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# Family Newsletter

*Essential information for all the Union Memorial School families.*

**Conferences:** Conferences are Monday, February 28 (noon – 4:00 PM) and Tuesday, March 1 (10:30 AM – 6:30). You can now sign up for a 15-minute virtual conference. We aren't using Sign-up Genius this time, but rather a Google doc. To sign up, click on your child's teacher, and enter the requested information in your preferred time slot. **If you don't have a Google account, please email your child's classroom teacher to choose your time slot.**

KINDERGARTEN	<a href="#">Anderson</a>	<a href="#">Helfrich</a>	<a href="#">Hill</a>	<a href="#">Thomas</a>
FIRST GRADE	<a href="#">Bassett</a>	<a href="#">Haddock</a>	<a href="#">Hughes</a>	<a href="#">Kelly/Bloom</a>
SECOND GRADE	<a href="#">Barnett</a>	<a href="#">Collins</a>	<a href="#">Davis</a>	<a href="#">Thibault</a>

**Remember, you are allowed one time slot per child unless the school requests a second slot.**

**Morning Arrival:** I just want to take a moment to review the morning arrival procedure. Please click [here](#) for a full description. I also ask for everyone's patience and understanding as we train new staff in the process. Staffing in general has been an issue this year and we are doing our best to keep the school open and the students safe.

**Early Release:** The next early release day is Wednesday, February 2. Students will be dismissed at 12:45.

**February PTA Meeting:** The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, February 8. Superintendent Amy Minor will be joining us to present next year's budget and answer any questions you may have.

**Yearbook Picture Request:** Do you have any photos to share from the movie night, waiting for the bus, etc.? The yearbook committee is looking for some of those areas. You can send the pictures to [yearbookums@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookums@gmail.com).

**Snow Creations:** Now that the snow is here to stay for a while, it's time to get creative. All UMS students are invited to make a snow creation and submit it for a special slideshow that will be created. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Diversity Lessons:** We are going to continue the series of diversity lessons we started last year. These lessons were created by a group of UMS teachers under the guidance of the district's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, are developmentally appropriate and are aimed at raising awareness among the students. The first lesson we will be teaching this year is:

**Lesson 1:** Identity and Empathy

This lesson addresses the Social Justice standards: *I can describe some ways that I am similar to and different from people who share my identities and those who have other identities and I like being around people who are like me and different from me.* The students will explore the many ways people are similar and different, self-confidence and empathy for all people. They will listen to a related text ([Marvelous Me](#) (K), [I Like Myself](#) (1) and [Same, Same but Different](#) (2)) and do an age-appropriate activity. If you want to continue the discussion at home, ask your child how they can make sure people know they care about them just the way they are.

Respectfully,

Chris Antonicci  
*Principal*

<b>UPCOMING DATES</b>	
February 2	Early Release (12:45 PM dismissal)
February 8	PTA Meeting (6:30 PM – 7:00 PM)
February 21-25	School Recess (no school)
February 28	Conferences (no school for students)
March 1	Conferences (no school for students)