

THE UNION LETTER

"Union School's Official Thursday Newsletter!" Thursday, August 30, 2007

Important Upcoming Events

Aug 31 **Picture Day 9:00 AM**
Sept 3 **Labor Day – No School**
Sept 4 **Volleyball Practice 2:30-4:30 PM**
Sept 5 **Open House 6:45-8:00 PM**
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Sept 6 **Volleyball Practice 2:30-4:30 PM**
Sept 7 **Volleyball Practice 2:30-4:30 PM**
Sept 10 **Volleyball @ St. Mary Magdalene 5:30/6:15**
(bus leaves 5:00 PM)

Jammer Book Buddies Program

The vouchers from the Jammer Book Buddies may be used for any of the four final home games. Below is a list of the dates of those games.

Thursday, August 30, 2007 -7:05 PM
Friday, August 31, 2007 -7:05 PM
Saturday, September 1, 2007 -7:05 PM
Sunday, September 2, 2007 -5:05 PM

Open House

Open House will be **Wednesday, September 5, 2007** from **6:45-8:00 PM**. Please come and see the improvements to the building and meet your child's/children's teachers. The evening will start with a brief introduction in the gym, from **6:45-7:00 PM**. Three sessions will follow for parents to attend each classroom. The first session will be from **7:00-7:15 PM**, second session from **7:20-7:35 PM**, and the third session from **7:40-7:55 PM**. Refreshments will be served in the hallway. The staff is looking forward to meeting and sharing their expectations for the 2007-2008 school year.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be on **August 31, 2007** beginning at **9:00 AM**. If you are interested in ordering pictures the order form needs to be with your child the morning of August 31st. In order to receive pictures the student must have the form and the money with them. If you would like to send your envelope with payment before the 31st we will keep it in the office until picture day. If you do not wish to order pictures, your child's picture will still be taken for the yearbook.

Music On The Move

Students in **grades 4-8** attended the assembly for this program on **Monday, August 27, 2007**. Forms were sent home with each student. If you are interested in having your student participate in the program the form needs to be turned into the office by **Wednesday, September 5, 2007**. If you need another form, they are available at the office.

Volleyball News

Practice will begin on **Tuesday, September 4, 2007**. Practice will be from **2:30 – 4:30 PM**. If your daughter is interested in participating in volleyball they need to have a volleyball permission slip and a physical in order to participate. The practice schedule and game schedule is listed on the monthly calendar on the back of this letter.
GO LADY CHARGERS!

Accelerated Reader Program

All students at Union School participate in the Accelerated Reader Program. This program promotes reading, **Mrs. Hauert** - Library Aide will be working with all of the students to set a goal for each quarter. The students read books of their choice and reading level, then they take a test on the computer, once the test is taken the students receive points for the number of questions they answer correctly. Each test has multiple-choice questions. For our emerging readers, it is acceptable for the students to have the story read to them, and when it is time for a test that too will be read aloud to them. At the end of each quarter those students who achieve their goal will receive recognition in the Union Letter as well as a special treat or coupon. We encourage our parents and students to read for enjoyment, as research shows that students that actively participate in reading for enjoyment typically score higher on standardized tests. If you have any questions about this program feel free to contact Mrs. Hauert by phone or note.

Handbook Sign-Off and Media Release Pages

This year in the handbook, that you were given at registration, the sign-off page and media release page was asked to be returned within 10 days. If you have not returned it yet, please do so by **Tuesday, September 4, 2007**.

Transportation

Unfortunately we have had some issues with the transportation of our students that is provided by Joliet Township High School. Please be assured that we are in contact with the transportation office when there is a problem. If your child's bus fails to arrive at the appointed time, feel free to contact transportation at 815-727-6873. If you would also let our school office know, we can follow up with your concerns also. If your students are going to be car riders, they need to arrive at **7:50 AM**, and picked up at **2:25 PM**. All car riders should be dropped off and picked up at the south parking lot (by the kindergarten door), as to not get trapped by the buses.