

THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

AUGUST 11, 2023



Hello Burr Bulldog Families!!!

My name is Christian Mueller and I am so proud to share that I have been appointed to be the new Burr Principal. I am also excited to announce that this year Mrs. Liz Bojaj (Boy-eye) has been placed at Burr as our Administrative Intern. Liz will be working closely alongside Mr. Mueller and our entire staff to learn about building level administration. We have already spent a few days meeting with staff and planning for our new school year. Our custodial staff has

spent countless hours this summer cleaning and dressing up the building for our first days of school and what an amazing job they have done. Our office staff is back and Burr is currently open M-F from 8 am to 3 pm. Please feel free to stop by Burr during those hours if you have questions or need support from our office staff. We are quickly getting ready to welcome each and every one of your children and just can't wait for our first day. It's hard to believe in just over 2 weeks school begins!

This newsletter contains some of the basic "getting ready for the school year" info that we wanted to share with our families. As the first day of school gets closer I will be sending out more info in regards to classroom teacher assignments, arrival/dismissal procedures, bus stop information, first-day news, and more! In the meantime, please make sure check out the info below and watch for more bulletins in the coming days and weeks.

Please note that our regularly shared Bulldog Bulletin will be a very important newsletter for our Bulldog families. Please take some time to read through the bulletin when it arrives in your email.

If you have any questions about the information below, please don't hesitate to call our office at 586-797-4100.

LET'S GET FIRED UP FOR AN AMAZING YEAR!!!!!!!

MEET MRS. BOJAJ

Hello Burr Families! I am Elizabeth Bojaj and I am the Administrative Intern at Burr. I am so excited to be a part of the wonderful Burr Community! Mr. Mueller and I will be working as a team to ensure that all students have a successful school year! I have been with the Utica Community Schools for 14 years as a classroom teacher and most recently a Literacy Coach. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at any time. School and Home connection is so important. I am looking forward to building a great partnership with you all and looking forward to meeting you soon!

Elizabeth.Bojaj@UticaK12.org

586-797-4139



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

August 24-Class placements will be emailed out/Bus Routes will be posted on the website

August 28- Bulldog Night - Meet the teacher - More information below

**August 30, 2022-First Day of School- School starts at 9:00 am
1/2 Day dismissal at 12:04 pm**

September 1 & 4-No School Labor Day

September 20-No School-Professional Development Day

Save the Date
August 28th
Bulldog Night
Kindergarten at 5-6 Pm
Grades 1-6 at 6-7 Pm



**Popsicles with the
Principal after in the Gym**

BULLDOG NIGHT

KINDERGARTEN ONLY INFORMATION

Hello and welcome Burr Bulldog Families!!!

Kindergarten Bulldog Night is mandatory for our kindergarten families. It is important for your child's success to be present at our meet the teacher night.

5:00-5:30 pm visit your child's kindergarten room and meet your child's teacher

5:30 - 6:00 pm your child's teacher will present important information about the upcoming year and tips for success

6:00 pm Popsicles with the Principal in our gym/cafeteria. Meet Mr. Mueller and enjoy a cold treat to celebrate the start of our school year.

During this time you are welcome to bring your child's school supplies so they don't have to bring them all on the first day of school.

GRADE 1-6 INFORMATION ONLY

6 pm to 7 pm all families grades 1-6 are welcome to stop by Burr

You will meet your child's teacher, tour the room, and learn a little bit about the upcoming year.

During this time you are welcome to bring your child's school supplies so they don't have to bring them all on the first day of school.

6:15 through 7 pm Popsicles with the Principal in our gym/cafeteria. Meet Mr. Mueller and enjoy a cold treat to celebrate the start of our school year.

SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

Suggested Supply List
Kindergarten

- 1 Plastic Flip Top Pencil Box (big enough to hold pencils, crayons, glue sticks, etc.)
- 3 Boxes of Crayola Crayons-24 pack
- 1 Fiskar Brand Scissors
- 24 Ticonderoga Brand Pencils (Sharpened)
- 12 Elmer's Brand Glue Sticks
- 2 Packs of Black Expo Markers
- 3 Pack of Play-Doh
- 1 Box of Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Clorox Wipes
- 1 Refillable & Leak Proof Water Bottle (Labeled)
- Earbuds or Headphones in a Ziploc Bag (Labeled)

Suggested Supply List
1st Grade

- 1 Pencil Box
- 1 Box of Crayola Crayons-24 pack
- 1 Fiskar Brand Scissors
- 24 Ticonderoga Brand Pencils (Sharpened)
- 6 Elmer's Brand Glue Sticks
- 1 Box of Black Expo Markers
- 1 Hand Sanitizer (with pump)
- 1 Box of Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2- 2 Pocket Folders (Labeled)
- 1 Refillable & Leak Proof Water Bottle (Labeled)
- Earbuds or Headphones in a Ziploc Bag (Labeled)

Suggested Supply List
2nd Grade

- 1 Pencil Box
- 1 Box of Crayola Crayons
- 1 Fiskar Brand Scissors
- 24 Ticonderoga Brand Pencils (Sharpened)
- 6 Elmer's Brand Glue Sticks
- 4 Black Expo Markers
- 1 Hand Sanitizer
- Erasers
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 2- 2 Pocket Folders (Labeled)
- Handheld Pencil Sharpener
- Earbuds or Headphones in a Ziploc Bag (Labeled)
- 4 Highlighters
- 2 Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Composition Notebook
- Ruler

Suggested Supply List
3rd Grade

- 1 Pencil Box/Pouch
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 1 Pack of Markers
- 1 Fiskar Brand Scissors
- 24 Ticonderoga Brand Pencils (Sharpened)
- 8 Elmer's Brand Glue Sticks
- 4 Black Expo Markers
- 1 Hand Sanitizer
- Erasers
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2-Pocket Folders (Labeled)
- 4 Pack of Sticky Notes
- Earbuds or Headphones in a Ziploc Bag (Labeled)
- 4 Highlighters (different colors)
- 4 Spiral Notebooks
- 2 Clorox Wipes & 2 Pump Soap

Suggested Supply List
4th Grade

- 1- 2 in Binder (3 Ring)
- 1 Pack of Crayons
- 1 Pack of Washable Markers
- 24 Ticonderoga Brand Pencils (Sharpened)
- 4 Black Expo Markers
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- Earbuds or Headphones in a Ziploc Bag (Labeled)
- 4 Highlighters (different colors)
- 3 Spiral Notebooks
- 2 Clorox Wipes & 2 Pump Soap

Suggested Supply List
5th Grade

- 1 Pencil Box/Pouch
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils or Crayons
- 24 Ticonderoga Brand Pencils (Sharpened)
- 4 Black Expo Markers
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 4 Folders
- Earbuds or Headphones in a Ziploc Bag (Labeled)
- 5 Highlighters (different colors)
- 5 Spiral Notebooks
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 1 Box of Ziploc Sandwich bags



2023-2024 10 things for Back to School

UCS

- Bus stops will be emailed to eligible families on the afternoon of **Monday, August 21**.
- You will be emailed your child's elementary teacher after 3 p.m. on **Thursday, August 24**. If you are not receiving regular emails from UCS or your child's school, please contact the school office.
- Registration dates for UCS secondary schools** have been scheduled throughout August. For information on these dates, please see your school's website.
- Suggested school supply lists for elementary students** are available on school websites. Specific information on secondary school supplies will be shared by your classroom teachers during the first few days of school. It is generally recommended that secondary students have writing notebooks (one per class, different color), pens, pencils and highlighters.
- There are several items that all parents will need to indicate they have reviewed on their PowerSchool accounts in the **Forms** section: 1) Student Address, Student Contacts and Health Information 2) Parent Student Handbook 3) Technology Device Use Agreement 4) Technology Device Insurance Opportunity (**Due September 8, 2023**)
- School meals will be free through the State of Michigan** this upcoming school year. Menus are available at: <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com>. With meals being free, families should still complete a Education Benefits Form through their Family Portal - uticak12.org/familyportal - this will help families that qualify receive reduced registration fees for AP courses, discounted internet access and more!
- Utica Community Schools is proud to deliver 1:1 technology to our students. UCS is once again offering an annual insurance plan to help families if there is an accident that causes damage to the school issued device. In order to be considered enrolled in the optional Technology Insurance Program, payments for the 2023-2024 school year must be received no later than **Friday, September 8, 2023**. Follow this link for more info: <https://bit.ly/3CtOXE1>
- School begins on Tuesday, August 29**. This is a ½ day for elementary students and a full day for secondary students. Available calendar dates are at: <http://www.uticak12.org/calendar>
- Utica Community Schools has a new mobile app! Search for 'Utica Schools' in your phone's app store and download the free app to stay up-to-date on district and school news. The old mobile app 'Utica Community Schools' is no longer supported and should be deleted from your devices. Download at the App store [here](#) and Google Play [here](#).
- Have a question about the start of the school year?** Just ask us! Use this link for a list of school and district contact information: <http://uticak12.org/justaskucs>

IMPORTANT DOCUMENT FOR EVERYONE TO FILL OUT ASAP!

The USDA sponsored pandemic-related free school meal program has ended. During the 2022-2023 school year all families will be responsible for the full price of school meals unless they have applied and been approved for free or reduced priced meals. To apply for these accommodations, visit <https://utica.familyportal.cloud>. Please note that last year's application

will expire on October 13, 2022. Additionally, families may deposit funds on their student's lunch accounts at the same website.

CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT HIR FORM ONLINE

CLASSROOM/TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS- AUGUST 24 AFTER 3PM

This year, we will communicate grade level classroom assignments for your child in a convenient and secure manner. We will be emailing the classroom assignments to you directly using the e-mail addresses on file in PowerSchool after 3:00pm on Thursday, August 24.

TECHNOLOGY DEVICE INSURANCE PROGRAM



...Because sometimes accidents happen

Deadline to purchase device insurance:
Thursday, Sept. 8

For more information about an annual \$15 insurance plan to cover accidental damage to your student's device
WWW.UTICAK12.ORG/DEVICE

UTICAK12
UNION TOWN COUNTRY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

The advertisement features a cartoon illustration of a young girl with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing an orange shirt and a grey skirt. She is depicted in a state of panic, with her arms outstretched and a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression. She is dropping a tablet computer, which is shown falling towards the bottom left of the frame with motion lines and a jagged yellow impact symbol. The background is a light blue and white geometric pattern. A red rounded rectangle contains the deadline information. The logo for the school district is in the bottom right corner.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE DEVICE INSURANCE

Utica Community Schools
School Age Child Care (SACC)
WE ARE HIRING!



POSITIONS AVAILABLE:
SACC Directors- \$16/hr
SACC Assistants- \$14/hr
Substitutes

WHY WORK WITH US:

- Best compensation package in Macomb County
- Flexible hours
- Extra income
- Convenient locations
- Morning & afternoon shifts
- Guaranteed \$100 bonus every 10 days worked*
*effective 2023-24 school year; subject to regular review and modification

Apply online: uticak12.tedk12.com/hire
Questions? Contact Jenelle Dubey:
586.797.6904 or Jenelle.Dubey@uticak12.org



MEDICAL FORMS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Utica Community Schools are committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for each of our students. A health plan is required to be completed at the beginning of every school year. For your child's safety we ask that all health forms are turned in prior to the first day of school.

Health plans should be completed for any condition that may involve special dietary considerations, activity levels, medications, or treatment of urgent problems. Completion of health plans allows our staff to take the best possible care of your child.

A physician's signature is required on all health plans. Any medications that are to be distributed by school staff or used by students at school must have an Authorization for

Medication completed and signed by a physician, including any over-the-counter medications.

Please return all the necessary, completed and signed forms (dated after June 9th) to:
officeburr@uticak12.org

Your cooperation will help ensure a safe and healthy school year. Any questions can be directed to: Emily Duzey, District Nurse
Emily.Duzey@Uticak12.org

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS

If you are planning to volunteer at Burr this year, please make sure you have filled out the background check. If you have done this in the past, you are all set!



Volunteer Criminal History Check Form.pdf

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123.2 KB

JIMMY JOHN'S FIELD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022
FIRST PITCH 7:05 PM | GATES OPEN 6:00 PM

**UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**
at Jimmy John's Field
MAMMOTHS VS. UNICORNS

Featuring the World Famous Clydesdales!

The UCS community of families is invited to enjoy a night of baseball and fun at Jimmy John's Field with a special discounted ticket offer when we celebrate UCS Back to School Night. All UCS families are offered a discount of \$4 off for any grandstand ticket by using **PROMO CODE: UCS22**.

Go to www.uspbl.com or call the box office at 248-759-5278 for more information.

JIMMY JOHN'S FIELD | 7171 AUBURN ROAD, UTICA, MI 48317 | WWW.USPBL.COM



BURR ELEMENTARY


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Christian Mueller-Principal
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School Hours: 9:00 AM -3:50 PM
Half Day Hours: 9:00 AM- 12:04 PM
Office Hours: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

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