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Family Newsletter

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Mathematics Workshop for Parents of Students in Grades 1, 2, and 3

Union Mill Elementary School, in conjunction with the PTA, is offering a Mathematics Workshop for parents on the night of November 12th. Renowned mathematics consultant, Tom Schersten of Randolph, Vermont will be teaching parents how to help their children understand and appreciate concepts to enhance their basic mathematics skills. You can see Mr. Schersten in action on Thursday, November 12, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the UMES library. Please join us for this parents only workshop if your child is in first, second, or third grade!

Federal Impact Aid Survey

We appreciate your prompt response to the Federal Survey forms that your students brought home this week. Fairfax County Public Schools receives approximately \$3,500,000 from this grant program each year. Please ask your children for these forms, fill them out, sign and date them, and return them to school right away. We are required to submit a form for each and every student. Thank you!

Union Mill's Annual Fun Run

The school's annual Fun Run is a very popular event every year with over 200 people participating. The PTA is in need of a chair person or people to be in charge of the event this year. If you are interested, please contact either Christina Nelson or Tracey White. Ask a friend to help and don't be afraid to help put on this event that so many enjoy! If there is no chairperson/people by December 1st, we will have to cancel this event for the spring.

SCA Thanksgiving Food Drive

As in years past, the SCA will be collecting food in November to help those less fortunate in our area. We are asking that every student at Union Mill bring one canned or boxed item of food so others may have enough food for their Thanksgiving. Boxes will be placed in the front lobby from November 4 - 20. The SCA thanks you in advance for your generosity and support!!

Schwan's Fundraiser

Don't forget to go online to schwansfundraising.com and place your order. Union Mill Elementary School's code is **24812**. Schwan's has over 300 products to choose from that will please any palate. Orders are to be picked up in our school's parking lot on November 14th between 11am - 4pm. Remember, our school will receive a percentage of total sales. There is something for everyone, from prepared meals for those evenings you are on the go to delicious cuts of meat to awesome ice cream and delicious snacks. Tracey White at tracey.white@verizon.net will answer any questions you may have.

Entertainment Books Still Available

A limited number of Entertainment Books are still available for purchase. The books are \$30 each and contain a wide variety of discount coupons for stores, restaurants, and services (like Jiffy Lube, movies, golf etc). Each purchase supports the Union Mill PTA. If you are interested in purchasing a book or would like more information, please contact Maggie Carmichael at dmcarmichael@verizon.net no later than November 11th.

Birthday Special Offered by UMES Cafeteria!

Purchase 24 freshly baked cookies for only \$8.00 for your child's next birthday to share with classmates, or buy 24 frozen ready-to-bake cookies for \$6.00 and prepare them yourself. Cash or checks are acceptable. Please make all checks payable to Union Mill Elementary Food Service. One week advance notice is required. For more information call Cindy Yoo, UMES Cafeteria Manager, at 703-322-8521 or cindy.yoo@fcps.edu. Remember to check with your child's teacher about students with food allergies before taking any treats into the classroom.

Sixth Graders to Take 2009 Fairfax Healthy Behavior Youth Survey

UMES sixth graders will be taking the 2009 Fairfax Healthy Behavior Youth Survey on Tuesday, November 10. The survey was developed by individuals in the Fairfax County community, county agencies, and the school system to assess

the school community's effectiveness in helping young people make healthy choices. Participation is voluntary and confidential. Parents received a letter of notification in early September about the survey. An opt-out form was included with the September notification for parents who did not want their son or daughter to participate. If you did not receive an opt-out form or would now like to opt your child out of the survey, please call Kimberly Shoemaker at 703-322-8500. The survey is available on line www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey and is also available in a binder located in the main office.

UMES Book Fair the Week of November 16th

Laura Sorenson, UMES Librarian, and her committee of PTA Library Volunteers will be sponsoring our annual UMES Book Fair the week of November 16th. Parents are welcome to stop by the library anytime to buy books for their children. Please join us for this week of fun!

Advanced Academic (formerly Gifted and Talented) Referrals

Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the AA center screening process by completing and submitting a Gifted and Talented GT Center Referral form to Susan Shadis, school principal, no later than February 5, 2010. Second graders not in the pool and all third through sixth graders are screened only by referral. Forms are available on the FCPS AA Program web site at <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt/index.html>. For additional information call Sandy Chang at 703-322-8575 or sandy.chang@fcps.edu.

eCART Assessments Continue Next Week

Third Grade Reading	11/09		
Third Grade Mathematics	11/16	Fifth Grade Mathematics	11/12
Fourth Grade Reading	11/10		
Fourth Grade Mathematics	11/17	Sixth Grade Mathematics	11/11

UMES Calendar At a Glance						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
8 B Week SCA Food Drive	9 3 rd Gr. Reading E-cart	10 4 th Gr. Reading E-Cart 7:00 PTA Mtg.	11 Veterans' Day 6 th Gr. Math E-Cart	12 5 th Gr. Math E-Cart 7:00-8:30p.m. Math Workshop gr. 1 – 3 Parents	13 Progress Reports go home	14
15 A Week SCA Food Drive Book Fair	16 3 rd Gr. Math E-Cart	17 4 th Gr. Math E-Cart	18 Thanksgiving Lunches Gr. 1 - 3	19 Thanksgiving Lunches Gr. 4 - 6	20	21