



Community Newsletter

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April 2009

Message from the Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT'S GALA A HUGE SUCCESS!

The fifth annual Superintendent's Gala was held on Saturday, March 28th. The "Party in Paradise" themed gala was held honoring the life and legacy of Dan Stefanilo. Over 230 people from the town attended the event which was held at Crystal Lake Country Club in N. Smithfield, Rhode Island.

Over 70 items were put up for bid in a silent auction, and several items were bid on during a live auction. Live auction items included a BBQ for 30 which was donated by Chef Ken Watt and Gary Ostrem of Hormel Foods, a Basketball signed by the 2008/2009 World Champion Boston Celtics Team, Tickets to the Boston Red Sox, and tickets to see Jimmy Buffett.

All funds raised at the gala benefit the Uxbridge Education Foundation which provides grants and scholarships to the Uxbridge School District. The Education Foundation announced that a Daniel J. Stefanilo Memorial Scholarship has been created and will be awarded annually. More information about the Uxbridge Education Foundation can be found on their website: www.uxbridgefoundation.org.

Thank you to all of our sponsors. Your generosity helped to make this event a huge success.

EMPTY BOWLS BENEFITS PEOPLE'S FIRST FOOD PANTRY

Our first Empty Bowls fundraiser was a big success and thus far we have raised in excess of \$1,600 to benefit *The People First Food Pantry* of Uxbridge. More than 150 tickets were sold for this event, which took place in the Uxbridge High School cafeteria on Thursday, March 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Thanks to faculty, students and staff in the Uxbridge Public Schools, as well as residents of the community, for making this event a success! Special thanks to the staff members who planned and coordinated this successful project: Gail Blais, Lisa Mistler, Sue Priore, Becky Plasse and Holly Earl.

Sincerely,
Howard Boyaj
Superintendent of Schools

Uxbridge Education Foundation Officers

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UEF Grant Applications will be available in early May.

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CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

SPRING 2009 MCAS TESTING IS UNDERWAY

Date	Grade	Test
March 30 – April 3	Grade 5	ELA
March 31	Grade 4 & 7	ELA
March 31 – April 3	Grade 8	ELA
March 31 – April 2	Grade 10	ELA
April 1 & 2	Grade 3	Reading
April 6	Grade 4	ELA
April 6 – 9	Grade 6 & 7	ELA
April 6 – 9	Grade 6 & 7	ELA
April 8 & 9	Grade 4	ELA
May 11 – 13	Grade 5 & 7	Math
May 12 & 13	Grade 3	Math
May 14 & 15	Grade 5	Science
May 14 & 15	Grade 8	Math
May 18 – 20	Grade 6	Math
May 19 & 20	Grade 4 & 10	Math
May 19 – 21	Grade 8	Science
May 21	Grade 11	History
June 4 & 5	Grade 9 & 10	Science

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?

Try your luck at the questions below, taken from actual questions from MCAS tests.

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

- The Louisiana Purchase was important to the United States for which of the following reasons?
 - It doubled the size of the United States.
 - It kept Mexico from owning most of Texas.
 - It gave the United States control over the Great Lakes.
 - It stopped Great Britain from getting more Canadian Territories.
- Which of the following best describes the United States Constitution?
 - A history of a people
 - A plan of government
 - A set of religious laws
 - A declaration of independence

MATHEMATICS

- Jim designed a rectangular garden with a width of 15 feet. The area of the garden is 300 square feet. What is the length of the garden?
 - 15 feet
 - 20 feet
 - 135 feet
 - 285 Feet
- The school secretary can type an average of 12 names per minute on a class list. At this rate, what is the total number of minutes it will take the secretary to type a list of 696 names?
 - 59 minutes
 - 58 minutes
 - 49 minutes
 - 48 minutes

See answers on page 5

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

During the month of March, the ELC/Taft PTO provided funds for two preschool enrichment performances. On March 12th the Tuesday/Thursday classes were singing and dancing with musician Wayne Potash. Mr. Potash involved the children with lively music and a variety of instruments. The P.M. classes at the ELC and the Friday A.M. and P.M. classes at Whitin were treated to an amazing magic show by Todd Miliacci. Students enjoyed juggling, humor, and many students had the chance to assist with the magic acts. The preschool staff and students would like to thank the PTO for all their work and generosity.

Music classes for March have consisted of the children doing lots of singing, moving to singing games, and playing instruments. Some songs they have been learning include Johnny Works with One Hammer, When I Was One, Do As I'm Doing, and the Muffin Man. Children have been playing the Muffin Man game, where one child sings the song by himself and another child closes his eyes and guesses who is singing. They've also done the singing game All Around the Village and made up melodies on the glockenspiels for the poem Rain on the Green Grass.

The full day kindergartens performed for the Uxbridge Schools' Music and Arts festival on March 10th. They did a wonderful job. We were all very proud of them. Thanks to the kindergarten teachers and aids for all their work preparing the children. Also thanks to the parents, family and friends who attended and helped make it such an enjoyable experience.

March has been a mischievous month here in kindergarten. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on Monday, March 2nd. During the first week of March, all the kindergarten classrooms enjoyed reading and learning about Dr. Seuss books. The Cat in the Hat stopped by for a visit. We graphed red fish and blue fish. We made hats like the Cat in the Hat, and yummy green eggs and ham. You don't know if you'll like them until you try them. Just ask Sam-I-Am.

Pre-k registration for the lottery took place at the ELC on March 2, 3, 4. The lottery was done the week of March 23rd. Letters were mailed on the 24th. If you signed up for the lottery and have not received a letter, please contact the ELC at (508) 234-9164.

English as a Second Language

Whitinsville Social Library offers a Literacy and ESL (English as a Second Language) Program for individuals who would like to learn or improve their English skills. For more information, please call the library at (508) 234-2151.

People First Food Pantry – Uxbridge established a food pantry in 1995 – 7 Court St., Uxbridge (Community House at the First Evangelical Church). Tel/answering machine: (508) 278-5506. Hours: Wednesdays, 11 AM -1 PM and 6:30 PM – 8 PM.

Fuel Assistance – You may be eligible for assistance *even if your rent includes your heat*. Deadline for this year is generally April 2009. Applications are taken at the Uxbridge Senior Center/COA (278-8622), Catholic Charities (234-3800) or SMOG (508-620-1230).

Mass Health – The MassHealth program provides comprehensive health insurance, or help in paying for private health insurance to more than one million Massachusetts children, families, seniors, and people with disabilities. The MassHealth Customer service. Phone number is 800-942-1007.

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) – Information, referrals and health care services (immunizations, pregnancy testing, vitamins, lead testing, sick visits, well child exams, school & work physicals, etc.) and checks (\$\$) for nutritious foods you and your child need. They have an office in Milford and a van that travels to 16 towns daily. Call if you need to find a location. WIC office (634-8012) and WIC van – (800-942-1007).

Food Stamps - Most families who meet the federal income rules can get food stamp benefits. Food stamp benefits help you buy nutritious food that you need for your family (800-249-2007).

Blackstone Valley Free Medical Care Program - Clinic provides free medical care. Hours are: the 2nd Monday of the month at Northbridge High School (6-8 PM) Dates: 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 11/9, 12/14.

YOU, Inc. - GED program for students out of high school, ages 16-21; located @ Trinity Episcopal Church, 33 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, (508) 266-2125.

InterAgency – We participate in an interagency group which meets monthly to share information about available resources and needs. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Uxbridge Police Station, 9:00 am. Next month's meeting is scheduled for April, at 9:00 am at the Uxbridge Police Station. All are welcome!

EARL D. TAFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Section

MCAS tests are scheduled for the first two weeks in April with Math tests in May. Follow these general rules to make it a successful and less stressful experience for your child. Make sure that your child is in school during the testing sessions. Do not plan any doctor or dental appointments on test dates. Make sure that you are aware of your child's performance and that you can help interpret the results when they become available in October. Remember to keep well-informed about your child's tests. Know how test results are used, and how they will affect your child's placement in school. If there are major differences between standardized test scores and school grades, find out why. Encourage your child to listen carefully to all test-taking directions given by the teacher and to ask questions about any directions that are unclear. See that your child gets his/her regular amount of sleep before the tests and is well-rested.

Make sure that your child eats his/her usual breakfast on the day of the test. Hunger can detract from a good test performance. Children are often nervous about the test. Encourage your child to do his/her best. That is all anyone can ask. *Brought to you by the American School Counselor Association. Samples from all MCAS tests are available on the DOE website: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/test/testitems.html>

Sincerely,

Mrs. Montesi

MCAS Pep Rally

Spirit Day on March 27, 2009, was MCAS PEP RALLY DAY at Taft. Cheerleaders from UHS attended all lunches on Friday and cheered the students on to do well on the MCAS. Students in Grade 1 made posters for the hallways and some Grade 3 and 4 students got letters and cards from the lower classes wishing them Good luck!

Go Green Week

During the week of April 13-17, 2009, Taft students will be involved in Go

Green Week. We will celebrate the environment, nature, and conservation. Some activities already planned will be to decorate shopping bags from Hannaford's to be used on Earth Day-April 22, 2009. We will be asking students and staff to bring in food that has a green label on it, canned green vegetables, or green/natural made cleaning products for the Food Pantry. Metacomet Land Trust will be coming to the school to be part of the GO GREEN fun.

101 Dalmatians

Don't miss the Taft actors and actresses perform 101 Dalmatians at UHS Auditorium on Saturday, 4/4/09. Showtimes are: 1:30 pm, 3:15 pm, 4:30 pm, and 6:00 pm. Tickets are being sold at the door. There were so many students that signed up to do the show, that Mrs. Mason, director of the play, formed two different casts. Break a leg everyone!!!

Let's Get Physical

Activities in the gym in March included climbing the rope to the ceiling, fitness centers, and tan gram puzzles. Outside we were able to play tag games and have begun a basketball unit. Grades 1 and 2 are also learning a selection of folk dances. Health classes with Mrs. Seagrave will begin for Grade 4 students in April.

Musical Notes

Grades 1 and 2 continue to explore musical instruments of the orchestra and sing about *The Lollipop Tree*. Grade 2 is also preparing international songs for the multi-cultural song unit. Second grade parents will hear songs from Tanzania, Africa, Japan, England, Latin America, the Calypso tradition and that all American phenomenon the do-wop music of the 50's and the *Peppermint Twist*. Grade 3 is beginning a jazz unit with the *Alphabet Scat* and Mr. Hammerton will explore various jazz instrumentation as well. Grade 4 is singing and kicking it up a notch with recorder studies in music class, as we advance to triple meter.

Computer Bytes

Fourth grade students are busy finishing up their spreadsheets that they made using Microsoft Excel. The title of their spreadsheet is The 50 States. Third grade students are making a PowerPoint slide show about "Our American Flag". Parents: They will be bringing home a copy of their presentation. Second grade students will be using our software called My Amazing World Explorer and will be globetrotting around the world, searching for facts, places, and events. First grade students will be using KidPix to open a piece of software, close it, save it, and print while finding out: What's in a name?

Library Corner

Mrs. O'Donnell and Mrs. Henries chose 9 bookmarks (from over 220) to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Library Association bookmark contest. Unfortunately, no bookmark from the Taft School was chosen, but as far as I'm concerned, all entries we submitted deserved to win. All bookmarks were laminated and given back to their creators. 1st grade-Jake Usenia, Wesley Wicks, Lindsey Moss; 2nd /3rd grade-Jaylin Bodell, Emily Fernandes, Riley Malone; 4th grade-Alison Colella, Morgan French, and Stephanie Demetry. If you would like to see the winning bookmarks, go to www.maschoolibraries.org.

PTO

A special thank you goes out to Deb Young and the Uxbridge Public Library for all their support with our annual Books and Beyond program. They are very supportive of our program and set up special programs to help our students earn their reading minutes. This is a great example of community and school working together to help our students excel. We appreciate their support very much and look forward to continuing our valued partnership!

Upcoming Events

April 1 – MCAS ELA Grade 3

April 2 – MCAS ELA Grade 3

April 6-8 – MCAS ELA Grade 4

April 8 – Special Ed PAC Meeting 7 pm

WHITIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade 5/6 Movie Social

On February 27, 2009 the fifth and sixth graders participated in an after school movie social. The featured presentations were High School Musical 3 and Journey to the Center of the Earth. Students were encouraged to bring something comfortable to sit on and refreshments were served. A great time was had by all!

UPS Celebrates the Arts

On Tuesday, March 10th, the Uxbridge Public Schools music and fine arts departments participated in the 2nd annual "Celebrating the Arts!" event. The Whitin School library was transformed into an art museum with artwork representing students from grades.

K – 12. Genres included, painting, printmaking, collage/mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, pencil, and raised relief. Performances were held throughout the day with the full-time kindergarten classes presenting a concert in the gym and the Whitin and Taft School Choruses performing in the library. In the evening, there were several solo performers providing background music for the patrons who visited the Art Show.

Music and Meatballs Event

The Music Department held a "Music and Meatballs" fundraiser in the Middle School cafeteria on March 10th in the evening. Approximately 250 people attended this dinner concert which featured the Whitin and UHS Jazz Bands and the UHS Rock/Blues Bands. Music students also served as waiters and waitresses for this event. Several Raffle Baskets were raffled off as well. Funds raised

at this event will be used to supplement the music department budget and to help defray the costs of the Whitin School's trip to the Great East Festival on May 29th.

Whitin Staff Breakfast

The sixth grade team prepared a St. Patrick's Day breakfast for all staff members of the middle school on March 13th, 2009. The breakfast was a fun way to get staff together for a hearty meal, a great way to start the day! This early morning event encouraged collaboration, boosted staff morale, and encouraged the team to work together in a tremendous way!

Lockdown Drill

A school wide lockdown drill took place on March 16, 2009. This drill was planned in collaboration with the Uxbridge Fire Department, the Uxbridge Police Department, and the Uxbridge Public Schools and was designed to prepare students and faculty for an in-school emergency situation. The school did follow through with preset criteria established in conjunction with the town, and procedures were precisely followed.

March Madness!

Student and Faculty Basketball Game

On March 20th, 2009 Whitin faculty members showed students how to throw a ball into the hoop during the free throw contest at the beginning of the game, an excellent way to begin! In turn, students once again showed the faculty how basketball is played when they won the game 33 to 28. An energetic and fun time was had by all who attended!

ANSWER KEY FOR ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FIFTH GRADER?

1. A
2. B
3. B
4. B

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1	PTO Meeting: 6:30 in Whitin Library
April 3	Grade 5 & 6 Social
April 4	Grade 7 & 8 Dance
April 10	No School
April 15	District Choral Concert
April 16	Zoo Mobile Assembly: Grade 5
April 20 – 24	April Vacation
April 30	Field Trip: Grade 5

UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Pi Week

The math department celebrated "Pi week" this month. Students in all math classes created songs, poems or posters that celebrated the number PI. The "matherpieces" were amazing. Songs were sung to many popular tunes, poems of all types were performed and many posters showed off the incredible artists that we have here at Uxbridge. The week ended with a pin the "PI" on the number line contest at all lunches. The students closest to "pi" on the number line won a prize. There was a winner from each class. This year's winners of the "pizza pi" were: senior – Samantha Bedard, junior – Ariel Braga, sophomore – Nicholas Lovett, freshman – Jason Mannka. Congratulations to all students. You did a great job.

Social Studies News

Senator Richard Moore paid a visit to Mrs. Puckett's AP U.S. Government and Politics class as well as Mr. Hutchings' Law class. The senator provided the students with some interesting historical information and then took questions from members of the classes. The students were interested in the stimulus package and Senator Moore's involvement in a study regarding junior operators of motor vehicles and drowsiness. Mr. Mike Ryan from the Office of the Jury Commission in Boston gave his presentation to Mrs. Puckett's Honors Government class and Mr. Hutchings' College Government class. The students always enjoy Mr. Ryan's use of humor and pop culture as they learn about the importance of jury duty. Mrs. Bouchard's U.S. History classes are working on their magazine projects. This semester the students will be choosing an area of interest from the American Revolution to the Industrial Revolution. Mr. Peters' U.S. History classes just completed U.S. President Projects. The students researched presidents from Washington through Lincoln. Mr. Hutchings' World War II Independent Study students interviewed Uxbridge residents who served in World War II. Mr. Pat Fettucia, Mr. Ernest Picard, and Mr. Wayne Stinsen who all served in the Navy gave the students a first-hand account of their experiences.

Prevocational Life Skills

As the warmer weather approaches, the Prevocational Life Skills class has been very busy. We all miss Mr. Stefanilo very much and our busy schedule is helping us focus on positive things during this time. Mr. Stefanilo made an effort to visit our class daily and we are really feeling his absence. Students are quite involved with prevocational activities around UHS and in the community. Several of our students are involved in the Go Green project with Ms. Hamelin and Mr. Geissler. They have been recycling around the building and are working hard at helping the environment.

Academically, we are focusing on reading comprehension and writing skills in English. Students are perfecting their emailing skills and have been working on letter writing. In math, we are working on reinforcing learned basic skills and have been practicing money skills. Several students are working on banking skills. They are enjoying learning to write checks and balance a check book. In Daily Living Skills, we are learning about appropriate community and work behaviors. As the weather allows, we are getting out into the community in small groups to practice our skills and explore our area. In social studies, our focus has been on following local maps and finding locations. In adaptive P.E., we have been playing tennis, baseball, and basketball. Students are anxious to spend more time outdoors.

This semester, we are fortunate to have six wonderful peer tutors working with our class. They are all doing a great job and each has something special to offer our class. We appreciate the artistic talents several of the peer tutors offer to our class. Their creativity is amazing! It appears that we have some skilled chefs in our midst as well, and we plan to make use of their talents. They are all very dedicated and have become a part of our class.

Class of 2011 Dodgeball Tournament

The class of 2011 will host a dodge ball tournament on Wednesday, April 8. Teams of six high school students or faculty members may sign up in room 221. There is a two-dollar entrance fee. Tournament sign-in begins at 6pm in the gym. Additionally, the sophomore class is selling Grandma Corbis frozen pizzas, calzones and baked goods from April 13 through April 28.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Two seniors (one boy, one girl) are nominated monthly by the faculty and staff at Uxbridge High School to receive recognition as *Senior of the Month*. Considerations for nomination include: demonstrate willingness to assist others, have good academic standing but does not need to be an A student, be respectful of others and self, be a good citizen, and involved with school/community service. Upon selection by the administration, the *Seniors of the Month* will have their pictures and brief write-ups displayed in the front lobby of the high school for recognition. Thank you to *North End Pizza* for their generous donation of gift certificates to each recipient.

Laura Bishop

Laura Bishop can easily be called one of the most well rounded individuals at Uxbridge High School. Her personal, athletic and academic abilities demonstrate her dedication to being the best person she can possibly be. Laura has a strong interest in the nursing profession; she believes that her mission in life is to help others. Her academics rank her with a solid B average, which has earned her recognition on both the high honor and honor roll throughout her career. This year she was selected to participate in the student internship program where she spent time at the Beaumont Nursing Home during first semester. Her caring and responsible behavior shone through during her internship as she explored the professional and emotional aspects of nursing. Laura is a good friend, known for being considerate, conscientious, and always willing to help out. Her dedication to the Toys-for-Tots holiday party is just one example of her willingness to give back to the Uxbridge community. Additionally, she is an active participant in the UHS Student Council and was selected to travel to the State Conference in Hyannis this March. That quality of helping out and giving back is exemplified in Laura's participation in the UHS student-mentoring program. Laura's strength also lies on the athletic field. She is a three-sport athlete - field hockey, basketball and softball - and has seen great success in all three areas. Laura has been an integral part of winning numerous SWCL championships, because of her athletic prowess and her positive, competitive hustle. Her drive and determination have been honored and recognized by her peers who selected her team captain in these sports. Laura is a strong, confident young woman who will make an impact in all future endeavors. Her warm smile and kindness have helped instill in her fellow students a UHS tradition of sincerity and friendliness.

Brendan McKeon

Brendan McKeon is one of those students who allows teachers to appreciate the art involved in their profession. He is extremely bright and is a willing participant in classroom discussions. This engagement in a class' discussion often promotes the integration of class topics and objectives with the world outside the classroom. His quiet confidence is consistently displayed through his classwork as well as in other situations with which he is involved. Brendan has academically challenged himself by taking honors and AP level courses since freshman year. He holds a solid B average. He is diligent in reading about current events, particularly those of a political nature, which is evident in his daily interactions. Articulate and pleasant, Brendan's desire to study psychology is extremely appropriate given his interests. As Brendan puts it, he has "always wanted to further understand what compels people to act in their own unique ways." Brendan's academic drive and intense interest in psychology has led him to pursue credit in AP Psychology by sitting for the exam - he will be the very first UHS student to do so! This statement holds true for Brendan himself. Brendan is able to tackle challenges head on, resolve them, and then grow immensely from them. Friends and family describe Brendan as enthusiastic, curious, loyal, empathic and analytic. Brendan's positive energy will be missed at UHS next year. However, his fine character and personal growth will certainly be remembered by those he leaves behind with a smile and positive statements.

UHS WINTER ATHLETICS

Winter athletics teams are through their 2008-2009 season. Our team records were as follows:

Girls Varsity Basketball	12-9	
Boys Varsity Basketball	7-12	
Boys Indoor Track	2-5	
Girls Indoor Track	7-1	SWCL Champs

The Winter Athletic Awards Assembly was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. All winter athletic participants were recognized and received varsity letters and certificates. The following individuals were also honored by their coaches receiving Sportsmanship Awards and Coaches Awards:

Sportsmanship Award Recipients:

Girls Basketball- Ashley Ostrem
 Boys Basketball- Michael Lovett
 Cheerleading- Kym Kerr
 Girls Track and Field- Sarah Zeis
 Boys Track and Field- Nick Lovett

Coaches Award Recipients:

Girls Basketball- Laura Bishop
 Boys Basketball (Dennis Lynch Memorial Award)- Jake Storey
 Cheerleading- Felecia Wissekerke
 Girls Track and Field- Samantha Copland and Hilary Moore
 Boys Track and Field- Peter Mannka

The following individuals were also recognized as Southern Worcester County League All-Stars:

Girls Basketball- Laura Bishop and Lindsay McQuade
 Boys Basketball- Dan Tessier
 Girls Track and Field- Samantha Copland, Hilary Moore, and Sarah Zeis
 Boys Track and Field- Peter Mannka

*Congratulations to Sarah Zeis who was also selected to the Worcester Telegram and Gazette Super Team for Indoor Track and Field.

On Saturday, March 14, 2009, the Uxbridge High School Girls Basketball team received an outstanding honor prior to the state championship game at the DCU Center in Worcester. The team was selected to be recognized as the annual MIAA Sportsmanship Award recipient for the 2008-2009 season. This award is a prestigious award for Uxbridge High School. Congratulations to the members of this year's team along with coaches, Dean Tourangeau and Christine Ahern.

DISTRICT CALENDAR – APRIL 2009

April 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Whitin ~ PTO Mtg @ 6:30pm English MCAS 7:30 - 10:20 Grade 10	2 English MCAS 7:30 - 10:20 Grade 10	3 UHS F. Show 7pm Whitin ~ Gr. 5/6 Social 2:30 - 4p Gr. 7/8 Dance 7 - 9p	4
5 TAFT & WHITIN SCHOOLS MCAS Testing April 1st ~ April 9th	6	7 School Comm Mtg @ 7p UHS	8 USEPAC Mtg ~ 7p @ Whitin in Library UHS Dodgeball	9 First Day of Passover	10 Day Care open until 4:00 pm ONLY !! Good Friday ~ No School	11
12 Orthodox EASTER	13	14 District Choral Concert @ UHS Magician for ALL K Classes!	15 District Wide Choral Concert @ 7pm Gr. 4-12	16 Gr. 5 ~ Zoo Mobile 12:30 - 1:30	17 Sr. Class Trip TAFT PTO FREE Family Fun Night	18
19	20 Day Care CLOSED PATRIOT'S DAY School Vacation	21 Day Care OPEN School Vacation	22 Day Care OPEN School Vacation	23 Day Care OPEN School Vacation	24 Day Care OPEN School Vacation	25
26	27	28 Student Council UHS 6:30PM	29	30 Gr. 5 Field Trip to BV Cinema "Earth"		

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

EAT RIGHT WHEN MONEY'S TIGHT: NUTRITION HELP FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

In these unprecedented economic times, so many families are struggling with lower incomes and/or layoffs. Hungry kids cannot succeed in school. There are many programs which are available to families that help provide nutritious food to children. Parents do not need to struggle silently; there is assistance out there that is respectful of people's privacy, so there is no need to be embarrassed to apply.

Free & reduced school meals: families can apply anytime during the year. Download the application from : www.uxbridgeschools.com

Click on "Food Service" Tab

Click on "Free & Reduced"

Download PDF file at top of page

If you don't have access to a computer, you can get applications at the schools or through the Food Service Director's office @ 21 South Main St. (Town Hall). Call Janice Watt @ 508-278-8644 with any questions. WIC- Helps families that have children under 5 years, and/or those women who are pregnant or breastfeeding with nutrition consultations and gives checks to use towards the purchase of healthy foods. Call 1-800-WIC-1007 or www.mass.gov/wic

SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)

New Food Stamp Rules! In the past, a family of four that earns \$3000 a month before taxes and that pays \$1500 a month in rent could get about \$106 a month in food stamps. With new food stamp rules, if the same family includes its child (or adult) care expenses of \$400 a month in their food stamp application, they could receive \$166 a month in food stamps. Do you have child or adult care expenses? If so, you can get *more* food stamp benefits! Questions ?? Call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 or visit www.gettingfoodstamps.org

FYI- if you are approved for food stamps, your child or children would automatically be approved to receive free meals at school