

# From The Heart

University Preparatory Academy  
Ellen Thompson Campus

February, 2010

## Quote of the month:

**"I am where I am  
because I believe in all  
possibilities" Whoopi  
Goldberg**

## Message From the Principal

### Important Dates:

**February 3:** 5th Grade  
Middle School Meeting

**February 3:** Final Day  
for Father Daughter  
Dance Tickets

**February 8-10:** 5th  
Grade at Camp Copne-  
conic

**February 10:**

Title I meeting 9:00 am  
& 6:00 pm

**February 12:** Father  
daughter Dance 6-9

**February 15-19:** NO  
SCHOOL Mid- Winter  
Break

**February 8-22:** Re-  
Enrollment forms must  
be returned to school

**February 26:** Open  
Lottery



February is a time to remember the past, reflect and then move forward and become a better person. February is a time to remember the past, reflect and then appreciate. February is a time to remember the past and be inspired. I think that Mr. Curran's 5th grade class has been inspired to help the cause of Haiti.

They took it upon themselves and decided as a class to raise money by selling bagels. I hope that many of you have been able to come in and support their cause.

There are so many things to do around the city during this month. I am looking forward to hearing the stories that our students will share during Morning Meet-

ing about what they will learn during this short but important time of year. How will they be inspired? How will they challenge themselves to be their best?

Make sure you look for the different Black History Month activities that will be taking place in your child's classroom or village and ask how you can take part in the activity.

Sincerely,

Chalita Middleton

## REMINDERS:

**YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!** This is our first time ever having a yearbook and if we don't sell them this might be our last. \$11 Post purchase of yearbooks will be \$15

**UPA Fleece ON SALE NOW!** \$25 We will not be doing T-Shirts this year sorry.

**Father Daughter Dance February 12, 2010 6-9 TICKETS ON SALE NOW UNTIL February 3rd**

Last day for Open Enrollment is February 12th

Open Lottery will be February 26 on the High school campus in the Red Building



## Responsive Classroom Corner: Staff, Students, and Parents:

In order to make any program a success, there needs to be a delegation of responsibilities to the individuals involved.: **Student Responsibility**...Principles and practices of social development are modeled for students daily. These concepts are often introduced during the Morning Meeting segment of the day. Each class works together to brainstorm and develop rules they feel are important. These rules will ensure a safe and caring learning community. When the expectations are clear and understandable to all, the children are then responsible to adhere to the guidelines.

Children are expected to respect and care for themselves, each other and their school. **Staff Responsibility:** is to create a learning environment in which children thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

This goal is accomplished through activities and learning appropriate to the child's development stage. Adults use language to encourage and direct students to take responsibility for their behavior and learning. **Parent Responsibility**...communication and involvement are essential. Parents are asked to think about what they feel is important for their child to work on this year. Through parent communication we find out about children's interests, habits, and struggles.

## Healthy Info Corner: UPA Wellness Fair February 10

Please join us at the High school for our 1st Annual Health Fair.

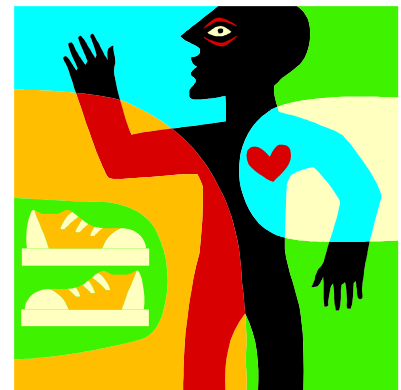
We will have:

- a guest speaker from the

Biggest loser

- Door prizes
- Challenge sign-ups
- Goody bags

There will be many other things to see and do at this event!



## Why is attendance important?

We know that all parents send their child to school to learn, and make a few friends. I have talked to several parents, they are frustrated with so many students coming in late EACH AND EVERYDAY! They realize how this effects their children. School starts at 8:30 if your child is getting out of your car at 8:30 they are late. Our students

are allowed to come into the building starting at 8:00. There is NO reason why they should be late.

If your child is not in school or is late everyday they are missing something. To carry the attitude of "They can catch up" is not fair to your child or their class. We are teaching them habits that they will

be able to carry to a career. These habits of being late or not showing up will be hard to break as they get older. The most important part is WE CAN'T prepare your child for college, teach them how to problem solve, and cultivate them to be self-motivating individuals if they are not in school.

