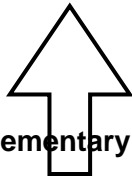


WHAT'S UP!



SCHOOLCRAFT UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

In The Upper Elementary

October 28th, 2011

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Student Absences:

If your child is going to be away from school for any reason, please call the main office (488-7250) by 9:00 a.m. If this absence is due to an illness please provide us with your child's symptoms or diagnosis ("feels sick" is not acceptable to the Health Department). When your child returns to school, we will need a written excuse that includes the dates absent and the reason for the absence. It must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Thank you for your cooperation!!

Halloween Parade: The Upper Elementary annual Halloween Parade will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the building hallways. All parents, friends and family are invited to join in on this holiday fun!

Recess Reminder:

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. If the temperature is 49* or below the students must have a coat on to go outside; 50* or above a sweatshirt or light jacket is required. Thank you.

Field Trip Reminder: If you accompany your student on a field trip and would like to take him or her home yourself upon completion of the event you must send in a note prior to the field trip day. It can become quite overwhelming for our staff to remember who's riding the bus home and who's leaving with a parent or grandparent. Please be considerate and send in a note to cut down on the confusion. Thanks!

PTO News:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30 in the UE library. Childcare is available in the gym.

Schoolcraft Friday Pack Inc.:

Schoolcraft Friday Pack Inc. is a Schoolcraft based, non profit, volunteer-run organization that is committed to helping families in need. This program provides bags filled with nutritious food to children at risk of hunger over the weekend. The 2011-2012 school year has begun. If you would like to make a donation we would appreciate your support. Please make checks payable to Schoolcraft Friday Pack Inc.

Checks can be sent to:

Schoolcraft Friday Pack Inc.
PO Box 50
Schoolcraft MI 49087

For additional information about this program please email www.hands5751@gmail.com or call Susan Kuiper president of Schoolcraft Friday Pack Inc. at 679-3806.

Ski Club

Ski Club registration forms are due by Friday, November 11th. Forms are available in school offices and on the website.

Junior Achievement

See Back of Newsletter for additional information on how you can help volunteer to teach J.A. to your child's classroom.

South County Services: See Food Drive information on the back of this newsletter. Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

October 31	Halloween parties & parade starts at 2:30 p.m.
November 4	½ Day for Students - End of the 1 st Marking Period
November 8	PTO Meeting Upper Elementary Library - 6:30 p.m.
November 16	UE Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm
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November 21	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. M.S. Library
November 23/25	Thanksgiving Break

Future editions of the "What's Up" newsletter can be found on the school website listed above. If you do not have internet access please let your child's classroom teacher know.

Junior Achievement is Impacting Students in Your School!

Remember Junior Achievement (JA)? High school students would get together after school and form a “company” and would then make a product and sell it. During this effort, the students would learn about the different aspects of running a business. Well, JA is still teaching kids about business, but it does a lot more than that these days. Junior Achievement of Southwest Michigan works in partnership with local schools to provide programs for students in grades K-12 teaching them about business, economics, personal finance, careers and entrepreneurship.

Another unique aspect about JA programs is that they are taught by a volunteer from the community. JA volunteers serve as positive role models for young people while also relating their own unique experiences that bring the programs to life.

JA uses hands-on experiences to help young people understand the economics of life. In partnership with business and educators, JA brings the real world to students, opening their minds to their potential. JA of Southwest Michigan reaches more than 18,500 students in six counties throughout Southwest Michigan.

JA always needs more volunteers to keep up with the demand for programs from our schools. To become a JA volunteer in your local school, please contact your school or JA’s office at 269-343-0860 or email idenick@jaswmi.org. Visit swmichigan.ja.org for more information. The time commitment is minimal (5-8 hours total), but the impact could last a lifetime!

Schoolcraft Upper Elementary is partnering with South County Services and the Community to provide food for the holiday baskets given to families in our area.

We will be collecting food and stocking items from Nov. 7th - Nov. 18th.

We will have boxes on the table in the hallway outside the office.

Food items include:

Potatoes (boxed or canned)

Gravy

Stuffing Mix

Canned Vegetables

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Jello

Canned Fruit

Cake Mix or Pie Filling

Pancake Mix and Syrup

Cereal

Muffin Mix

Stocking Items include:

Toothbrushes

Hair Brushes

Hair Ties

Books

Any small toys

Small cars, trucks, etc.

Pencils

Notepads

Coloring books, crayons

Child scissors

Hair bows, barrettes, etc.

Small baby toys (Ages 0-3)

Small dolls, stuffed toys (Please, non-violent toys only)

Flash cards

Small games (Old Maid, Go Fish, Memory, Crazy 8's)

Children's jewelry

Chap sticks

Mittens, socks

Monetary donations for the purchase of eggs and meat are also needed. Sorry, but we cannot accept homemade foods.

Personal care items that can also be collected include -

Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Shaving cream, Facial tissues, Toilet paper, Laundry detergent, Dish detergent, and Paper towels.