

**U.L. Light Middle School e-Newsletter**  
**5/30/08**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony**

The end of the year eighth grade awards ceremony is fast approaching - next Thursday 6/5 @ 8:30 a.m. in the U.L. Light gymnasium. Invitations have already been sent out and we are looking forward to recognizing our fine eighth graders before they make their transition to BHS. Cake and punch will be served following the ceremony in our cafeteria. We hope you can join us for this special occasion.

Please note: As has taken place previously, eighth grade students will have the opportunity after the ceremony to be signed out of school by their parents for the remainder of their last day of the 2007-08 school year. If you choose to do so, please go to the office to sign your student out. Thank you!

On behalf of the staff here at U.L. Light, we wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe summer!!

**Kudos**

I would like to take an opportunity to thank the staff and students (U.L. Light 8<sup>th</sup> grade and BHS/college students) that assisted with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor Education at Camp Manatoc. I would especially like to thank Ms. Dickerson who year after year (for 13 years now!) has taken on the responsibility of organizing and leading the Camp. As you can imagine, this is a huge undertaking where supplies, food, students, and adults must be organized to ensure maximum efficiency as well as effectiveness. Ms. Dickerson has this down to a science (no pun intended as she is a science teacher)! I can't thank her enough for the many hours that she puts in to organizing this wonderful event each year. Ms. Dickerson is truly an asset to U.L. Light and on behalf of the staff and students I would like to extend our most sincere THANKS for a job well done!

**Barberton Area Community Ministries**

Barberton Area Community Ministries (BACM) will again be offering a free kids summer lunch program at Decker Park pavilion (West Fifth between Brady and Norton Avenues near Head Start and Dairy Queen). All children in Barberton Public School District are welcome. Pre-schoolers may attend, but must be able to feed themselves and sit on a picnic bench. Program begins June 16<sup>th</sup> and ends August 15<sup>th</sup>. Meals are available Monday through Friday each week, except July 4<sup>th</sup>. Estimated serving time is 11:30 am (permanent start time will be determined after first week). All meals must be eaten on site. Meals include a sandwich, juice or fruit, milk, and snack (cookies or chips usually). Children will be asked to complete a permission slip with emergency contact and special health needs information on it for their own safety. Children do not need to attend all sessions or all weeks. Parent, grandparents, or babysitters are welcome to

attend, but cannot receive food. This program can really help families with children save on their summer grocery budget. BACM hopes to have fun activities to accompany the lunch program. Please contact BACM at 330-745-3693 with questions.

### **Free Physicals for Student-Athletes**

A mandatory student-athlete and parent meeting took place on Sunday, May 18, 2008 @ 6:30 at BHS. This meeting was 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.

### **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/>

### **Summer Enrichment Classes Grades K-6 Offered from the Wadsworth Community Enrichment Program**

By clicking on the link below you can find information on summer enrichment classes for students in grades K-6 offered from the Wadsworth Community Education Program. In previous years, enough copies of the brochure have been printed by the folks in Wadsworth to distribute to primary and intermediate students in our district. This year there are not enough copies to give to each child so we have been asked to distribute the information electronically.

<http://www.wadsworth.k12.oh.us/docs/0-Summer 2008 Brochure for Web.pdf>

### **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](http://www.KnowHow2GoOhio.org)

\*This information was provided by the Summit Education Initiative\*

## **Calendar**

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

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

**Tues. 6/3/08 – 6:30 FREE Sports Physicals FOR GIRLS @ BHS**

**Wed. 6/4/08 – 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Graduation Rehearsal  
12:30 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Picnic**

**Thurs. 6/5/08 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
8:30 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Awards Ceremony  
2:50 FAC**

**Fri. 6/6/08 –TEACHER RECORDS DAY**

## **Tip of the Week**

### **Staying Healthy**

**A**sk kids at this age about their problems and you're likely to hear two things: They're tired and they're hungry.

Most kids don't get enough sleep. The bus for their school may pick them up early in the morning. They work on schoolwork until late at night. By the end of the week they're exhausted.

You can help your child by following these steps:

- Make a plan. When does your child have to get up in the morning? Make sure bedtime is early enough to let her/him get at least nine hours of sleep (more if possible).
- Make sure your child goes to bed at the same time each night. This makes it easier to fall asleep.

- Let your child sleep a little later on the weekends if she/he is tired. But limit the time to one or two extra hours.

Your child may also be hungry. Children at this age are growing and changing so fast that their bodies need plenty of nourishment. Make sure your child starts each day with a healthy breakfast. Peanut butter sandwiches, breakfast bars and fruit are great for kids on the go. Your child may also want to carry a simple snack of fruit, cheese or vegetables to school with her/him. Some schools

**Quote of the Week:** “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” *Nelson Mandela*