



Union Mill Elementary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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No School on January 30, and Tuesday, January 31

Take a look at some of the great things that went on at Union Mill today:

1st Grade Fairy Tale Day



2nd Grade Pow-Wow



SCA Crazy Hair Day



Referrals for Full-Time Advanced Academic Placement Level IV (Grades 2–7) Due Feb. 3

Parents or guardians may initiate the full-time AAP (Level IV) screening process by completing and submitting an **AAP Level IV Referral Form** to Mrs. Case no later than **February 3, 2012**. Per the Advanced Academics office, no late referrals will be accepted. (<http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/timeline.shtml>)

Second graders **not** in the pool and **all** third through seventh graders are screened only by referral. Forms are available on the AAP website (<http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/forms.shtml>) and in the *Parent Information Packet* available at our school.

SYA Baseball Comes to Union Mill

Parents and coaches from SYA held a baseball skills clinic during PE classes on Wednesday. They were able to work with all of our students and the children enjoyed the various stations. Did your child come home excited about baseball? Here is a link to the SYA website for more information www.syabaseball.org.



Local Food Pantries Need Our Help Restocking Their Shelves – Stuff the Bus

Fairfax County [Neighborhood and Community Services](#) and the [Office of Public Private Partnerships](#) are once again partnering with MV Transportation, Inc. and local grocery stores (Giant and Shoppers) to collect donations of food to assist the most vulnerable in our community. Food donations will be collected on February 4th at the Colonnade Giant to benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM), which provides services to residents in the Union Mill Elementary School attendance area.

Please Be Mindful of Children When Dropping Off and Picking Up Children

We have received reports of a couple of close calls when parents are dropping off and picking up children at the Little Rocky Run Community Center. Please be sure to keep safety first and remind your children to be alert for cars. Children should not be dropped off at school before 8:25 and need to be ready for learning and in their classroom at 8:40. Students that arrive by school bus are never considered tardy if the bus is late.

Robinson Middle School to Hold Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation on Thursday, February 2

Robinson Middle School Orientation begins at 7:00 pm on February 2. Look for information on electives in today's Friday folder. The Robinson staff asks that you please look this information over prior to attending the orientation. At the end of the formal part of the orientation, parents will have an opportunity to hear presentations on specific electives so it will be helpful to know which ones you want to know more about.

Liberty Middle School to Hold Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation on Thursday, February 16

Look for information to come home in the near future on this event. This is an opportunity to meet department chairs and preview the course catalog. The Special Education Parent meeting begins at 6:30 pm with the general orientation portion of the meeting starting at 7:00pm. In the event of inclement weather, the snow date is Thursday, February 23rd.

Prepare Now for Inclement Weather Communication

This is that time of year when weather conditions can change within a matter of hours. It is important to maintain up-to-date information about changes to the school schedule. Changes due to inclement weather will be listed on the FCPS Internet home page, <http://www.fcps.edu>. These changes are carried under Current News; click on "Emergency Announcement." Weather-related announcements will also be available from local radio and television stations, the Channel 21 bulletin board, or the Keep In Touch e-mail notification service. In the event that schools close early, please make sure that plans are in place for your children.

UMES Calendar At a Glance						
JANUARY/FEBRUARY						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
29	30 No School Teacher Work Day	31 No School Teacher Work Day	1 3 rd Quarter begins	2 Robinson Parent Night 7 pm	3	4
5	6	7 PTA Meeting at 7 PM in the library	8	9	10 Progress Reports go home	11
12	13	14	15	16 Liberty Parent Night 7 pm	17 Bus Evacuation Drill	18