

Unionville Elementary Newsletter

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Principals Perspective

If you can't feed 100 people, then just feed one.-Unknown

I have been compelled to let you know how proud we are of what your sons and daughters have done over the past few weeks. They have been working very hard on their studies but they have also worked diligently on giving from the heart. Too often we focus more of our attention on test performances, scores or grades and tend to forget about teaching our children a life lesson -(the miracle of giving without receiving), which is **equally** important. Our students and families have rallied behind our annual Christmas Food Drive and collected **1,761** food items. Our students, families, staff and local community businesses have donated enough clothes, gift cards, toys, and food to fill **22** Family Christmas Baskets. Our students have discovered that a simple gesture can give joy and happiness to many others. Now that's a powerful lesson learned!

From the staff here at Unionville Elementary School, we wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. We will see your children back here on **Tuesday, January, 3rd**.

Sincerely,

Mr. Scott Raftery

Library Book fair

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library Tuesday - Friday, February 7-10. Students will have an opportunity to view the books prior to purchasing them. Profits are used to buy new library materials. Parents are welcome to stop by any time during regular school hours to view the selection of books and make purchases. Books make wonderful gifts for all occasions and children of all ages.

Spelling Bee

The annual school spelling bee will be held on Thursday, January 20. Students in grades 3-6 will vie for the championship.

Yearbook Orders

The cost of the school yearbook this year is \$8.50 and all orders are due on Friday, Feb. 26. Order envelopes will be sent home soon. This is not a fundraiser for our school so we sell the books to families at cost. We are able to do this in large part because of the wonderful support parents have shown for the Market Day and Scrip programs.

MCPL Homework Help

Students in grades K-6 can receive homework help from the Children's Reading and Math team at the Monroe County Public Library. The Homework Center is located at the north end of the Children's Services Department. The hours are: Mondays-Thursdays: 3:30-7:30 and Sundays 1:30-4:30. Contact Rebecca Daniel at 349-3100, ext. 1042 or rdaniel@mcpl.info for more information.

No School

There will be no school for students on the following days: January 16 & 17. January 16 is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. January 17 is a professional development day for teachers. School will resume for students on January 18.

Life Skills

Perseverance- To keep at it.

Flexibility-To be willing to alter plans when necessary.

Important Dates

Jan. 12th: PTO Skate Night
6:30-8:30

Jan 24th: 5th grade to IU
MAC "Orchestra" 9:15-11:30

Feb 7th: 2nd grade to IU
MAC "Band" 9:15-11:30

Feb.8-11: Book Fair

Feb. 12: PTO Skate Night
6:30 – 8:30

Jan. 11: Market Day Orders
Due

Jan. 18: Market Day pick-up
6:00-7:00