

Upper Providence Elementary
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Newsletter



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Happy Holidays to our UPE Families!

I can't believe it! December is here already...where did autumn go?!?! I trust that all enjoyed a thankful and restful (is that possible with kids!) time with our families and are now ready to rock-and-roll through the festive month of December!

The Home & School will kick off December with our Winter Festival this upcoming Saturday, December 5th. The Festival will feature "Lil' Shopper's Shoppe". This is an area where children can shop independently (with the help of our adult volunteers). Since this is our first year with this Shoppe, the vendor graciously offered every student at our school a voucher worth \$1.00 towards his/her purchases. These vouchers were sent home with your child via their classroom teacher. The Festival will also offer "grown-up" shopping. Several UPE families will offer their wares and crafts for your holiday purchases - one stop shopping for the whole family! In addition, if you're hungry grab a bite to eat at the Festival (at VERY reasonable prices!) You can also pick up your pre-ordered poinsettias (please see www.uphsa.org for ordering information). I am also very pleased to announce our "Project Pillow Case" which will benefit the Laurel House - donations will be collected at our Winter Festival. Mrs. Charlene Kolander and Mrs. Lisa Beppel have been busy, busy, busy organizing this event and I hope you are all able to participate in the festivities!

I am also pleased to announce the new "Five Below" store in the Wegman's Shopping Center (is it called Providence Towne Shopping???) has offered a fundraising opportunity to UPEHSA. A percentage of our sales over 3 days (December 11th to 13th) will be given back to our organization. Please visit our website to obtain a copy of the required sheet to hand in when checking out. So, wait to get your stocking stuffers until the weekend of the 11th!

I would like to conclude with a request :O We are looking for an individual to take over our ink cartridge recycling. The parent who is currently responsible for this project is now our new Co-Treasurer. She must release some "older" responsibilities to concentrate on her newer responsibilities within our Association. This fundraiser can be done on your schedule. It requires an occasional stop at school to pick up items and then a stop at the UPS store for shipment. If anyone has interest in assuming these recycling responsibilities, please contact myself or another Board Member.

Have a great holiday,
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NEWS

From the office of our School Principal
Melissa D. Patschke, Ed.D.



Our entire school is filled with pride over the accomplishments of our students and staff. When one of us is recognized for greatness, we all celebrate with vigor. CONGRATULATIONS is extended to everyone at UPES. We are pleased to share that Ms. Michele Fonte, 4th grade learning support teacher at Upper Providence Elementary School was honored by the Pennsylvania Council of Exceptional Children (PaCEC) as the Teacher of the Year for 2009.

Ms. Fonte exemplifies the phrase, "When teachers believe, students achieve." UPES is blessed with positive energy and high standards. Students work hard, with a great sense of pride, to be the best they can be. Ms. Fonte is a role model for these attributes.

Ms. Fonte's passion for teaching and learning are communicated through her interactions with students, parents, and colleagues. Ms. Fonte is always willing to share ideas and practices throughout our entire school community. She advocates in her words, actions, and philosophies that all children can learn, all children are special, and all children are deserving of the best educational practices.

Thanks to many great teachers like Ms. Fonte, Upper Providence students are a part of an outstanding learning environment. Great schools don't happen by accident. They happen because of the people committed to them. UPES staff care about children and work with parents to provide the best possible experience for everyone. This is what makes UPES an awesome place to spend a childhood.

NEWS

From our School Library
Wendy Pflugler, Librarian



CRUISE INTO READING

Everyone in grades K-4 is eligible to participate in "Cruise into Reading." Every time you read for fifteen minutes or have a story read to you for 15 minutes fill out a Cruising Coupon and place it in the bucket in your classroom. Minutes read at home are to be written on the calendar in the homework agenda book and should be initialed by a parent. Kindergarten teachers will be sending home a special lap reading calendar. At the end of each month, one name from each class will be selected to choose a small prize for special recognition. The more Cruising Coupons collected the better chance you have of getting your name picked. You may read books from home, the library or from a friend. You may also count a book that someone has read to you. The most important part is to ENJOY READING!

Mrs. Pflugler & Mrs. Vogt

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

December 2009

(Please visit www.uphsa.org for the most up to date information.)



Upcoming Events

- 12/2: Market Day Order Due
- 12/5: Winter Festival
- 12/5: Service Project Drop Off
- 12/7: Picture Re-Take Day
- 12/8: Market Day Pick Up
- 12/9: Winter Concert
- 12/14: School Store - 1st Grade
- 12/15: School Store - 2nd Grade
- 12/16: School Store - 3rd Grade
- 12/17: School Store - 4th Grade
- 12/29: Ice Skating Family Event

THANKS AND CONGRATS



A big THANK YOU is due to Mrs. Kelly Griffin and our Art Teacher, Miss Suzanne Winkler for their work on our Original Works Fundraiser! Over \$7,000 of our children's artwork was purchased thru this fundraiser. I am so excited to see my kids' final products! Thank you for making this opportunity available to our UPE families.

(NOTE: At this moment, the products will be available for pick-up at the Winter Festival.)



You Make The Difference

Kids with involved parents and guardians do better in school. For involvement help, check out:
SchoolFamily.com