



University Elementary School

Sue Lennick, Principal

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WELCOME BACK!

Being this is the first school newsletter of the 2009-2010 school year please note our new logo and our goal for the year: "Successfully Educating ALL Students (SEAS). It is our goal to make UES a safe, nurturing, learning environment for all of our students. Please look for this blue newsletter EACH week in your student's Friday folder as it will contain all of the upcoming events and communications for our school AND our district. Let the waves of learning roll.

Mrs. Lennick, Principal

NEW PRINCIPAL INTERN

University Elementary is pleased to announce this year's Principal Intern. First grade teacher, Mrs. Hendricks, will be continuing her own education to fulfill her desire to become a principal. Mrs. Hendricks will continue to teach 1st grade this year as well as adding the principal internship to her duties. Congratulations, Mrs. Hendricks.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES 9/22/09

Smile! Dorian Studios has scheduled our individual student pictures for **Tuesday, September 22nd**. You will be receiving the ordering envelope the week of September 14th. Should your child be unable to attend school on the 22nd, retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 9/29/09

Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, September 29th** for our annual Back-To-School Night. This is the night for parents to learn from the teachers what is planned for their student's education throughout the school year. Activities will be provided for the children while the parents meet with staff. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will meet from **6:30 PM—7:00 PM** and **grades 3 through 5 will convene from 7:15 PM—7:45 PM.**

PTA MEETING 9/21/09

Please plan on attending our first PTA meeting on **Monday, September 21st at 3:15 PM** in our library.

WASL STUDENT RESULTS ARE IN!

If your child took the Spring 2009 WASL, the reports are here! Your child's individual WASL report will be available to take home during the Curriculum Night on **Tuesday, September 29th from 7:15—7:45 PM** in your student's classroom. We have activities planned for your students so please bring your children. If you are unable to attend that night, the results will be mailed home. We hope you can make it on September 29th!

PREPARING FOR H1N1 FLU IN OUR SCHOOLS

Central Valley is preparing for an active influenza season with cases of H1N1 flu (formerly called 'swine' flu) and seasonal flu expected over the coming weeks and months. As a school district, we are working closely with local public health officials and are reviewing and adjusting our pandemic influenza plan for H1N1 flu. In our schools, we are actively reminding our students to stay healthy by washing their hands often and covering their coughs and sneezes with a sleeve or tissue. Our school employees are alert for students with any flu-like symptoms and are acting quickly to send ill students home. Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sneezing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, tiredness or extreme exhaustion.

As a parent, you can help by reinforcing proper hygiene techniques with your children to help prevent the spread of viruses. Most importantly, please keep your sick child at home until completely well and report your student's flu-like symptoms to our school office. Your patience is appreciated as we work to follow public health guidelines by sending sick children home and asking questions about your child's specific symptoms to better track cases of influenza in our community. Our district's website (www.cvsd.org) will be updated with important parent information as the flu season progresses. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to keep our students and schools healthy!

*"Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."
- Henry Ford*



ANNUAL PARENT NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST TEACHER AND PARAPROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Our school receives federal funds for Title I programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. We will provide you with additional information about this law and its impact on the education of students throughout the United States as the year progresses.

Under NCLB, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If your child also receives services from a Title I paraprofessional, you have the right to request information regarding his or her professional qualifications, as well. If you request this information, our district office will provide you with the following as soon as possible:

- a. Whether or not the teacher has met Washington's licensing requirements for the grade level(s) and core academic subject(s) taught by the teacher;
- b. If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived;
- c. The education level and subject area (field of discipline) of the teacher's college degree major and for any graduate degree or certificate; and
- d. If your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals, his or her qualifications.

If you would like to request this information, please contact: Jay Rowell, Director of Human Resources, 228-5556 or Mary Jo Buckingham, Director of Special Programs, 228-5426.

PARENT POWER

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school. Here are a few ideas:

1. Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your youngster brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.
2. Tell your child's teachers if you can help them out at school or home.
3. Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts.
4. Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your youngster succeed.
5. Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/21 -PTA meeting 3:15 PM-Library
- 9/22 - Skate Night 6:00—8:00 PM
- 9/22- Individual Pictures
- 9/29 - Back to School/Curriculum Night
Grades K-2 & 7:15—7:45 Grades 3-5 6:30—7:00)
- 10/9 - No School

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