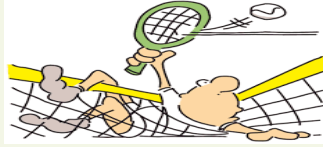




# BEARCAT TRACKER

Union Center Elementary

May 4, 2017



## ROSTA'S RACKET

### Teacher/Staff Appreciation

We had an opportunity to thank our support staff this morning with a thank you breakfast. We could never run our building without the aids, lunch ladies, bus drivers, secretaries, nurse, home/school advisor, custodians, etc. Next week we will have the opportunity to thank our teachers. May 8th through the 12th is Teacher Appreciation Week! Please, if you have an opportunity to thank our staff, let them know how much you appreciate the time they spend to help educate and prepare your children for the future.

### Summer opportunities

We will be having numerous opportunities for the students to be involved with summer activities coming home in the next couple of weeks. With camps, summer reading opportunities and other activities available, this is a great way to get the kids away from the TV and video games to get out and work their bodies and minds a bit. Please keep an eye on your email for dates and times to sign up.

### Mark your calendars!

- ◆ **May 5:** PTO Support Staff Appreciation Breakfast at 9:00am
- ◆ **May 9:** 5th Grade visits UTMS
- ◆ **May 10:** 4th Grade Field Trip
- ◆ **May 10:** PTO Fundraiser at Chipotle, Valpo 5:00-9:00
- ◆ **May 15:** Perfect Attendance Field Trip
- ◆ **May 15-19:** Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ **May 17:** 2nd Grade Field Trip
- ◆ **May 19:** 3rd Grade Field Trip
- ◆ **May 19:** Annual Art Show and Book Fair Night - 5:00-7:00
- ◆ **May 23:** PTO Meeting at 6:00PM - Volunteer Appreciation and Elections
- ◆ **May 24:** AR Points Due
- ◆ **May 24:** Field Day
- ◆ **May 25:** Field Day raindate
- ◆ **May 26 & 29:** NO SCHOOL
- ◆ **May 30:** 5th Grade Recognition at 10:00
- ◆ **May 31:** Last Day of School

# School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

At Union Center Elementary we track our attendance everyday! Each week we will post in the Bearcat Tracker the classroom at each grade level that had the best percentage for the previous week. The class will be awarded a “trophy” each week as well to proudly display in or around their classroom. At the end of the month, the class at each grade level with the best percentage will be awarded a popcorn prize.

**April 24 - 28:**

## Kindergarten

Miss Taylor’s class - 100%

## First Grade

Mrs. Leonelli’s class - 100%

## Second Grade

Mrs. VanBeek’s class - 99%

## Third Grade

Mrs. Hill’s class - 100%

## Fourth Grade

Mrs. Klimczak’s class - 100%

## Fifth Grade

Mrs. Vanderzee’s class - 99%

## Have your children outgrown any clothes lately?

Union Center is now accepting hand-me-downs. We like to have some extra sweatpants, shorts, T-shirts, and socks on hand for students that get wet on the playground or have accidental spills in the cafeteria. We are especially in need of the following size clothes: youth smalls, mediums, or larges. If we get more donations than we need, the extra clothing will be donated to charity. Thank you for your assistance in this matter!!



## UCE PTO News

Check here weekly for the latest news and information from your PTO. This section will feature upcoming events and activities sponsored by our PTO.



**Support Staff Breakfast:** Our Support Staff Breakfast is **this Friday, May 5th**. We are still in need of some fruit so if you can donate some, please contact Dawn Mosley at 219-916-2107. Please have all donated food at the school by 8:45. Thank you!

**Restaurant Fundraiser:** Join us for dinner to support UCE PTO at Chipotle in Valpo on **Wednesday, May 10th between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm**. This will be our last fundraiser for the school year. We hope to see you there!

**Box Tops:** Box Tops Competition is still on the bulletin board!! All Box Tops need to be in by **May 15th**, so keep them coming!!

**PTO Meeting:** IMPORTANT!! If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a board position, please submit it before our next PTO meeting, which is **May 23rd at 6pm** in the UCE cafeteria. We will also have our volunteer recognition at that time. Hope to see you there!!

**Field Day:** Save the date!! Field Day will be on **May 24th**, and the rain date is May 25th. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help out so far!



Elections will take place at the May 23rd PTO meeting at 6:00 in the UCE cafeteria. You must be present to vote. Nominations remain open until the next meeting.

### PTO BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

UPDATED ON 4-27-17

#### PRESIDENT

- Dawn Mosely
- Kerri Ramirez

#### VICE PRESIDENT

- Harvey Jackson

#### SECRETARY

- Jennifer Lighthiser
- Joy Nordyke

#### TREASURER

- Arica Johnson
- Doug Albrecht

# Happy Camper Book Fair

**S'more fun with books!**

May 15-19th

**Happy Camper Book Fair Goal is set at \$8,500.00!!!!**

The Spring Book Fair is just a couple weeks away!!! The total sales for the Fall 2016 Book Fair was \$7,167.97. The Spring 2016 fair holds the highest record in sales with a total of \$7,791.03!!

**\*\*\*\*\*Seeking Volunteers\*\*\*\*\***

If you would like to help out please fill out the sign up sheet and Return to Mrs. Owens asap!

**Save the date– Family Event May 19th 5-7pm.**

Mr. Dickey and I will be hosting an Art Show/ Book Fair Family night from 5-7! Come see your child's art work on display and browse the Book Fair for some hot Summer Reads.

There will be door prizes and raffles as well.



**Volunteer Sign-Up May 15th – May 19th**

If you can help out please complete this form and return to the school as soon as possible.

Volunteer Name:

Telephone Number:

Please fill in the times that you are available to volunteer. Thank you for supporting UCEI!

~Mrs. Owens

<u>Days and times needed</u>	<u>9:00—9:30</u>	<u>9:30-10:00</u>	<u>10:00-10:30</u>	<u>10:30-11:15</u>	<u>12:35-1:30</u>	<u>1:30-2:15</u>	<u>2:15-2:45</u>
<b>Mon 5/15</b> 9:00– 11:15 12:35– 2:40		Kalli Tsahas	Kalli Tsahas	Kalli Tsahas			
<b>Tues 5/16</b> 9:00-11:15 12:35-2:40	Christy Schwab	Christy Schwab	Christy Schwab		Diana Bushey	Diana Bushey	Diana Bushey
<b>Wed 5/17</b> 9:40-10:15 12:35-2:40	X	Diana Bushey	(end 10:15) Diana Bushey	X			
<b>Thurs 5/18</b> 9:00-11:15 12:50– 2:20	Summer Clapp– Hill	Summer Clapp– Hill	Summer Clapp– Hill				X
<b>Fri 5/19</b> 9:30– 10:30	X	Jillian Albrecht	Jillian Albrecht	X	X	X	X

# Happy Camper Book Fair S'more Fun with Books!

## COLORING CONTEST

**STUDENTS:** To go along with our fair, we will be having a coloring contest. There will be *one winner per grade!!* The winners will receive *one free book (\$10.00 or less)* from the book fair!!!!

**RULES FOR ENTRY...** **FIRST AND LAST NAMES and GRADE MUST** be on the **BACK** of the coloring page provided to you.

### You will be judged on the following

1. Neatness
2. Creativity
3. Originality

Entries are due by **Wednesday, May 10th** to Mrs. Owens

**Winners will be announced Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Late entries will NOT be accepted!**

**\*\* Any questions please contact Mrs. Owens\*\***

# Recycle Project at UCE

We are currently collecting plastic caps and lids  
at UCE!

Once we collect 400# of acceptable caps & lids,  
we can turn them in with \$200 for a new bench  
to be placed outside.

## ACCEPTABLE CAPS & LIDS

CAPS: Medicine bottle caps, milk jug caps, detergent caps, hair spray caps, toothpaste tube caps, deodorant caps, drink bottle caps, flit-top caps (ketchup, mustard), spout caps (mustard), spray paint caps, ointment tube caps, caps w/ RECYCLE NUMBERS of (2), (4), (5)

LIDS: Cottage cheese container lids, mayonnaise jar lids, yogurt lids, peanut butter jar lids, ice cream bucket lids **under 8"**, cool whip lids, coffee can lids, cream cheese container lids, butter container lids, prescription bottles with labels removed

## NEVER ACCEPTABLE:

NO metal, drink bottles, plastic zip bags, trigger sprayers, fast food drink lids, food containers, soap pumps, lotion pumps, grocery bags. NO TRASH

*Please save your caps & lids, send them into school in a plastic bag to be deposited into our collection containers.*