



UNION COLONY SCHOOLS PARENT NEWSLETTER

April 2020



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NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

Confusion, fear, sadness, hope.... the array of emotions we have all been experiencing these past few weeks can be overwhelming. We find ourselves navigating a strange new world in which every aspect of our daily lives has been upturned. But one thing that has not changed, is the strength of our Union Colony community - we are in this together and we will get through this together. We will navigate distance learning, we will find new ways of connecting, we will learn new technologies, we will strengthen our community.... together. Being part of a community means that no matter what is going on, you are not alone. So, in the weeks to come - know that we are here for each other and be kind.

The UCS Board

A MESSAGE FROM MR. ROUSE

Please click on the link to view the message that was emailed to parents

on March 31, 2020. https://docs.google.com/document/d/16t9-LnFyDh_BWfVTGUt_cdcYrjdMxoYAO_Zk3g8BQc4/edit?usp=sharing

TRANSFERS

If you plan to transfer your student to another school next school year, let Mrs. Rhonda De La Fuente know as soon as possible by email rdelafuente@unioncolonyschools.org or by phone at 970-673-4546. This will help us make the appropriate arrangements to get your student's records to their future school.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

All upcoming music trips including CBA, Colorado Symphony, Jazz Fest, and Elitch Gardens have been cancelled. Refunds for Elitch Gardens and Colorado Symphony will be mailed home or refunded to your fundraising account depending on the original source of payment.




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NEW YORK CITY TRIP

As of now our New York City trip is still on.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will not be sent home **this month**. Please check your student's progress by logging into Infinite Campus; it is an important way to track your student's progress. If you need help logging into Infinite Campus, please call the school at 970-673-4546.

UNION COLONY BOARD MEETING

The Union Colony School Board will be meeting **Saturday, April 18 at 8 a.m.** If you have any questions or comments for our board, please feel free to contact them. You can find their contact information under Union Colony School Board on the school's website.

OPEN HOUSE CANCELLED

The annual Union Colony Preparatory Open House scheduled for April 4 has been cancelled.

SAVE THE DATE

The 2020 graduation ceremony will be held in the Union Colony School Gymnasium on **Saturday, May 23 at 9 a.m.**

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you ordered announcements through Jostens, they have your announcements and will be shipping them to you in the near future.

BOLDER-BOULDER POSTPONED

Interested in walking, jogging, or running in the annual Bolder Boulder? Yes! There is still time. The Bolder Boulder announced it has been rescheduled for Labor Day, **Monday, September 7**. All Union Colony families are encouraged to run, walk, or jog the race. Register online by clicking on the BB Racers Club link. Reference the following website: <https://bb10k.bolderboulder.com/bb-racers-club/>

If you have any questions about participating in the running club, please email Coach Schafer at lschafer@unioncolonyschools.org.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We continue to collect Box Tops. For each Box Top we collect, the school will receive ten cents. There are a large variety of General Mills products that carry the coupons. Please bring in your box tops that you've been saving this semester once the school is allowed to reopen.



CAPS 4 CASH



Something utterly exciting is happening at Morning Fresh Dairy. Sign up for home delivery service and Morning Fresh Dairy Farm will donate \$25 to Union Colony Prep School for each new customer. It is simple; just mention Union Colony Prep School when you sign-up. You can continue to earn cash for the school. Caps4Cash is a program where UCPS earns cash by collecting caps from Morning Fresh Dairy glass bottles. Each cap collected can be redeemed for five cents. All you have to do is drink your milk, save your bottle caps, collect caps from family and friends, bring the caps to the school, and drop them off at the front office. Simple. For more information visit www.morningfreshdairy.com, email morningfresh@morningfreshdairy.com, or call 970-482-5789.

UCS BUS

The following will pertain to prep school bus riders only. In our current state with only one bus driver in the afternoons and for safety reasons we will only be passing out 57 prep school bus passes. We will start with 6th grade and work our way up from there, we'll have to start a wait list. So everyone attending the prep school will need to reapply for bus passes. If your student will need bus transportation for the 2020-2021 school year, visit the school website for an application. Parents must complete an application **and** be accepted before a student will be allowed to ride the bus. For prep school students, please contact Rhonda DeLaFuente at rdelafuente@unioncolonyschools.org or for elementary school students contact Kellie Hale at khale@unioncolonyschools.org. A lottery will be held in June to fill any vacancies.

PROM DATE CHANGE TO MAY 22

The junior Prom Committee will be hosting the Union Colony prom on **Friday, May 22, 2020** from 7-11pm at Pelican Lakes, 1600 Pelican Lakes Point Windsor, CO 80550. Union Colony Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores are invited to prom (Freshman or lower grades may not attend). Union Colony students may bring one outside guest per student. A permission form must be obtained and filled out by our principal, our student's parents, and the guest's principal and parents by 3 pm on **Thursday, May 21st**. Forms can be obtained in the front office and need to be turned in at the prom. Outside guests must be under 21 and have their ID. The Prom theme is The Roaring 2020's; formal dress wear is required. If you choose to leave the prom early, you will not be allowed back in. Prom tickets will be sold in the commons during lunch from May 11-May 15. Prom tickets are \$30 for general admittance and \$15 for prom committee members and seniors. No tickets will be sold at the door. If any parents are interested in chaperoning, please contact Ms. McQuown at gmcquown@unioncolonyschools.org or Ms. Schafer at lschafer@unioncolonyschools.org.

As a dinner option, your student and their guest or group may want to consider The Sand Bar (reservations recommended) at Pelican Lakes.

AFTER PROM UPDATE:

Due to the change in date for prom, the UC Parent Group will not be able to host the After-Prom Party in the way that it traditionally has. We are discussing possible alternatives. When we make a decision, we will let the students and parents know. Stay tuned for details to come. Thank you for your understanding.

— The UC Parent Group

BASEBALL FANS

The Sunday, April 26 District 6 Day at the Rockies game against the **Milwaukee Brewers** has been cancelled. If you ordered tickets, you will receive a refund.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND MORNING FRESH MILK CAPS –

Please get them in once we return to school!!

Please be sure to send in the Box Tops for Education and Morning Fresh Dairy milk caps that you have been collecting. Box tops can be dropped into the box on the wall outside of the office entry, and milk caps can be dropped off in the office once the building reopens. They add up very quickly and are redeemed for money that goes right back into UCPS, so please don't forget!

UC FRIENDS GROUP PAYPAL DONATION PAGE

Want to contribute to the UC Friends Parent Group but don't have the time to volunteer or attend our meetings? No worries! You can be a part of what we are doing by giving a financial contribution via our secure PayPal donation page. Simply [CLICK HERE](#) and you will be taken to PayPal. There is no need to have an account. All donors will receive a form for tax deduction purposes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT AND DANCE



Middle School Movie Night has been cancelled; but, the Middle School Spring Dance is still scheduled for May 1st. Middle School Student Council will host the Spring Dance on Friday, May 1st from 6:30-8:30 in the UCPS Commons.

The theme is floral and students are encouraged to dress nicely or in floral clothing.

Due to rising costs in general, the dance will now be \$6 in advance and \$10 at the door. (Buy early!)

We will also be charging \$1 for pizza and \$1 for beverages.

Chips and candy are included with the ticket.

If you would like to help chaperone, please email cbouveron@unioncolonyschools.org. Thank you!

ACCOUNTABILITY PAUSE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

In response to the evolving conditions under COVID-19, the department is planning to pause the state and federal accountability systems in the 2020-21 school year. On March 18, the Governor issued an Executive Order pausing both state assessments and state accountability to enable schools and districts to focus on providing alternative learning opportunities for students during this time. The department will work with the U.S. Department of Education to get additional flexibility on federal requirements.

This webpage provides early thinking on how the accountability pause will work; it will be updated as events unfold and new policy decisions are made: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/20-21pause>.



MR. SCHUCK'S MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE CLASS

The past few weeks, my 7th grade classes have had the wonderful opportunity to participate in several science dissections. We dissected Fetal Pigs, Bullfrogs, Sheep Hearts, and Cow Eyeballs. We have been working in our "Cell" unit, (The basic unit of life), identifying important parts and functions of organisms.. We then looked at each organism under the microscope and completed several different activities with the data we collected. These laboratory activities enabled students to see how cells, organs, and living things interact within a real organism. (an organism is a living thing made up of one or more cells and able to carry on the activities of life).....

I am extremely proud of every student as they worked very hard in understanding how "The Basic Unit of Life" works within the complexity of how organisms, tissues and organs are all interrelated. I know I enjoyed this lab as much as my students did.....

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS HELPFUL TOOLS JUST RELEASED

A useful free new app and website has just been launched that guides Americans through a series of questions about their health and exposure to determine whether they should seek care for COVID-19 symptoms. The tools provide CDC recommendations on next steps, including guidance on social distancing and self-isolating, how to closely monitor symptoms, recommendations on testing and when to contact a medical provider. These helpful guides are the result of a partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the White House Coronavirus Task Force and Apple Inc.

Users can download the free app from Apple's App Store or access the tool online at www.apple.com/covid19. Everyone has a role to play as we work together to stop the spread of COVID-19. The latest recommendations can be found at www.coronavirus.gov.





 Happy Spring!