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## Dates to Remember:

(Tentative)

**Mar. 18 NO SCHOOL-District Professional Development Day**

Mar. 22 School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. in the school library

Mar. 25 Student of the Month Assemblies (Friday)

Grade K at 1:30 in the gym

Grades 1-2 at 2:00 in the gym

Grades 3-4 at 2:30 in they gym

Mar. 25 Booster Club Movie Night 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room

**Mar. 28-Apr. 1 SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL**

Apr. 14 Family Night-Earth Day

Apr. 18-22 Parent Conferences: Early Release at 12:50 p.m.

May 19 Family Night-REPTILE MAN

May 20 HAAP at Convention Center

**May 30 NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day**

- ✓ Nominate a student for a Yakima Youth Award. For more information contact Karen at 248-4848. Yakima Youth Awards will be held at the Capital Theatre on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Superintendent's Message:**

We are currently in the beginning stages of planning a school garden for the students to be involved in. However, our first goal is to find grants/private funding to build a greenhouse. If you have any questions or know of resources to help us in this endeavor, please contact me at 509-248-3966, ext 403 or email me at: [khilyard@uniongap.org](mailto:khilyard@uniongap.org).

The school district's baseball field will be improved this spring and summer. Therefore, we are going to have baseball practices and games at the MLK baseball field once again this spring.

I meet with the Union Gap Senior Citizen group, each month, to report on what is going on in the school system. The senior citizen meetings are on the Friday following the regular monthly (Tuesday) school board meeting and are held at the Ahtanum Park. I also meet monthly with interested taxpayers on Leisure Hill (Club House). I would be more than willing to meet with any other Union Gap groups as well. Please contact me at (509) 248-3966; extension 403 if you would like to schedule a meeting.

The State of Washington is predicting a deficit of around \$5 billion in their 2011-2013 biennium budget. Consequently, many state funded agencies will feel the brunt of reductions necessary to balance the state budget. School districts are included in that list of agencies that will be affected.

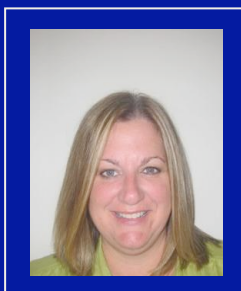
The regular legislative session is scheduled to end April 24<sup>th</sup> so we will need to wait until then as to what financial effects the session will have on our school district. In any case, approximately 80% of our general fund budget covers salaries and benefits so some staffing/programs may be lost during this financial ordeal. All in all, there are so many unanswered questions at this point in time but it is assumed that financial reductions are coming. We anticipate having information available in the May Newsletter which is slated for posting in approximately mid-May. Please have patience with us as we move along to make the 2011-2012 school year a great success. We will get through these tough financial times and we will continue to provide a top-notch educational experience for our area youth.

Please find enclosed the tentative 2011-2012 school calendar adopted by the school board on February 22, 2011.

Please review the district web home page. We continue to add more and more items for you reading pleasure. Our web site is a work in progress so please have patience with us as we continue adding additional items of interest. Please contact Tony Silver ([tsilver@uniongap.org](mailto:tsilver@uniongap.org)), if you have any suggestions for improving the district web site. The district web site address: <http://www.uniongapschool.org/>



Superintendent,  
Kurt H. Hilyard



Principal,  
Lisa Gredvig



Assistant Principal,  
Si Stuber



**Patron Complaint Procedure Concerning a District Employee and/or Program/Curriculum Issue**

- Step 1 \*patron visits with the specific district employee – teacher, coach, paraprofessional, administrator, etc. (secure a complaint packet if you are not satisfied with the outcome of Step 1)
- Step 2 \*patron visits with the Activities Director **if** the concern is associated with extracurricular activities
- Step 3 \*patron visits with the Assistant Building Principal
- Step 4 \*patron visits with the Building Principal
- Step 5 \*patron visits with the District Superintendent; Patron will need to return a completed *Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Material and/or the Request for Consideration of Citizen Complaint form(s)* to the Superintendent AT LEAST **EIGHT (8) DAYS** IN ADVANCE OF THE BOARD MEETING IF THE PATRON WANTS TO BE SPECIFICALLY LISTED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA AND WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RESPONSE. Special school board meetings can be held if 24 hours written notice is provided to the public **and** the Chairperson (or three directors) approves holding a special school board meeting.
- Step 6 \*patron visits with the Board of Directors -school board meeting discussions may or may not be held in open session as determined by the Board President

Daylight Savings Time began on March 13<sup>th</sup>.  
“Spring-Ahead” one hour!

The Union Gap School District No. 2 prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, gender, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, protected genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

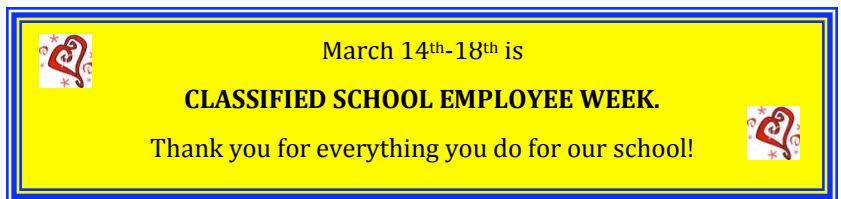
To file a complaint of discrimination, write to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you have any questions, you may contact Union Gap School's Title IX, Lisa Gredvig/504 Coordinator, Nicki Monsen.

**The annual testing season is almost upon us!** The Grades 3-8 Washington (MSP) Measurement of Student Progress, which was previously referred to as the Assessment of Student Learning or WASL, is just around the corner. The testing dates are:

- Grade 3 (paper/pencil testing) – May 2-19 (Reading & Math)
- Grade 4 (paper/pencil testing) – May 2-19 (Reading, Writing & Math)
- Grade 5 (online testing) – May 2 – June 1 (Reading, Math & Science)
- Grade 6 (paper/pencil) May 2-19 (Reading)
- Grade 6 (online testing) May 2 – June 1 (Math)
- Grade 7 (online testing) – May 2 – June 1 (Reading & Math)
- Grade 7 (paper/pencil testing) May 2 – 19 (Writing)
- Grade 8 (online testing) – May 2-June 1 (Reading, Math & Science)

Governor Chris Gregoire has declared March 14<sup>th</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup> as **Classified School Employee Week**. Please pass on a thank you to all the dedicated classified staff working in the school system!

Kurt H. Hilyard, District Superintendent



**Del Superintendente:**

Estamos actualmente en las primeras etapas de planear un jardín para la escuela para que los estudiantes se impliquen. Sin embargo, nuestra primera meta es encontrar concesiones/financiación privada para construir un invernadero. Si usted tiene cualesquiera preguntas o sabe de recursos para ayudarnos en este esfuerzo, por favor entre en contacto conmigo al 509-248-3966, extensión 403 o por correo electrónico: khilyard@uniongap.org.

El campo de béisbol del distrito escolar será mejorado esta primavera y verano. Por lo tanto, vamos a tener las prácticas y juegos en el campo de béisbol de MLK otra vez esta primavera.

Me reúno con el grupo de personas de la tercera edad de Union Gap, cada mes, para divulgar sobre qué está sucediendo en el sistema escolar. Las reuniones de personas de la tercera edad son el viernes que sigue la reunión del consejo mensual regular de escuela (martes). También me encuentro mensualmente con los pagadores de impuestos interesados en Leisure Hill (Club House). También me puedo juntar con cualquier otro grupo de Union Gap. Por favor entre en contacto conmigo al (509) 248-3966; extensión 403 si usted quisiera programar una reunión.

El Estado de Washington está prediciendo un déficit de alrededor de \$5 mil millones en su presupuesto 2011-2013 del bienio. Por lo tanto, muchas de las agencias financiadas sentirán la parte más recia de las reducciones necesarias para balancear el presupuesto del estado. Los distritos escolares se incluyen en esa lista de agencias que serán afectadas.

La sesión legislativa regular se programa para terminar el 24 de abril así que necesitaremos esperar hasta entonces en cuanto a qué efectos financieros tendrá la sesión en nuestro distrito escolar. En todo caso, aproximadamente 80% de nuestros fondos generales cubren sueldos y beneficios así que



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Union Gap School will begin registering students for kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. Registration will be ongoing for the remainder of this school year.

According to state law, **a child must be 5 years of age on or before August 31**, to be eligible for kindergarten. A birth certificate, proof of address and **a completed certificate of immunization are required.**

You need to bring the following documents with you when you enroll your child:

- Birth Certificate, verifying child's age
- Immunization Record – please be sure your child is current with their immunizations.
- 2 pieces of Proof of Residence (mortgage/rental agreement **and** current light bill, cable bill or land line telephone bill)

If you have any questions about registration, call Union Gap School's main office at 248-3966.

## INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL KINDER

La Escuela de Union Gap comenzará a inscribir a los estudiantes para el kinder para el año escolar 2011-2012 el 4 de abril, a partir de las 9 a.m. a 3 p.m. La inscripción estará en curso para el resto de este año escolar.

Según la ley estatal, **un niño/a debe tener 5 años de edad en o antes del 31 de agosto**, para ser elegible para el kinder. Se requiere un acta de nacimiento, comprobante de dirección y **un certificado de inmunización completado.**

Usted necesita traer los documentos siguientes cuando usted registre a su hijo/a:

- Acta de Nacimiento, verificando la edad de su hijo/a

- Expediente de las Inmunizaciones - por favor esté seguro que su hijo/a este al corriente con sus inmunizaciones
- 2 Comprobantes de la Dirección (hipoteca/contrato de alquiler y cuenta actual de la luz, cable o teléfono en el hogar)

Si usted tiene cualesquiera preguntas sobre la inscripción, llame a la oficina principal de la Escuela de Union Gap al 248-3966.

algunos personal/programas se pueden perder durante esta prueba difícil financiera. Considerándolo todo, hay muchas preguntas por contestar en este punto a tiempo pero se esperan las reducciones financieras. Anticipamos tener información disponible en el boletín de noticias de mayo que está fijado aproximadamente a mediados de mayo. Por favor tenga paciencia con nosotros como nos movemos adelante para hacer el año escolar 2011-2012 un gran éxito. Pasaremos por estas épocas financieras difíciles y continuaremos proporcionando una experiencia educativa superior para nuestra juventud del área.

Por favor encuentre incluido el calendario tentativo de la escuela 2011-2012 adoptado por la mesa directiva escolar el 22 de febrero de 2011.

Repase por favor la página de internet del distrito. Continuamos agregando cada vez más artículos para que usted tenga el placer de leer los. Nuestro sitio web es una obra en fase de creación por favor de tener paciencia con nosotros a medida que continuamos agregando artículos adicionales del interés. Por favor entre en contacto con Tony Silver (tsilver@uniongap.org), si usted tiene cualesquiera sugerencias para mejorar el sitio web del distrito. La dirección del sitio web del distrito es: <http://www.uniongapschool.org/>

**¡La temporada anual de las evaluaciones casi está sobre nosotros!** Los grados 3-8 de la Evaluación del Progreso Estudiantil (MSP) de Washington, que fue referido previamente como la Evaluación del Aprendizaje de los Estudiantes de Washington, está alrededor de la esquina. Las fechas de evaluación son:

Grado 3 (examen de papel/ lápiz) - 2-19 de mayo (Lectura y Matemáticas)

Grado 4 (examen de papel/ lápiz) - 2-19 de mayo (Lectura, Matemáticas y Escritura)

Grado 5 (examen en internet) - 2 de mayo-1 de junio (Lectura, Matemáticas y Ciencia)

Grado 6 (papel/lápiz) 2-19 de mayo (Lectura)

Grado 6 (examen en internet) 2 de mayo-1 de junio (Matemáticas)

Grado 7 (examen en internet) - 2 de mayo-1 de junio (Lectura y Matemáticas)

Grado 7 (examen de papel/ lápiz) 2-19 de mayo (Escritura)

Grado 8 (examen en internet) - 2 de mayo-1 de junio (Lectura, Matemáticas y Ciencia)

La Gobernadora Chris Gregorio ha declarado el 14 de marzo hasta el 18 de marzo como **Semana Clasificada del Empleado de la Escuela.** ¡Por favor de dar gracias a todo el personal clasificado dedicado que trabaja en el sistema escolar!

Kurt H. Hilyard , Superintendente del Distrito

## Ellensburg All District Wrestling Tournament

Adrian Rodriguez and David Velasquez represented Union Gap School in the Ellensburg All District Wrestling Tournament on March 3rd. **Both wrestlers showed up with determination and both placed first in their separate brackets!**

Adrian Rodriguez competed in the 110 lb. weight class and pinned both of his opponents while David Velasquez competed in the 147 lb. weight class and pinned both of his opponents as well. Coaches Mark Day and Nick Swisher were very pleased with their performances. It was a great way to cap off the season.



## Union Gap School Board Honorees:

These students were honored for their academic excellence for the month of February 2011:

Demi Grosely  
Jimmy Lemon  
Anthony Sandoval  
Alex Trenado  
Halee Voland

*You're Awesome!*

Back row: Dianna Grunlose, Matt Armstrong, Ron Jennings, Louise Sisk, Wayne Hawver, Lorraine Fernandez, Nicole Volland, Angela Galbreath, and Kevin Anson

Front row: Halee Volland, Demi Grosely, Carrie Greenough, Anthony Sandoval, Alex Trenado, and Jimmy Lemon

## 2011 Spring Dates to Remember

Spring Break	March 28-April 1
April 12	Spring Band Concert 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room
April 13	YVMEA Band Contest at Highland High School
May 9	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Festival in Kittitas
May 14	Middle School Band-Zillah Parade from 8 a.m. to noon
May 21	Middle School Band-Selah Parade from 8 a.m. to noon
June 2	Summer Band Concert & Awards Night 6:30 p.m.

### Union Gap School District's Preschool Program.

Do you live in the Union Gap School District boundaries?

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old?

Do you have concerns about their development in the areas of speech, movement, or academic (colors, shapes, etc)?

If you answered yes to all three questions, your child may qualify for the Union Gap School District's Preschool Program.

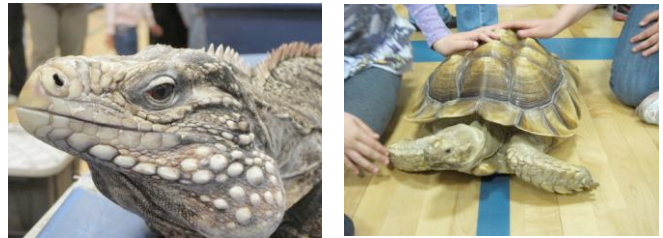
Please contact Katie Rutger (248-3966 ext 105) or Esmeralda Lua (Spanish speaking – 248-3966 ext 302) for more information.

Breakfast & Lunch Menus can be found on the school's website at: <http://www.uniongapschool.org/>

## Reptile Man

On Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Reptile Man will once again bring his amazing reptiles to Union Gap School during May's Family Night.

Flyers will be sent home with students in May. Hope to see you there.



Photos can be taken with a few selected reptiles for a small fee.

### Family Night-EARTH DAY

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

UNION GAP SCHOOL-flyers will be sent home in April!



**HAAP:** The Hispanic Academic Achievers Program banquet will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Yakima Convention Center. Union Gap Hispanic students in grades 6 through 8th grade who maintain a 3.0 grade point average qualify. Notification will be sent out in May. If you have any questions, please contact Juanita at ext 301 or Desi at ext 400.

### Pest Control Within the Schools

The Union Gap School District contracts with an outside agency to keep pests such as ants, mice and termites, out of the buildings.

A minimum of 48-hour notification is made to inform the public by posting the time of the pest control application on the doors of the main entrances of the school.

For further information, please contact Desi Reinmuth at 248-3966, ext. 400.

## Mid-Valley Math Competition

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Mid-Valley Math Competition on Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

The participants were: 6<sup>th</sup> grade-Eileen Morales, Brenda Ramirez, Darren Brunner, and Jesse Walruff; 7<sup>th</sup> grade-Destiny Asuncion, Jaissa Grunlose, Hellen Medina, Jose Nunez and Eugenio Velasquez; 8<sup>th</sup> grade-Madelyn Cyr, Tania Nunez, Alexa Peralta, Jacob Mortensen and Adrian Rodriguez.

6th grade took 2nd place in Algebra, Probability, and Geometry

7th grade took 2nd place in Probability and 3rd place in Number Sense

8th grade took 2nd place in Algebra and 3rd in Probability and Number Sense.

Way to go Mathletes!

**The Union Gap journalism program has reached its 100th consecutive issue of the WWII and American history publication Years of War. This milestone is three years in the making and a result of over 150 student's efforts.**

The following is a list of the students who have contributed this year:

Jose Badillo, Yulitsa Bueno, Briseida Carbajal, Gerardo Castillo, Rebecca Cruz, Nidian Curiel, Tiffany Dickens, Monica Farias, Kori Gonzalez, Samantha Gordon, Elizabeth Martinez, Jorge Mendez, Daylin Mendoza, Amy Morales, Luis Navidad, Shania Olson, Johnnie Peake, Alexa Peralta, Isabella Reynaga, Adrian Rodriguez, Carlos Sanchez, Jorge Sanchez, Justin Selvog, Josiah Sloan, Emily Smith, Breanna Trent, Caitlynn Vannattan, Matthew VanNorrick, David Velasquez, Chris Wadlow, Francesca Weaver and Teresa Zaragoza.

Great job!

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## PAW BONUS ITEM

Union Gap School has PAW dollars that students earn through good behavior where they can purchase items from the PAW STORE. There was a bonus prize, worth \$2500 paw dollars where Assistant Principal Stuber would shave his head.

Well, students from Ms. Lyon and Mrs. Benedetti's class earned and saved the \$2500 paw dollars needed to claim this bonus prize and on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Assistant Principal Stuber had his head shaved!! An assembly was held and all grade levels got to witness the event.



**BONUS:  
\$2,500-Mr. Stuber  
shaved his head!**

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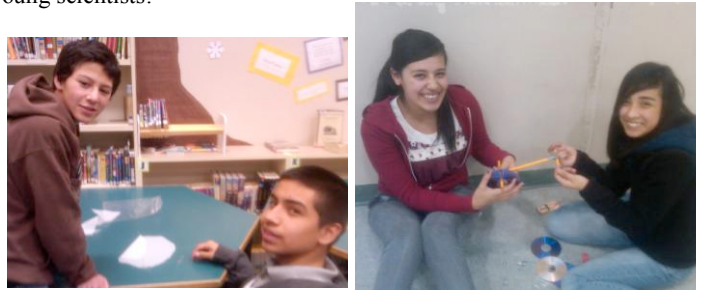
## The MVAAL Science Competition

The MVAAL Science Competition took place March 3, 2011 in Cle-Elum. Four students from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade participated in teams of two.

Alexa Peralta and Teresa Zaragoza worked to build a mousetrap car using CD's, Duct tape, a mousetrap, pencils and balloons. The objective was to set the trap, release it, and measure the distance the car moves. The girls took 4<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Luis Navidad and Roque Sanchez worked to design a parachute that would allow the greatest hang time and accuracy in hitting the target.

Their placement was not announced. Both teams of students communicated well with each other and were able to use ideas previously learned in class to assist them. We are proud of our young scientists!



**EPIC HEAD START CLASSROOM LOCATED AT UNION GAP SCHOOL is currently enrolling children for 2011/12 school year.**

EPIC HEAD START IS:

- a great preschool experience
- for children ages 4-5
- for low-income families
- for children with disabilities

EPIC offers qualified teaching staff, meal and snacks, transportation, and dental, hearing, vision and developmental screenings.

To find out if your child is eligible contact EPIC staff at Union Gap School at 248-3967 or EPIC Jefferson Center at 457-9193.

*This program is limited to 18 students so call today!*

