



Union Mill Elementary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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No School Monday, October 10, 2011 Columbus Day Holiday

Oct. 11th Principals' Coffee – Advanced Academic Program



Please join Mrs. Case and Ms. Walker in the cafeteria from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11th to discuss the Advanced Academic Program in the elementary schools. Susanne Shahidi, the UMES Advanced Academic Resource Teacher, will give us an overview of the services offered at Union Mill. In addition, there will be time allotted for open discussion. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your school administrators in a small group setting!

Health Screening for All Kindergarten, Third Grade and New Students on October 13th

Vision and hearing screening will be held on Thursday, October 13th for all K, 3rd graders and new to county students. If your child wears glasses, please be sure he/she has them at school on that day. The purpose of screening is to identify students who need further evaluation because they have failed the vision and/or hearing tests at school. Parents will be notified by letter if screening results indicate that further testing is needed. Vision and hearing defects can interfere with learning and prompt follow-up is recommended. If you have any questions, please contact Carmen Linn, School Health Aide, at 703-322-8510. If you would like to volunteer to help with screening, please contact Teri Assel, Health Screening Coordinator at (703) 825-1226.

Grade 6 Youth Survey Aids in the Development of Education Procedures and Interventions

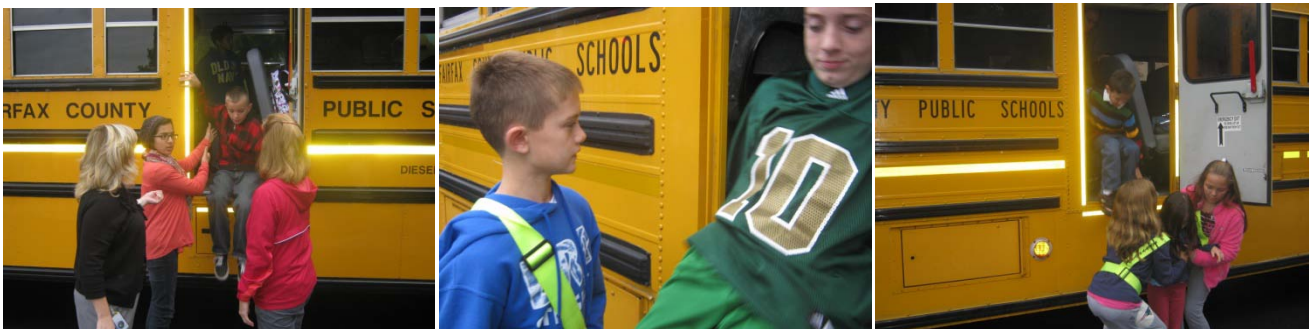
UMES will again be participating in the 2011 Fairfax Youth Survey. The survey focuses on risk behaviors, such as alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, as well as delinquency and violence. Parents of sixth grader students received a letter explaining the survey content and opt-out procedures in the first Friday folder of this school year. The letter is signed by Dr. Jack Dale, Superintendent of FCPS. The survey will be administered in Fairfax County Public Schools between November 9-11. As in the past, the entire sixth grade will take the survey at the same time. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Clarence Jones at 571-423-4270.

Please Check in

It is the responsibility of all of us to maintain a safe and secure environment for our students at Union Mill. In order to do so, all visitors are required to sign in the office to receive a visitor sticker, even if you are here for only a short period time. We appreciate your cooperation for this minor inconvenience as we work together to keep Union Mill a safe and secure place for our students.

Patrols Conduct Successful Bus Evacuation Drill

Our patrols did an excellent job with our bus evacuation drill on Tuesday morning. Here are some pictures of some of them at work.



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Deadline for entries:

For details, contact Joan Carter: joan.carter2@fcps.edu
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Students may submit multiple entries. Divisions for judging at UMES: Primary (K – 2), Intermediate (3-5), Middle (6)

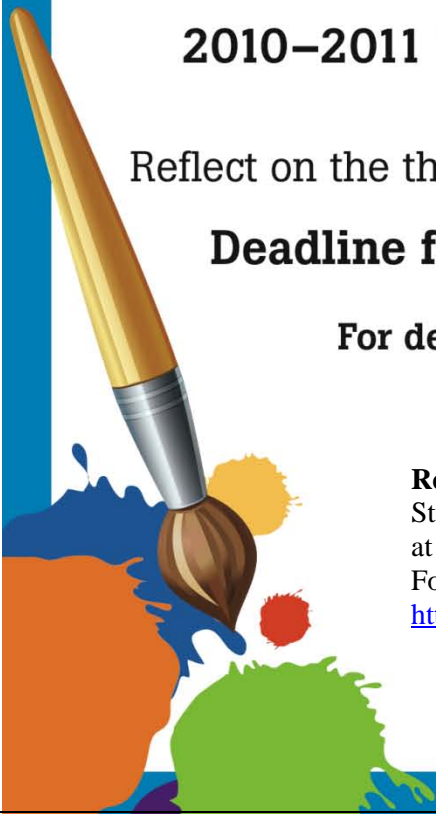
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UMES Calendar At a Glance

OCTOBER

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
9	10 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	11 Principal's Coffee 9:00 am in Cafeteria	12 SCA Installation	13 Vision and Hearing Screening	14 Interims go home CVHS Homecoming	15
16	17 CogAT testing	18 CogAT testing	19 CogAT testing	20 CogAT testing	21 CogAT testing	22 Fall Festival