

UPA Middle School January 2012

January 9, 2012

Important Dates:

- Jan. 9

Students Return

- Jan. 15

No School

MLK Jr. Day

Observed

- Jan. 23

No School

Records Day for Staff

- Jan. 24

Students Return

To School

- Jan. 26

Orientation for 6th Grade Families

- Jan. 30

9th Grade Orientation UPA HS

Nigena Livingston
Principal

Eric Redwine
Superintendent

News and Announcements from Ms. Livingston

Welcome back to what I am positive will be the second half of an amazing school year. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable break and that we are all ready to continue to strive for excellence as we "get our education on"!

One of the changes we made this year to improve our communication was to begin using ONE CALL, our school messaging service to highlight important news and announcements. Well, while it had been effective and has received a positive response, we got the feedback that parents/guardians wanted more communication to stay updated. The monthly newsletter is back and will be another way to keep you informed as we head into the remainder of the school year. The first Monday of each month, the newsletter will be available to students and posted on our website.

Beginning this week, we are gearing up to begin NWEA MAP Testing. As you will recall, students took the first of three rounds of MAP Tests in the Fall. We are now going to com-

plete winter testing to see how much students have grown and to identify what we need to do to continue to push them to hit our end of year targets for growth. Individual student reports of this test will be ready for all students by February.

I would also like to take the time to introduce Ms. Lane our new Managing Director of Operations. Ms. Lane will be assisting the office staff with school communications, financial matters and other operational logistics.

Lastly, we are beginning our recruitment for the spring. If you know of any 6th grade students that are in search of a school that offers strong personal relationships with academic challenge and rigor, please send them our way! We are now taking applications for the 2012- 2013 school year.

**After School Tutoring will resume
Thursday, January 12, 2012.**

**6th Grade
Students
Will Battle
It Out...
In Books!**

First Annual Battle of the Books!

Mrs. Brown, 6th grade advisor at UPA has spearheaded a new reading initiative called, "The Battle of the Books, Middle School Challenge". Teams of students, sponsored by staff members and/or parents and guardians will be reading books in preparation for this event. University Prep Academy Middle School students will go head to head with their peers from the school as well as worthy challengers from University Prep Science and Math. The event will take place in March. Until then, happy reading!

Asbestos Emergency Response Act

Dear UPA Parents,

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1987, University PREP was recently inspected for all types of asbestos. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the results of this test. They are briefly outlined below:

1. No asbestos-containing building materials were found during the inspection
2. The school building was constructed with all non-asbestos building materials
3. An AHERA inspection and/or exclusionary statement have been performed, completed and no asbestos-containing materials have been identified.

A more complete copy of the AHERA inspection is available for review upon request. Any questions please call the main office, 313-831-0100.

Thank you!

Inclement Weather Policy

In the case of inclement weather, UPA Middle School will be notifying parents via our ONE CALL system to announce when we are closing. Please make sure that we have your correct contact information listed in our system. Until then, stay warm this winter.



Open Letter to the Students of UPA MS

“Lose the Cursing!”

It is the start of a new year, with endless possibilities, potential and opportunities. I’m writing this brief communiqué as a business owner, partner and friend of the District for several years. I have the responsibility to support the District, its teachers, administrators, parents and **most importantly you, the students.** One simple piece of advice, stop the cursing. Young ladies, it is unacceptable and intolerable to hear you use the “B” word, or call someone a “N_____” or other derogatory phrase. Young men, it is disheartening to hear you call someone “MF” or use the “N” word, and when a parent or adult asks you to watch your language, you show disrespect by mumbling under your breath or joking and laughing. As a lawyer, entrepreneur, and business owner I’m intimately aware of how words, and their effective use, are critical to success or failure. I can honestly say that spewing obscenities and swearing is not a part of a successful person’s vocabulary. All of us (your parents included) expect and demand better from you. You never know who is listening– possibly the person that can assist you in becoming tomorrow’s leader.

Sincerely,

Katrina I. Crawley, Esq.

Attorney & Counselor at Law

P. S. Students, help your peers, friends, and colleagues stop this habit. It takes a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) to succeed in life.



We LOVE to hear from you! Please do not hesitate to call us to discuss your child’s progress. We only ask that you remember that we are serious about teaching and that every minute counts! With that in mind, please understand that the best time to reach our teaching staff is by appointment. Feel free to leave a message and we will get back to you at our earliest convenience.



January 2012

U Prep Middle School-Lunch

Tuesday, December 20, 2011 12:58:23 PM

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 * Closed *	3 * Closed *	4 * Closed *	5 * Closed *	6 * Closed *
9 Italian Sub w/lettuce & peppers Carrot Coins 1/2 Cup w/dip Orange (1) Fritos	10 Hot Turkey Sandwich (2 slices) Mashed Potatoes 4oz Apple (1) Wheat Bread Slice Cookie (1)	11 Meat Loaf 3 oz Baked Potato w/sour cream Mandarin Oranges 4 oz Corn Bread (1)	12 General Tso Chicken 6 oz Brown Rice 4 oz Peas 4oz Fruit Cocktail 4oz	13 Little Caesar's Pizza 1 slice Spinach Blend Salad 4 oz Fresh Fruit Mix Trail Mix
16 * Closed *	17 Chicken Salad 3 oz. Lazo Bread (1) Cucumbers & Dip (4) Pineapple Tidbits 4oz	18 Turkey Polish Sausage on a Bun Baked Beans 4oz Dried Fruit Snacks Banana (1)	19 Cheesy Bread WG 2 pc Soup 4 oz Banana (1) Juice 4 oz	20 Little Caesar's Pizza 1 slice Carrots & Celery w/ dip Fresh Fruit Mix Yogurt 4 oz
23 * Closed *	24 Chicken Parm Sandwich Pasta Salad 4oz Carrots & Broccoli w/dip Juice 4 oz	25 Chef's Salad w/Ranch Tropical Fruit Salad 4 oz Muffin 1.8 oz Cheese Stick (String)	26 Cheeseburger on WG Bun 2.4 oz Potato Wedges 4 oz w/ketchup Dill Pickle Spear (2) Juice 4 oz	27 Little Caesar's Pizza 1 slice Caesar Salad 4 oz Fresh Fruit Mix Chocolate Chip Granola Bar
30 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce 6oz Green Beans 4oz Garlic Bread (2 half slices) Orange (1)	31 Nachos w/Srd Cheese & taco sauce Spanish Rice w/Pinto Beans 4 oz Cucumbers & Dip (4) Oatmeal Cookie Juice 4 oz			

All meals include:
Milk, fruits and/or
vegetables, bread or
bread equivalent, meat
or meat equivalent

This institution is an
equal opportunity
provider.

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University Prep Middle School
5310 St. Antoine
Detroit, MI 48202
Instruction Begins at 8:15am
Instruction Ends at 3:15pm*

Students who are not picked up by 3:45 and who are not in after school activities will be asked to leave the school. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up on time for safety reasons. We are pleased to offer after care services for a nominal fee.

We are hosting orientation for families interested in enrolling students in 6th grade on January 26th invitations to follow.