



U.L. Light Middle School e-Newsletter
Fri. 11/14/08

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences went very well! We were very impressed with our turnout. It is so nice to see our parents take advantage of this excellent opportunity to sit down with a teacher or teachers and have a relaxed conversation about their child. We hope you find this opportunity as rewarding as we do and look forward to seeing you again soon!

Kudos

CONGRATULATIONS to the winner of the *iPod Shuffle* - **Kylan Petersen**. We simply could not wait until the end of the day to have our ticket drawing so we decided to move up the schedule and draw during our morning announcements. With the help of a drum-roll by one of our eighth grade band members, **Srdjan Ilic**, Mrs. Withem, our building secretary had the honors of drawing the winning ticket. Enjoy some of your favorite tunes on your new iPod, Kylan!

Kudos Part II

Our Student Council led by their advisor Mr. Cassidy, organized a canned food collection for Hope for the Holidays. As a building, we collected **817 canned good items to help area families in need.**

Our top three classes were:

3rd Place – Mrs. Joseph's room with 156 cans

2nd Place – Mr. Cassidy's class with 178 cans

1st Place and a Pizza Party - Mr. McComas' gang with a whopping 317 cans!

Great job everyone and thank you for looking out for others in the community who are in need!!

Polymer Science Family Night @ BHS is Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday, November 19th, will be the Polymer Science Family Night in the BHS Commons. The University of Akron pre-service science teachers will be hosting the activities and demonstrations featuring different types of polymers. The Polymer Science Family Night will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last till 8:30. There will be **food and door prizes**. **All family members are invited to attend.** We hope to see you there!

Fundraiser is Under Way!

Uriah Luce Light Middle School students are currently selling coupon cards which are redeemable at area eateries Quizno's, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, and I Love Donuts (several area independent donut shops are participating). These coupons involve by-one-get-one-free offers and are very worthwhile. The set of four cards is purchased for \$20.00 but have a combined value of over \$800.00 in savings! If you plan to pay by check, please make your checks payable to U.L. Light Middle School. Cards will be delivered by the Thanksgiving holiday. Students are to return all money in the envelope provided to Mrs. Dies while making sure the student's name, number of orders sold, and amount enclosed are on the envelope. Each \$20.00 order equals 1 order.

For this fundraiser students only need to sell two orders to earn a prize! See below for our prize details (hint – selling a certain number of prizes earns a CASH reward which can go towards the 7th grade Outdoor Education field trip or the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.)

Student Prizes:

2 orders sold earns a Barberton Magics Stocking Beanie

4 orders sold earns a Barberton Magics Crew Sweatshirt

6 orders sold earns a Barberton Magics Hooded Sweatshirt PLUS \$5.00

8 orders sold earns a Barberton Magics Jacket PLUS \$15.00

10 orders sold earns a Barberton Magics Coat PLUS \$25.00

12 orders sold earns a Barberton Magics Pullover Windshirt PLUS \$35.00

18 orders sold earns a Pullover Windshirt, Hooded Sweatshirt and \$65.00

**** Starting with the 6th order students will receive \$5.00 per order (as shown above)!****

All apparel is embroidered in Barberton colors and logo.

Study Tables

Study tables are open to all students and take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m. and again after school from 2:45 – 3:30. On Tuesdays, study tables are in Ms. Dickerson's room (107) in the morning and Mr. Bursac's room (206) in the afternoon. On Thursdays, study tables are provided in Ms. Nelson's room (100 – inside of the library) in the morning and Mrs. Lorenzo's room (203) in the afternoon. We do encourage any and all students to come and take advantage of an opportunity to get additional instructional help from a certified teacher.

Want to 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, Acme receipts, and/or register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card (**U.L. Light's ID number is 1250 for Giant Eagle**) and 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!

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

Wed. 11/19 – 2:45 Vertical Content Meetings

7:00 – 9:00 U.L. Light and HMS Family Science Night @ BHS

Tues. 11/25 – 2:50 FAC Meeting

6:30 – 8:00 Safe Routes to Safe Schools Meeting in the U.L. Light Library

Wed. 11/26 – 2:45 Open Meeting

Thurs. 11/27 – NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Fri. 11/28 – NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Tues. 12/2 – Gr. 6/7/8 Dental Treatments
3:30 PTA Meeting

Wed. 12/3 – Gr. 6/7/8 Dental Treatments

Thurs. 12/4 – Gr. 6/7/8 Dental Treatments

Fri. 12/5 – University of Akron Faculty Jazz Combo Assembly
9:00 Gr. 6 and ½ of Gr. 7
10:00 Gr. 8 and other ½ of Gr. 7

Mon. 12/8 – Fri. 12/12 – Scholastic Book Fair in the library

Mon. 12/8 – 6th grade COGAT Test

Tues. 12/9 – 2:50 Staff Meeting
7:00 U.L. Light and HMS Combined Choir Concert @ BHS

Wed. 12/10 – 6th grade COGAT Test

Thurs. 12/11 – 6th grade IOWA Test

Fri. 12/12 – 6th grade Makeup Tests

Tues. 12/16 – 2:50 FAC
7:00 Band Concert @ BHS

Wed. 12/17 – 2:45 Open Meeting in Library

Fri. 12/19 – ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE
10:00 – 10:30 Magic Singers Perform
2:00 Holiday Dance

Mon. 12/20 thru Fri. 1/2/09 – Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

Mon. 1/5/09 – SCHOOL RESUMES

Tip of the Week:

Students Need a Study Plan and Ways to Track Assignments

One of the best ways to help children be responsible and keep track of school assignments is to use an assignment book or chart (or our Agenda Planners). Students fill them in daily, and parents may review and initial them. Agenda Planners are provided to each student here at U.L. Light.

Help Your Child Develop a Study Plan

Like anything else, children study better if they have a plan. Talk with your child and make plans together about:

- When he/she should study each day. Studying should be an every day habit. If there is no assignment, he/she can review.
- How long he/she should study.
- Where he/she should study.
- What subjects he/she should study first, second, third, etc...

In Addition to an Agenda Planner, A Calendar Helps Track Long-Term Assignments

Most children have trouble managing homework assignments that require several weeks to complete. Use a calendar to help your child budget his/her time.

First show him/her how to break the job down into smaller steps. Next, help him plan how much time each step will take. Then have him/her mark the due date for each step on his/her calendar.

Source: Teaching Children Responsibility For Their Learning and Behavior. *The Discipline Series*. The Parent Institute.

Quote of the Week: “It has always seemed strange to me that in our endless discussions about education so little stress is laid on the pleasure of becoming an educated person, the enormous interest it adds to life. To be able to be caught up into the world of thought -- that is to be educated.” *Edith Hamilton*

