday, February 24, 2020.

School Calendar Update

Utica Community Schools has released the remaining dates for the 2019-2020 calendar.

The calendar dates address state standards for student instructional time and are consistent with the Macomb Common Calendar. The calendar also addresses legislation allowing qualifying district-provided professional development to be reported as instructional time.

Below are the remaining calendar dates:

- **Tuesday, March 10, 2020 (Presidential Primary Election)** – This date has been designated as a professional development day for Utica Community Schools and there will be no classes for K-12 students.
- **Friday, May 22, 2020 (Memorial Day Weekend)** – This date has been designated as a professional development day for Utica Community Schools and there will be no classes for K-12 students.
- **Friday, June 12, 2020** – This will be the last day of school for K-12 students. Please note: the end of the school year is tentative and subject to change due to collective bargaining and/or snow days. To view a complete calendar, please see the following link: www.uticak12.org/calendaroverview

Kindergarten Registration



Parents of children who will be starting kindergarten in Utica Community Schools in fall 2020 can begin the registration process at a kindergarten open house being held Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7 p.m.

At the open house, parents will have the opportunity to learn about the district's nationally-recognized kindergarten program, meet the teachers and building staff and submit school registration forms.

Children are eligible for kindergarten if they turn five years old on or before September 1, 2020. However, children who turn five between September 1 and December 1, 2020 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten if their parents submit a waiver form.

To register, parents must supply:

- An original birth certificate or certified copy, with raised seal, issued by the clerk of the county where your child was born or the health department of the state of birth;
- Your child's health immunization record; including vision and hearing screenings. Be sure to schedule immunization updates early these appointments are often limited;
- Photo I.D. (Driver's license or work photo I.D.)
- Proof of residency, such as property tax bill, closing papers or lease agreement. Please know that we are not able to accept utility bills.

For more information or for registration materials, please visit uticak12.org and click on the "Kindergarten 2020" link.

WHAT HAPPENING IN P.E. CLASS

Students finished soccer stations and participated in holiday stations during the month of December. Ask your child if they know what part of the foot they used to kick the soccer ball, and what was their favorite Holiday station. If you have a 4th-6th grader ask them how to play backward soccer!! Ha-ha 🤪

Isaac and Luke, from Mrs. Stewarts class, favorite station was the snowball carry, because “it was a race and was challenging to keep the snowball on the spoon.”

Below are some of the activities the students were participating in during physical education class. ❤️



Mrs. Crum
PE Teacher



It's that time of year. Packing up all the warm outerwear, but please don't forget your child needs dry tennis shoes to participate in Physical Education class.



Celebrating Our Heritage

Families and students

Decorate, make, or bring in a flag from your heritage or a different heritage.

Bring in a poster, sign, or other object from your heritage.

Can use provided template or use own design for flag, fact, etc.

Give items to Mrs. Moore by February 13.

(label flags, objects, etc. with student's name & teacher so they can be returned)

Wall items will decorate the Heritage Hall the week of February 24.

Items for tables will be displayed on February 28.

Heritage Day Spirit Day

Friday, February 28

Students dress in something from your heritage.

Bring in a food item to share with class.

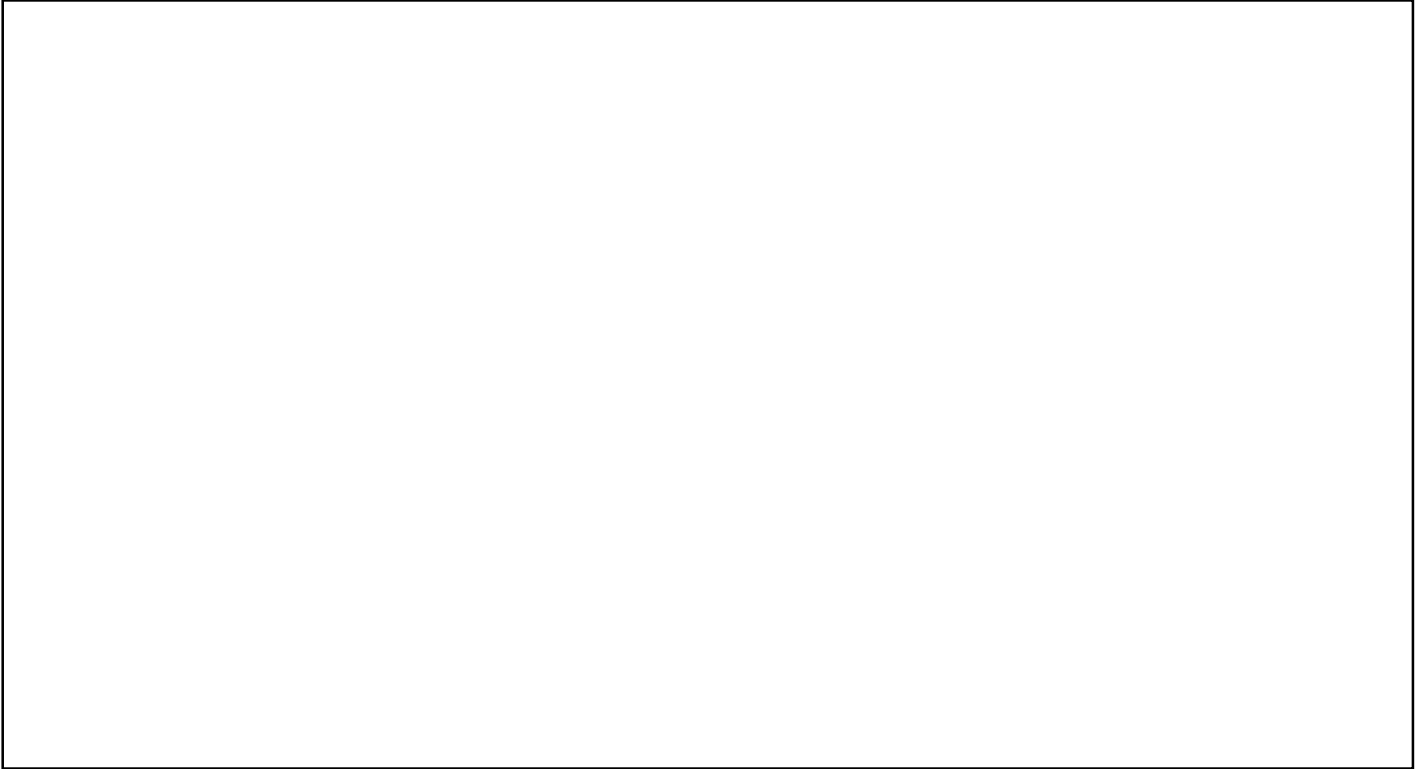
Make sure to check with teacher regarding food allergies in child's classroom.

Bring in object, story, game, song, etc. to share with class.



Any questions please contact Mrs. Moore at tamra.clark-moore@uticak12.org.
Take flags or objects to be put in Heritage Hall to office or Mrs. Moore's room.

The Heritage Hall



Directions - Make/write something inside the box about yours or another heritage. Can make the flag of a country, write foods a culture eats, fun facts, etc. Please return to Mrs. Moore in office or her room by February 13.

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Talent Show Information, Rules, and Procedures

Talent Show will be Friday, May 15, 2020 at 6:00.

All parents and children must read or have rules read to them and **return permission form by Thursday, February 13, 2020.**

We will not have auditions. Based on students that return permissions slips we will have a random drawing for approximately 50 acts. If we have around 50 acts, then we will not need to do a drawing. **If permission is not returned on time, you will not be in the random drawing or will not be given a spot.**

RULES:

1. A variety of acts are encouraged.
 2. No lip sync or karaoke acts allowed.
 3. All acts **NO LONGER THAN 3 MINUTES.**
 4. Students can only perform in one act.
 5. Group acts are allowed and encouraged.
 6. Switzer students only.
 7. All lyrics, dance moves, costumes, etc. must be school appropriate in every way.
 8. All acts must practice on own time. If you aren't prepared you may not be able to perform night of show.
 9. If you have music, it **must be provided on individual CD with your name/group name.**
 10. All acts must attend 1 of 2 **DRESS REHEARSALS** (tentatively between 5/4 and 5/13 after school). If you do not attend a dress rehearsal you will not be able to perform the night of the show. Will work with you on a day that works best out of the 2 days.
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PROCEDURES:

1. Each student must fill out **OWN** permission form.
2. Permission forms are due **Thursday, February 13, 2020**
3. **NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
4. The acts will be drawn over during **mid-winter break.**
5. Parents will be notified if your child was chosen/not chosen.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Moore at tamra.clark-moore@uticak12.org

Print off, get from teacher, or pick up form outside of office.

Switzer Elementary Talent Show 2020

Permission Form

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Return to Mrs. Moore by Thursday, February 13, 2020

Please write legibly & check phone numbers & email addresses

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

(Check One) Individual Act: _____ Group Act: _____

Each member of group must complete own permission form. Please list additional members of the group:

Talent (What is your act): _____

Title of Song: _____

List any props, if any: (piano will be provided, but additional props are your responsibility): _____

Will you need assistance with any props? Yes No

Will you need a microphone? Yes No

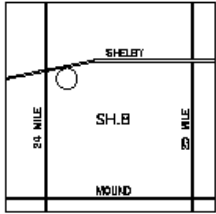
Will you need to have music played? Yes No

We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules and procedures.

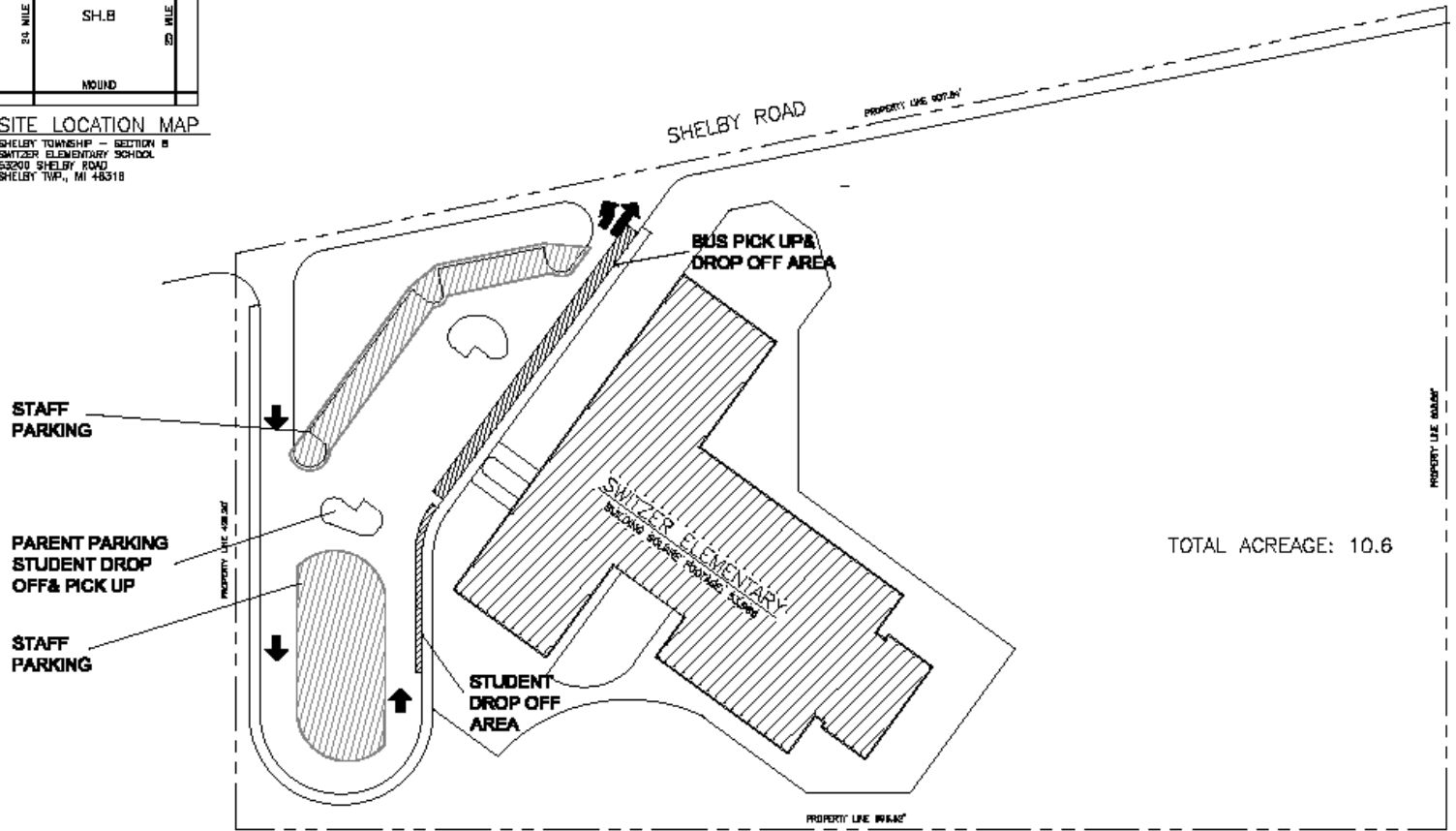
Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date



SITE LOCATION MAP
 SHELBY TOWNSHIP - SECTION 8
 SWITZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 53200 SHELBY ROAD
 SHELBY TWP., MI 48318



Switzer Elementary 2020 Parking Procedures

Please remember these are procedures to make sure all children arrive and leave school safely.

The center turn-around and front side curb are for **BUSSES ONLY**. Please do not load or unload in these areas. This includes the area by the fire hydrant.

Parents can drop their students off at any point along the curb. (except in the bus zone) Please don't park or wait along the curb so that other students can unload safely.

If you are coming in the building, the center area of the front lot parking is for parents. **Please use the crosswalk** and walk with your students.

Remember we have 600 students arriving in a 20-minute window. By working together, we can be both safe and efficient.