

U.L. Light Middle School e-Newsletter
5/9/08

Students of the Month

It's that time again – time to recognize our students of the month. These students have worked extremely hard to get their work completed on time and to the best of their ability all the while displaying proper behavior and having a positive attitude.

- **Gr. 6 - Ashley Moffett**
Hunter Blevins
- **Gr. 7 - Melissa Ridge**
Tristan Keeling
- **Gr. 8 - Amanda Diaz**
Kyle Turkovich

Way to go Students of the Month! You've made your school and your families proud!

Open Enrollment

Although space is very limited, intra-district open enrollment applications will be available beginning Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building. These applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2008.

Inter-district open enrollment forms will be available to those families already enrolled in Barberton who have a sibling that needs a new placement. For inter-district open enrollment, birth certificates of the siblings are needed to verify open enrollment status. Also needed is proof of residency; utility bill, rent agreement, etc. for home school. No driver's license accepted.

U.L. Light Destination Imagination Team Heading to Globals!

A U.L. Light DI team comprised of Nick Fling (HMS), Nathan Hill, Liz Jacops, Megan Jerome, Ashley Nickol, and Emily Pastva are heading to Nashville, Tennessee for the Destination Imagination Globals May 20-25! This is a tremendous honor and we are so proud their creativity and ingenuity!

Although, with this wonderful opportunity comes a price – more like a price tag. Barberton City Schools will be sending three teams to Globals. Each level of schooling is represented as a team from the elementary, middle, and high school will be competing. Your help is needed in the form of donations. Any amount that you can afford would be very helpful. If you have any questions as to how to donate, please contact Ms. Masson at Portage. The number is 330-848-4241 extension 19501.

In order to help our Destination Imagination Team fundraise for their trip to Globals, we will be having a Sprit Week next week (**Mon. 5/12 through Fri. 5/16**). Students will be paying \$1.00 to participate and our DI representatives will be traveling around the

homerooms each day collecting participants' money and giving each participant a wristband to wear so that those who paid can be easily identified by our teaching staff.

The Spirit Days Include:

Monday: Retro Day

Tuesday: Hat Day

Wednesday: Twin Day

Thursday: Flip Flop Day

Friday: Sunglasses Day

Hopefully the upcoming Spirit Week will help alleviate some of the financial stress the team is under in preparation for their trip to Globals. If any parent, family member or community member would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Masson at 330-848-4241 ext. 19501. Thank you in advance for your support!

Band Concert

Come out and see the U.L. Light bands perform Monday (5/12) evening at 7:00 p.m. in the BHS Theater. Mr. Amrein and his students have been hard at work honing their instrumental talents for their final concert of the school year. We hope to see you there!

Free Physicals for Student-Athletes

A mandatory student-athlete and parent meeting will be taking place on Sunday, May 18, 2008 @ 6:30 at BHS. This meeting is mandatory if you would like your child to receive a free physical. Physicals are being offered at Barberton High School on **Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 for BOYS** and **Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30 for GIRLS**. Please call Mr. Matt Szyndler, the district Athletics Director at 330-753-1084 ext. 5080 if you have any questions.

Kudos

Congratulations to the U.L. Light Lancer Choir and their teacher, Mrs. Bordo for a wonderful performance on Monday evening. It is always a pleasure to see and hear our young people perform the numbers that they have been working so hard on for quite some time. Your hard work and dedication to your craft has truly paid off. Thank you to our choirs and Mrs. Bordo for helping all of us take time out during the busy spring to enjoy many beautiful musical numbers!

Children's Buy-In (CBI) Program is Now Available

The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services is pleased to announce that the Children's Buy-In (CBI) program is now accepting applications. CBI was created as part of Governor Strickland's TurnAround Ohio healthcare coverage expansions. The program provides another health care coverage option for children up to age 19 who have special needs or high cost private insurance premiums. Children must be in a family whose monthly income is more than 300% of the federal poverty level and must meet other eligibility criteria. CBI is state-only funded and monthly premiums apply. For

program and eligibility details, and application information, visit CBI on the Web:
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/cbi/index.stm>

Benefits for children enrolled in CBI will be provided by CareSource. For more information about the benefit package available through CBI, visit CareSource on the Web: <http://www.caresource-cbi.com/>

From the Cafeteria

All schools in our district have a computerized point of sale, which allows parents to deposit money into their student's account. In an effort to keep the lunch lines moving quickly and efficiently we *encourage* parents and guardians to pre-pay for their student's lunch in advance. This will help minimize the amount of time students wait in line.

Pre-payment for meals and milk by the **week, month or year** will be accepted anytime. To pre-pay for your students lunch please send check, cash or money order in an envelope made payable to **ULL School Food Service**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have You Moved or Changed Your Phone Number?

If so, please call the U.L. Light office at 330-848-4236 and ask to have your information updated. Not only will we update your information on our yellow emergency cards, we will also update the Parent Broadcast directory so that you are assured of receiving any announcements from U.L. Light.

Want to Know More About Preparing for College?

Last fall, the Ohio College Access Network (OCAN) launched a statewide campaign called KnowHow2GOOhio. Because all the access programs in Summit County are working collaboratively, the Summit Education Initiative submitted and subsequently received one of 10 KnowHow2GOOhio grants.

The KnowHow2GO campaign is targeting students in grades 8 through 10 in order to raise their awareness about the steps needed to prepare for and go to college. Big dreams and good grades aren't enough to get into college. There are actual steps you need to take. Don't wait. The Summit Education Initiative can help. Click on the link below to learn more.

www.KnowHow2GoOhio.org

This information was provided by the Summit Education Initiative

PTA

Please let us know if you would like to join the U.L. Light P.T.A. You can call (330-848-4236) or stop in our office to join this very important organization. The P.T.A. officers for 2007-08 include: President, Melissa Pastva; 1st Vice President; Carole Tackett; 2nd Vice President; Linda Nickol; Treasurer, Mary Fisher; and Secretary, Deanne McQuaide.

If you know any of these fine ladies, you may also inquire with them on how to join the U.L. Light P.T.A. **The next PTA meeting will be held Monday, May 12th at 3:15 p.m. in the U.L. Light Library.**

Volunteering

VOLUNTEERS – If you would like to volunteer here at U.L. Light we are happy to have you! To increase the safety of students and staff alike, mandatory fingerprinting for volunteers has been put in place. This is a new requirement in effect for all Ohio school districts. All you have to do is go the Administration Building (479 Norton Ave.) on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 - 10:00 or Thursday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:30 to be fingerprinted. The \$15.00 fingerprinting fee will be **WAIVED** for all **VOLUNTEERS**.

Box Tops and Cards Help

Would you like to help us out but don't have the time or money? Well, it's easy. All you have to do is save your Campbell soup labels, Box Tops for Education and register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card (U.L. Light's ID number is 1250 for Giant Eagle) as well as your Target cards. The labels, box tops and receipts all need to be brought here to school but the Giant Eagle and Target cards are automatically tracked by the stores. Every little bit helps!

Calendar

For your information, I have included a list of our upcoming events.

Sun. 5/11/08 – MOTHER'S DAY

Mon. 5/12/08 – 9:00 – 11:00 Band Concert Dress Rehearsal @ BHS
3:15 PTA Meeting in Library
7:00 p.m. Band Concert @ BHS
RETRO DAY for DI – Pay \$1.00 to join in the fun

Tues. 5/13/08 – HAT DAY for DI – Pay \$1.00 to join in the fun

Wed. 5/14/08 – 2:00 BHS Coaches @ ULL Gym to Speak to 8th Grade Students
About HS Sports
4:00 Girls Track vs. Tallmadge
4:30 Boys Track @ Tallmadge
TWIN DAY for DI – Pay \$1.00 to join in the fun

Thurs. 5/15/08 – FLIP FLOP DAY for DI – Pay \$1.00 to join in the fun

Fri. 5/16/08 – Approx. 9:00 – 11:15 Civil War Reenactment at Highland Field
11:30 – 1:00 BHS/ULL Leadership Lunch

SUNGLASSES DAY for DI – Pay \$1.00 to join in the fun

Fri. 5/16/08 and/or Sat. 5/17/08 - Band and Choir Large Group Contest TBA (by the state of Ohio)

Fri. 5/17/08 - Band Contest @ Crestwood (times TBA)

Sun. 5/18/08 – 6:30 MANDATORY Free Physical Student-Athlete Parent Meeting @ BHS

Mon. 5/19/08 – 6th gr. Voluntary *Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test*

8th gr. Voluntary *ACT Explore Test*

4:00 Boys Track vs. Highland

4:30 Girls Track @ Highland

Tues. 5/20/08 – 2:50 Staff Meeting

Wed. 5/21/08 – 7:00 Academic Reception @ BHS

Thurs. 5/22/08 – 2:45 Open Meeting in Library

Fri. 5/23/08 – 1:00 – 2:40 U.L. Light Mini Relay For Life and Balloon Release

Mon. 5/26/08 – NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

Tues. 5/27/08 – 2:40 Building Data Team Meeting

6:30 FREE Sports Physicals FOR BOYS @ BHS

Wed. 5/28/08 – 9:00 a.m. 7th gr. Outdoor Education Students departs for Camp Manatoc

Thurs. 5/29/08 – 11:00 – 2:00 Fifth Grade Visitation

6:30 PTA Council Banquet @ BHS

Fri. 5/30/08 – 2:30 7th gr. Outdoor Education Students Return

Monday 6/2/08 – 9:00 – 2:00 RESCHEDULED 6th gr. Field Trip to the Great Lakes Science Center

Tues. 6/3/08 – 2:50 Staff Meeting

6:30 FREE Sports Physicals FOR GIRLS @ BHS

Wed. 6/4/08 – Homeroom Locker Cleanout

8th gr. Graduation Rehearsal

12:30 8th gr. Picnic

Thurs. 6/5/08 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

8:30 a.m. 8th gr. Graduation

2:50 FAC

Fri. 6/6/08 – LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS

Tip of the Week

Time Management

It's eleven o'clock and your child is still working on a science report. You didn't even find out about the report until an hour ago.

Time management is a problem for kids in the middle grades. Their assignments get longer, but their attention spans don't. Learning how to manage their time is one of the most important skills they can master. Here's how to help your child organize time:

- Homework every day – no exceptions. Kids who do the best in school study every day. What if your child says, “There's no homework”? First, double-check to make sure it's true. You can also make a rule that there's always homework to do. If nothing is due for tomorrow, your child can review history. He can start to outline his science report. Or he can work a few math problems he missed on the last quiz.
- Find your child's “prime time.” Some kids want to study right after school. Others need a little downtime before they can pay attention. Some kids even do their best work early in the morning. Help your child figure out when he's most alert. Then make that his study time.
- Take breaks. Scientists know that we remember more from two 20-minute study sessions than from one 40-minute session. Encourage your child to take short, but regular, breaks.
- Plan ahead. A big calendar with lots of room for writing is essential. At the start of each week, have your child write down all the things he has to do. Then have him write down any big assignments or tests. He should figure out when to get the work done. What happens if soccer practice is at the time your child usually studies? He'll have to find another time that day to study.

Remember – school is your child's most important job. When after-school activities start hurting grades, he should think about giving something up.

Quote of the Week: “You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” *Eleanor Roosevelt, Former First Lady*