



THE JETSTREAM UNION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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"Excellence In Education Is A LOCAL Thing"

HELPING OUR KIDS CLIMB HIGHER

School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make. Too often we forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know...people who are our neighbors.

Too often we forget that, in the tradition of a representative democracy, school board members are our connection to influencing how our public schools are governed. Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision. Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

We can begin to correct these oversights this January, which is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for our schools.

The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable educational program for all students.

The school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board over-

sees regular assessment of the district's students, staff and programs.

The school board also is a strong advocate for public schools and is responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

In January, join with others from throughout the district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member his or her hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated.

The men serving Union Local School District and their years of service are : Allen Mann-32 years, Ed Stenger-4 years, Doug Kemp-2 years, Stan Sobel-2 years and newly elected Todd Kildow.

HONORS BAND

On January 16th 2010, nine of the Union Local Band members performed in a district Honors Band that included more than 140 students from other schools. The Ohio Music Educators Association District IX hosts the Honors Band for this area. Students are selected from every high school

and middle school within the surrounding 8 counties. The UL high school students that were chosen include Danielle Barnes, Tess Sheppard and Chantel Sliva. The UL middle school students that were chosen include Anna Fraizer, Rachel Hughes, Areyu Kemp, Joseph Glenn, John Howell

and Autumn Kessler. These students rehearsed for eight hours on January 16th and then performed a concert for the public in the evening. Congratulations to these students for being selected for Honors Band and for representing Union Local. Great job!

SPELLING BEE

The Union Local Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. AJ Feiock, an eighth-grade student, and Nathan Davis, also an eighth grader, were the winners and will represent Union Local at the Belmont County Spelling Bee to be held at Ohio University Eastern on Thursday, March 18, 2010. The alternates are Emily Whiteley, a seventh-grade student, and a sixth-grade student, Aneisha Rush. Good luck to AJ and Nathan!

The news from the [art dept](#) is:

The 21st Regional Student Art Exhibition is currently being held in the Stifel Arts Center Wheeling from December 22- January 30 . Jenna Britton who is a Junior won second place in the Drawing category for her original Clayboard etching of an abandoned train station. Over the Christmas break ;Tonya Carlile, another one of our students was featured in the Times leader for her charcoal drawing of Taylor Swift from this same show. The students artwork was exceptional and Mrs. Marple would like to take this time to congratulate all those who entered.

Art Club news:

The UL Art Club will be selling Sarris Easter candy from Feb.1- 15. Proceeds from this sale will go to :

1. Yearly Art Club scholarship available to any outgoing senior majoring or minoring in a field of art
2. Care packages to our troops abroad
3. Local shelters such as Tri County Woman's Help Center, Animal Shelters

If interested please see one of our members or call the school at 695-2886 and ask for Lisa Marple

In other news:

Our website was changed and our art work is no longer able to be viewed online. But we are currently working on a gallery page that can be accessed from the internet. We are hopeful that in the next newsletter we can give you the website address.

The seventh grade language arts class has been quite busy the first part of the school year. The writing skills are being honed with every project that is assigned. All of the students wrote a response to a letter for the Great American Mail Race. The girl who wrote to our class was from New Jersey. Another project tackled by the seventh grade was the essay contest for the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio. Lo and behold, for the second year in a row, Union Local produced a seventh grade winner; Zack Jones! Veteran's Day approached quickly and all of the students entered the Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by the VFW. Zac Grimes and Emily Whiteley were winners in that arena. While producing essays for class, the students were also competing with another on two reading teams for Scholastic Book Club. The Class was divided into the Peyton Manning team and the Eli Manning Team. The object was to be the first team to read 100 books. Scholastic Book Club donated one million books in the name of the winning athlete's team to underprivileged kids. The winning seventh Grade team, Peyton Manning, was treated to ice cream bars. In total, they read 200 books! Good job!

In November, the seventh grade, as well as the sixth and eighth grades, collected canned food items for Project Manna, a local food bank. These cans were used as entries into the annual one mile Turkey Trot. They also collected Christmas cards that were sent to wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Hospital. After listening to the uncle of Rachel Scott, the first student to be killed at Columbine, the seventh grade willingly accepted Rachel's Challenge to become kinder to fellow students.

Most recently, Emily Whiteley took third place in the Union Local Spelling Bee and will be the alternate to the Belmont County Spelling Bee in March.

I am so proud of all of you for your continuous hard work!

Ms. Elizabeth Diaz

Congratulations to Anna Frazier - 8th grade, Mikayla Twarog and Aren McMahan - 7th grade for writing such terrific poems. These students' poems have been accepted for publication for the Creative Communication Fall 2009 Accepted Poet List.

The middle school had three students win the Foundation for Ohio

The Union Local Baseball Parents will have their annual Ham Bingo Tuesday, March 2, 2010. The bingo will be held in the high school commons. The doors open at 5:00 with bingo beginning at 6:00. It is \$5.00 to play, paper cards will be used so bring your own dabbers or purchase one at the door.

The youth baseball clinics this year will be on Sunday, February 28, 2010 and Sunday, March 7, 2010. More information will be in the newspaper and papers will be sent home with students.

The Union Local Baseball Parents are continuing outdoor advertising located along the outfield fence of the high school baseball field. We would like you to consider being a proud sponsor of the Union Local athletes. Signage is included in the first year fee. The vinyl sign will be 4 feet by 8 feet with a choice of background color and graphics. The Baseball Parents Or-

ganization will be responsible for hanging and storage of the sign during winter months. Sign with one year rental fee is \$300.00 and annual yearly rental renewal is \$150.00.

To help raise funds to construct the hitting facility the baseball and softball programs are starting the Union Local Jets Dugout Club. To become a member of the Dugout Club you can become a donor and receive merchandise based on your donation.

The levels are as follows:

Grand Slam \$500.00 All items listed above. If you have any questions call Rich Mercer 782-1914, Bridget Applegarth 391-4858, Chad Brahler (585)704-6881.

ULMS NEWS

Appalachian Ohio Contest: Joseph Neilson-6th grade, Zack Jones-7th grade, and Gabby Moore-8th grade. This is Gabby's second time winning this contest.

Over half of the middle school students, 179 out of 323 students made the Star's Club for the first grading period!

The middle school recently purchased student response systems for the classrooms. The teachers and students are excited about this new technology.

The middle school had 108 students on the Honor Roll for the first grading period! Twenty-three of those 108 students had all A's!

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the readers attention. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a

regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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