UNITED DAY SCHOOL

Celebrating 60 years of Academic Excellence

August 22, 2012

Revised Yearly Calendar Enclosed

LET'S CELEBRATE

We would like to thank all of our UDS families for a wonderful first week of school. We look forward to an exciting school year as we celebrate our 60th anniversary. Our kick-off celebration on Friday was a great success thanks to all of our students, parents, faculty and staff. We would especially like to thank Tracy Doan, Gigi Rodriguez, Cati Kahn, Ymelda Salas and Pauline Trevino for coordinating our student performances.

SPIRIT SHIRTS

Spirit Shirts are still for sale. Forms must be turned in no later than Wednesday, August 29th. Orders will not be taken after this date. Shirts will be distributed next week. The first Spirit Day is September 14th.

CARNIVAL T-SHIRTS

Carnival T-Shirt order form is enclosed. The deadline to order is September 5th. Congratulations to our 8th Grader, Enrique Alarcon for having the winning design of our 2012 Carnival T-Shirt. You can wear your Carnival T-Shirt and jeans on Monday, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and on October 31st.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PTC: Our first PTC Meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Open House: Open house will follow our PTC Meeting on Thursday, August 23rd. Make plans to attend and meet your child's teacher(s).

Mandatory Service Hours for Parents: Service Hour Contract was sent out last week. If signed and returned, your Service Hour Card is enclosed. Service Hour Card must be brought to PTC meeting for validation between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm (prior to meeting). If meeting has begun you will need to wait until the end of the meeting to receive validation stamp. If you have not returned your contract, come by the office to turn it in and pick up your Service Hour Card.

Carpool/Walker Policy: See enclosed Revised Carpool/Walker Policy information. We request that you insert this policy into your student handbook between pages 35 & 36.

REMINDER

Please make sure to send all checks and correspondence in the Wednesday envelope. We ask that you return the Wednesday envelope on Thursday with your child.

If you have not picked-up your raffle tickets, please do so at this time. Raffle ticket stubs are due by August 23rd for best chances to win. You can pick-up or drop-off your tickets with Cindy Cisneros at the PTC Meeting.

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Our very own teachers, Mrs. Quintero & Mr. Davila will be representing UDS at the Women's City Club "Dancing With The Stars" event which will be held on Saturday, September 29th. If interested in cheering on your teachers, please contact Mrs. Nancy de Anda at 956-763-9960 or by email at n.deanda@att.net for more information. Thanks!

LUNCH PROGRAM

Blue Chip Catering, Inc. will provide our catered lunches. They will be selling lunch tickets on Thursday mornings from 7:10 am-8:30 am. Lunch tickets must be purchased through Blue Chip Catering. UDS does not sell lunch tickets. Catered lunches will start on Monday, August 20th. You will receive a monthly lunch menu. Please look over the menu so you can plan whether your child will be eating with "lunch box" or "lunch ticket."

Dates to Remember

Thursday, August 23rd: PTC Meeting & Open House 7pm

Tuesday, August 28th: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade MO Ranch Meeting 6 pm/8th Grade Washington Trip Meeting 7 pm

Thursday, August 30th: Chapel-5th Grade @ 8:00 am

Monday, September 3rd: Labor Day Holiday

Save the Date

Thursday, September 13th: Yoga-thon

Thursday, October 11th: 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration Gala

Free Money for UDS

HEB GIFT CARDS: Purchase your HEB gift cards in the office today! You pay $100 and receive $100 worth of groceries. UDS will receive $4 for every card sold (10 cards purchased= 1 service hour)

CAPRI SUN: Please send in your cleaned Capri Sun drink packages. UDS will recycle them and receive money.

BOX TOPS: Please collect and send in your box tops in a Ziploc bag with your child. The class who brings in the most Box Tops will win a prize!

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

*Pay tuition, HEB cards and donations towards Annual Giving

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our first PTC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23rd. We regret to inform you that we will be unable to provide childcare at PTC meetings.

Friday will be a free dress day if your child brings one new unopened bag of dog or cat food. Our donations will benefit the Laredo Animal Protective Society.

Birthday Book Club for the Months of July & August will be celebrated after 5th Grade Chapel on Thursday, August 30th. Please return the enclosed form by Wednesday, August 29th if you would like your child to participate in The Birthday Book Club.

Room mother forms are due Thursday, August 23rd.

Sport enrollment forms are due Thursday, August 23rd.

Art Club forms are due on Friday, August 24th. The first meeting will be held next week on Tuesday, August 28th in room G2 from 3:15-4:00 pm.

Choir & Glee Forms are due by Friday, August 24th.

K-5th NEWS

Cub Scouts: All parents who are interested in having their child (Grades 1st-5th) continue in the scouting program or who would like to join scouts, please attend a mandatory meeting which will be held on Saturday, August 25th at 2:00 pm in the UDS APR room.

3rd Grade Volleyball: The Boys & Girls Club has added 3rd Grade to their volleyball league. All 3rd Grade girls interested in playing, please sign-up to play on the enclosed form. We are in need of a coach for our 3rd grade volleyball teams (s).

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th-8th)

MO Ranch: We will be having a Mo Ranch parent orientation for all 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students on Tuesday, August 28th at 6:00 pm.

Washington Trip: The 8th Grade Washington trip meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28th at 7:00 pm.

8th Grade Raffle: PTC is looking for a chair for our annual PTC/8th Grade raffle. If you are an 8th Grade parent and would like to chair, please contact Tracy Doan.

Dance Team/Cheerleading: We are looking for sponsors for these two clubs. Please contact Mrs. Trevino if interested.

GLEE: Auditions will be held next Wednesday, August 29th after school from 3:15-4:15 in the Music Room.

NJHS: The NJHS Meetings will take place on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 am starting in September.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to United Day School on behalf of The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Our school raised the most money for JDRF amongst all private schools in Laredo. Thank you for your generous donations last spring which will help to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

Congratulations to our new Teachers of Tomorrow club officers for the 2012-2013 school year: President-Jordan Puig, Vice President-Evie Vela, Secretary-Katelyn Kahn, Treasurer-Brit Gilpin, Liaison-Monica Hinojosa, Historians-Julia Glass & Karen Marufo.

COACHES NEEDED

We are in need of coaches for our volleyball, basketball and flag football teams. We do not have a coach for Kinder Basketball, 2nd, 4th, 5th & 6th Flag football teams and are in need of 3rd grade girls volleyball coaches. We have many children interested in participating in these teams, but without a coach, we will not be able to form a team. Please help us out! If you would like to coach, please contact Coach Doan @ tdoan@unitedday.org

The annual coaches banquet is September 6th at 7:00 pm. If you have signed up to coach one of our United Day athletic teams, please make plans to attend. This is a mandatory training. Dinner will be served.

THANK YOU

A Big Thank You to District Attorney and parent, Chilo Alaniz, who was instrumental in having Kaleb Canales attend our 60th Anniversary Celebration as a guest speaker.

Thank you to all parents, alumni, and board members who attended our 60th Anniversary Celebration on Friday.

We would like to thank the following Boy Scouts who posted the Colors at our recent 60th Anniversary Celebration: Enrique Alarcon, Enrique Medina, Ricardo Mendez and Mann Pandya.

We would also like to thank the Master and Mistress of Ceremony, Diego Mendez and Natalie Huang as well as Simone Liddell for singing our National Anthem and the UDS Cheerleaders & Dance Team for a job well done!

Thank you to Nenita Mendez for providing breakfast and Mr. Juan Canavati for providing sweet bread for all parents, alumni and friends after the Kick-off Celebration.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

"What is good character?" is being emphasized in the classroom. Teachers will be nominating Patriot Character citizens of the month this week. "Watch your thoughts; they lead to attitudes; Watch your attitudes; they lead to words, Watch your words; they lead to actions, Watch your actions; they lead to habits, Watch your habits; they form character, Watch your character. It determines your destiny".