UNITED DAY SCHOOL

A TRADITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
SHARING OUR NEWS FROM A TO Z
March 21, 2012

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. These are but trifles, to be sure; but, scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable. - Joseph Addison

WELCOME BACK: Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Spring Break! We have begun the last 9 weeks of the 2011/2012 school year.

MARCH TUITION ACCOUNTS: If you overlooked paying March tuition, it is considered past due. Past due statements are issued in this week's Wednesday envelope. Please remit payment.

IMPORTANT -FAMILY REGISTRATION FOR 2012-13: Family registration forms were sent with the March tuition statement. Your form with payment of $750/per student must be received **by Friday, March 30th** to secure your child's enrollment for the 2012-13 school year.

PP, PK AND NEW STUDENT ADMISSION TESTING for the 2012-2013 school year is in progress. If you know of any prospective students, ask parents to call the office at 956-723-7261.

PARENT ONLINE READING SESSION: A parent session regarding Destination Reading will be held on **April 3rd** in relation to Journeys, our Reading Textbook, this training is for parents of K-5th grade only. This training pertains to the reading online service. It will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the APR.

SUMMER ACADEMIES: We are planning some exciting summer Academies for our students. (see attached flyer)

SCHOLARSHIPS: Need and merit based scholarships are available for the 2012-2013 school year. Contact the finance office for applications. Deadline is Mon., April 30th.

A-E: ANNUAL GIVING: All members of the UDS Family are encouraged to contribute to the Annual Giving Program. Your donation no matter the size helps achieve our goal of improving our technology program.

ATTENDANCE: Be here every day and be on time – 7:50 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS: The winners of the UDS ORATORY CONTEST held Thurs. Mar. 8th were:
Girls: 1st Place: Kathleen Hopson; 2nd Place: Koshilia Sachdev; 3rd Place: Morgan Gilpin. Boys: 1st Place: Joshua Chavana; 2nd Place: Noah Sumait; 3rd Place: Emilio Rojas. Kathleen and Joshua will compete in the Citywide Competition on Mar. 28, 2012. Way to Go Patriots!

CONGRATULATIONS to Alan Villarreal, the winner of the UDS SPELLING BEE. Thank you to all students who competed. Everyone did a great job!

CONGRATULATIONS to Kaitlin Beckelhymer, our 8th Grader of the Month. Kaitlin will be honored on Thurs., Mar. 22nd at St. Augustine by the KGNS Friends of the Family and the Laredo Police Department.

CONGRATULATIONS: Ari Montemayor won Reserve Grand Champion American Registered Breed Junior Division Heifer at the Houston Livestock Show on Mar.9th. **Way to go, Ari!**

GOOD LUCK: The MathCounts Team competes on Mar. 24th in Austin at the State Competition. The Team is comprised of Alex Gonzalez, Patrick Howland, Wonmin Son and Noah Sumait. Good Luck Boys!

Calendar of Events

March 21: 7th & 8th Grade Etiquette Luncheon @ 11:30 am
March 21: PTC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
March 21: PK-2nd Grade Science Fair after PTC Meeting
March 23: PTC Box Top – College T-Shirt w/jeans Day
March 24: UDS Invitational Benefit Shoot @ 8 a.m. South Texas Shooting Complex
March 26: JDRF T-Shirt
March 28: Citywide Oratory Competition
April 2: JDRF T-Shirt
April 6-9 Easter Holiday – No Classes
April 10: JDRF T-Shirt Day
April 10: JDRF PK-2nd Grade Walk
April 13: UDS Bingo @ 5 pm in Gym
April 14: JDRF City Walk
April 15-20: 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
April 16: Anniversary Mass for Lamar Bruni Vergara
April 23-26: Writing Assessment Tests for 3rd to 8th Grades

F-R: FUNDRAISING EVENTS

UDS BENEFIT SHOOT:

Calling all Sporting Clay enthusiasts! The UDS shoot is Sat., Mar. 24th at the South Texas Shooting Complex. See flyer for registration information. Buy your raffle ticket for a chance to win a trip or a shotgun. Keep in mind that for every ticket you sell or purchase you get 1 Service Hour & a chance to win your 10 Service Hrs. for next year!!! Tickets are on sale in the office or from any board member.

BINGO: **The 2nd UDS Bingo will be held on April 13th!** If interested in helping, please contact Laura de la Miyar, Pati Carranza, or Marcela Mounetou, Bingo Chairs. There will be 10 games and 3 Specials. GREAT PRIZES, food and lots of fun for all. Entrance fee will be $30.00/person. A camp will be held for UDS children. **Each family will be sent 2 tickets in next week's Wed. Envelope. If you need extra tickets, please contact the chairpersons as soon as possible. Remember it was sold out last year. See flyers concerning donations for food and prizes!**

McTEACHER'S NIGHT: Mark April 2nd on your calendars to go to McDonald's on Bob Bullock Loop (Independence Plaza) for a UDS fundraiser. McDonald's will donate 20% of all sales at that McDonald's to UDS from 5 to 8 p.m.! Some of your UDS faculty and staff will be there to help greet and serve. **Come and support UDS!**

S-Z: SCHOOL NOTICES

JDRF: Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes- JDRF T-Shirt days, **Mar. 26, April 2, April 10th and 13th** with blue jeans. This year the city walk will be on April 14th and our in- house walk for PK –2nd grade will be Tues.., April 10th.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF LAREDO: Auditions are set for Mar. 21st here at UDS.

P.E. YOGA KIDS CLASSES: Three Certified Yoga Kids Teachers will be visiting our school so that students in grades PK- 6th grade will have four yoga classes. Yoga Kid classes help kids connect mind and body to experience a natural state of fitness, fun and feeling great. Each class will be comprehensive, age-appropriate, theme-based, and integrate movements, poses and non-competitive games in the unique Yoga Kids method. Yoga mats will be provided, but your child may bring their own mat on their assigned yoga days. Yoga classes for PK, K, 2nd, 4th, and 5th are on Mar. 27, April 3, and April 10. Yoga classes for 1st, 3rd, and 6th are on Mar. 23, 30, April 13 and 20.

PTC NEWS: Final Meeting of the Year: Mar. 21st at 7:00 pm. Election of the 2012-2013 PTC officers will be held. **Volunteer Service Hours**: Any questions please email Perla Gonzalez at pgonzalez@unitedday.org. The next opportunity to earn hours will be at our last PTC Meeting, Benefit Shoot, Bingo, and Spring Benefit. Check with Perla Gonzalez if you need more than the one hour you will earn when you come to the PTC meeting. Opportunities to earn hours are still available. Remember, you will be assessed a fee of $50 for each hour of service not completed.

SAFETY: Be very careful when driving to drop off or pick-up your child(ren). We will begin implementing a **"NO CELL PHONE ZONE"** while driving on UDS property. This is to ensure the safety of all children. Please help us keep your child safe. This becomes effective immediately.

SPRING PICTURES: Proofs are enclosed and are due by March 29th. Please make checks out to ProColor.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM: Nominate your favorite teacher by April 2nd online at www.KrispyKremeTexas.com!

TESTING: Writing Assessment for 3rd-8th grade: April 23-27. Test Dates for the Stanford Achievement Test for Kinder – 8th grade will be May 1st -3rd.

SCHOOL TRIPS

WASHINGTON TRIP - 8TH GRADE: All students must have picture I.D. The last payment installment is due Friday, Mar., 9th! Please contact Coach Doan or Mrs. Pauline Trevino if you have questions.

SPORTS

Congratulations to both of our 4th grade teams and our two 2nd grade basketball teams for winning their first playoff games. Good luck in the Semifinals. Excellent job United Day Patriots, we had 8 of our basketball teams make the playoffs. Our 3rd grade basketball team is already in the City Championship game on Saturday, March 24, at 9:50 a.m. There will be a middle school track meet at Shirley Field on Thursday March 22.

STUDENT EVENTS

PK-2ND SCIENCE FAIR: The PK – 2nd Grade Science Fair will be held on Mar., 21st immediately following the PTC meeting.

SCIENCE

GOT MILK? Well, the 7th grade Science classes have "Leche"! We have adopted an orphaned heifer and she is down at the 4-H pens. We feed her before school and after school and give her attention. Her stall is kept clean and we (the whole class) will visit her once a week for a few minutes (if time allows).

SCHOOL CLUB MEETINGS

SCIENCE CLUB: 5th Grade Science Club meeting on Tues., Mar. 27th at 3:30 pm.

CHOIR AND GLEE CLUB: Choir Wednesday, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE**: Glee has changed to Thursdays, 3:15-4:30 p.m. effective this week.

TEACHERS OF TOMORROW: Thank you to Mrs. Otilia Bustamante who was the guest speaker at the March 20th meeting.

BOY SCOUTS: This Wed., Mar. 21st our meeting will be in Ms. Costilla's room at 6:30 PM. It is VERY IMPORTANT that every scout who will be going camping this weekend be present. We will discuss all the details regarding camping, transportation, money for food, etc. The campout will be in Alice, Texas (Mar. 23, 24 and 25). The troop patrols have been restructured for this activity. As always full uniform is required for the meeting. We will be traveling to Alice in Class A Uniform. We will use the troop t-shirts as follows: Red on Fri., Blue on Sat., and Yellow on Sun. Come and "BE PREPARED" for some fun!!!

CUB SCOUTS: Welcome back cub scouts! Get your tents ready because we're going camping. Cub Scout Schedule:
March 22- Wolf Den meeting at 3:45-5:15 at UDS.
March 22: District Round Table at Camp Huisache.
March 23 and 24- Pack Campout at the John Galo ranch.
March 30 to April 1-Cub family campout at Camp Huisache.
April 14 - District Pinewood Derby at Camp Huisache.
April 15 - Pack 201 Blue and Gold Banquet at Falcon Lake House.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED:
Pay tuition, HEB cards and Annual Giving.

FREE $$$$ TO UDS

BUY HEB GIFT CARDS - You pay $100 and receive $100 worth of groceries. UDS receives $4.00 for every card you buy!

BOX TOPS- Continue to collect your box tops in a Ziploc bag and send with your child. Prizes await the class with the most at the end of the year.