



The Dragon

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A Note from Mrs. Deaton

October 2019

October is here, and that means that it is time for our annual Fall Festival! This is my favorite activity of the year because so many families come to enjoy this community event and tradition. The Fall Festival will be held on October 18 from 6:00-8:30. Kristin Burrows and M'lissa Caines are in charge of the Stakeholders Committee, which will be planning the festival. Please see them if you can help with donations or volunteering your time. Please watch for newsletters and Facebook posts over the next several weeks that will give more information about the Fall Festival.

Union Elementary is one of two schools in the county participating in the Out-Teach program. This is professional development for six of our teachers to learning about experiential learning and teaching outside, although all teachers will have access to a database of resources and lesson plans. Being that Union is located in a rural area with lots of farming, teaching about the environment and learning outdoors is the perfect opportunity for us. This program will help our students as they transition to middle school since East Union has a focus on agriculture. Our goal is to clean up the courtyard area. We would like to turn this into an outdoor classroom space with gardens, birdhouses, and weather instruments. The PTO fundraiser will help create this space, so please consider supporting the Sponsor-a-Child fundraiser. Also, feel free to email me or pass ideas along to a PTO member about what you would like to see in this space.

Elementary schools in UCPS will be on a nine-week grading period this year instead of a six-week grading period as in previous years. Teachers are in the process of scheduling and conducting parent conferences at this time. Parent conferences are held for each child during the first grading period. This is a time to meet with your child's teacher to learn about how he is performing so far, what his strengths and areas needing improvement might be, and to discuss any questions that you have. As the year continues, teachers typically will have additional conferences with parents if they have concerns about the child's academics or behavior. However, please know that you are welcome to call, email, or request conference with your child's teacher at any point during the year.

Jennifer Deaton, Principal



The faculty and staff of Union Elementary are united in our mission to educate each individual child in a safe and caring environment which will develop the student intellectually, socially, physically, and emotionally.



Afternoon Car Rider Reminders

Parents,

Thank you for your patience with the car rider line in the afternoon. Our Pre K and kinder students are doing much better with recognizing their name when it is called. Also, our student helpers have been fabulous support in walking the younger students to their cone. Please remember the assistants will load students in the car on the passenger side. You may pull over near the ball field to have your child move seats or to help them fasten a seatbelt. Thank you for working with us to ensure the car rider line flows smoothly and efficiently.

PBIS Celebration

This year PBIS celebrations will continue to be held every 6 weeks. To participate in the 6 week celebration, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Zero Office Referrals for the 6 week period
2. Zero Bus Referrals for the 6 week period
3. Pull 7 or fewer cards for the 6 week period

The PBIS Celebration dates for the year are :
Oct. 7, Nov.22, Jan.23, March 10, April 29, June 9.

Mrs. Herlihy
Assistant Principal



Media Center News

I am so excited about the media center being on a flexible schedule this school year. Implementing flexible scheduling means that students have access to the media at any time they need to come in for book exchange, needing materials or assistance with research projects. Please continue to encourage your child to finish reading their library books and visit the media center.

I have partnered with NC Cooperative Extension, 4-H agent Mrs. Starkes, to start a Robotic club this year. Students in third - fifth grade are very excited to participate in this club.

We have the Fall Book Fair coming next month November 18-22. Make plans now to come out and support the book fair.

Mrs. Diggs

Guidance Corner

We are in need of items for our clothing closet – new/unopened girls and boys underwear (all sizes). If you would like to donate items please see Mrs. Ellerbe.

