

# Unionville Elementary Newsletter

8144 E State Road 45, Unionville, IN 47468

332-0175

## Principal's Perspective

*"The joy that you give others is the joy that comes back to you. The more you spend in blessing the poor, lonely and sad, the more of your heart's possessing returns to you glad." –John Whitter*

During the next two months, the students and staff at Unionville will be focusing on attaining our next nine weeks academic goals, and closing out another year with success and purpose. I want to thank you for your strong parent participation during the beginning of parent-teacher conferences. This involvement in your child's educational process is very beneficial. I also want to stress that if you missed your parent-teacher conference scheduled appointment, please contact your teacher now to reschedule. Obviously we will not forget the significance of giving thanks and counting our blessings in November. But we will also teach the value of participation in service learning projects or educating the "whole child" in December. Learning to receive pleasure from helping others is a value we can encourage here at Unionville. Teaching our students that an individual can matter, can make a difference, can intercede another's behalf, is

an important lesson in life. Our annual Food Drive and Star Tree, where the students and staff help others in our community, is a true life lesson worth teaching. Who says values are not taught in schools today?

Sincerely,

Principal, Unionville Elementary

## Bradford Woods Winter Camp

Bradford Woods is holding a Winter Camp experience for 20 boys and 20 girls in grades 4-8. Camp dates are December 9-11. Activities include hikes, arts and crafts, wildlife identification and outdoor recreation. Contact Sheryl McGlory at [smcglory@indiana.edu](mailto:smcglory@indiana.edu)

## MCPL Homework Helper

Tutors are available to help students with their school work at Children's Homework Center at the Monroe County Public Library. Hours are 3:30-7:30pm on Monday-Thursday and 1:30-4:30pm on Sunday. Students in grades K-6 can drop in and receive help from a qualified tutor in a quiet setting. For questions, call 349-3100.

## Lost and Found

There are numerous coats and sweatshirts that have accumulated and been placed in lost and found. All these items will be on tables in the school hallways on the evening of the PTO Chili Supper, Friday, Nov. 18. Parents are encouraged to look through the clothes for items that belong to your child.

## Star Tree

This year Unionville is again sponsoring the Star Tree to help provide toys for the holidays for children at our school. You may stop by the office to select a star. The unwrapped gift should be returned to the office by Monday, December 12.

## Christmas Trees

This year Unionville is again selling paper Christmas Trees to help provide toys for the holidays for children at our school. You may stop by the office to purchase a tree.

## Child Care & School Delays

On those days when school is on a two-hour delay, only those students enrolled in the MCCSC Extended Day Program can be dropped off between 6:30am and

11:00am. Parents in need of child care when school is delayed or closes early because of inclement weather may want to consider registering your child in the program, even if those are the only days the service is needed. Call the School Age Care office at 330-7702 for registration information.

**In the event that we would have a 2 delay on a Wednesday, it would only be a one hour delay, due to the day starting one hour later. The school day would then start at 10:35.**

### Food Drive

The school food drive is under way through Wednesday, December 14. Food is being collected for families here in the Unionville area. The drive is sponsored by Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Frederick's Kindergarten class and Mrs. Chitwood's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Canned goods, dry foods and personal hygiene items are acceptable items to donate to this project.

### Early Dismissal

On rare occasions during the winter months school is dismissed earlier than normal due to threatening weather. Because this affects some students' dismissal procedures, the teachers refer to the enrollment cards that parents filled out at the beginning of the school year. If your instructions regarding what your child is to do in this situation have changed, you need to notify the school as soon as possible. The change will be noted on the enrollment card. **Please understand that we are not able to call parents when school is being dismissed early.** It is the parent's responsibility to

communicate to the school the plan you would like us to follow. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Nine Weeks Celebration

A huge thanks to: Stacey Isom, Paige Wagner, Suzann Westerfield, Sonya Dunigan, Kim Allard, Carrie Robbins, Jodi Cole, Heather Mikulich. For their parent power in assisting us with our first Nine Week Celebration. This was a celebration to recognize our outstanding students at Unionville Elementary. Our students who have earned all "A's" and all "A/B Honor Roll", Perfect Attendance, or any other outstanding effort deemed worthy by their teacher.

### Life Skills

Integrity- To act according to what is right and wrong.

Courage- To act according to ones belief.

### PTO

PTO MEETING

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30-7:30 in the school cafeteria. Child care is provided free of charge. Join us for this month's meeting on Tuesday November 8, at 6:30.

We encourage all parents to join the Unionville Elementary PTO email list. You will receive reminders, updates, and information on how you can participate in our school's activities. This is another way to stay connected and offer our support and assistance to the staff and students. Visit our school's website and click on PTO to find the link.

### MARKET DAY

Our Market Day pie fundraiser is currently taking place and will end on Friday, November 4. There are 14 pies this year to choose from and the classroom that sells the most

pies will have a PIE PARTY! Pies may also be ordered online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). Please contact Penny Hudoff at [phudoff@ymail.com](mailto:phudoff@ymail.com) or 812-327-5514 if you order online, she will make sure the credit for your pie order goes to your child's classroom. Pies will be available for pickup along with monthly Market Day orders on Wednesday, November 9, from 6:00-7:00pm.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Unionville Elementary is doing an outstanding job collecting Box Tops for Education! As of November 1st, our school has earned over \$200 that will be used for educational and recreational needs of our students. Keep sending in those Box Tops! Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles can clip, too! Each is worth 10 cents. Thanks to our Box Tops Committee (Trevor Boehm, Amanda Clark, Pam Deckard, Sonya Dunigan, Karen Edwards, and Annette Hopkins) who have volunteered their time to clip and pack Box Tops. It's hip to clip!

### CHILI SUPPER & CRAFT FAIR

Friday, November 18th, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Join us for chili, hot dogs, ice cream sundaes, and more! No charge, but donations will be accepted. Great crafts will be available for purchase. Volunteers are still needed to help with the Chili Supper. If you are available, please consider volunteering 70 minutes of time to help ensure the success of this traditional Unionville event. Want to reserve a table for the Craft Fair? Contact Mitzi Alexander at [mijalex5@gmail.com](mailto:mijalex5@gmail.com) or 812-324-436.

Want to volunteer at the Chili Supper? Contact Sonya Dunigan at [sonyadunigan@aol.com](mailto:sonyadunigan@aol.com) or 812.360.7782.

### SKATE NIGHT

Join us for a fun-filled night of friends, skating, and exercise Thursday, November 10, from 6:30-8:30. Cost is \$4.00 per skater and includes skate rental.

