

UNION VALLEY NEWS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2009

WORD OF THE MONTH - Honesty - Honesty is always the best policy.

UNION VALLEY BOOK FAIR - Begins **Friday, October 2nd** and runs through **Friday, October 9th**.

FALL AFTERNOON CLUBS - Computer Club, Shakespeare Club and Sign Language Club will begin on **October 7th**. Fifth graders selected for participation have been notified. Please note that if your child is riding the late bus home, they may not be dropped off until 5pm, due to the area this bus will cover.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - **October 4th through 10th** (Practice one aspect of fire safety over the course of this week). Please keep Fire Prevention on your mind year round.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM - The "Illusion Makers" will visit Union Valley on **Tuesday, October 6^h** to present their Magic program to our students. We thank our PTO for generously sponsoring this visit to our school.

INTERIMS - Interim progress reports will be issued on **Friday, October 9th**, particularly for those students experiencing difficulty within their present academic program.

PTO NEWS:

MEETING - The Union Valley PTO will hold its initial meeting of the school year on **Thursday, October 1ST**. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm in the school library. We hope to see you there!

FUNDRAISER -Runs until **Tuesday, October 6th**. Your participation allows the PTO to do great things for every child here at Union Valley. Please, safety first! **NO DOOR TO DOOR SALES!** Thank you in advance for your support!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Is currently running. The PTO works to benefit all Union Valley students. Please join today.

ACME RECEIPTS - The Union Valley PTO has started collecting Acme receipts again this year. Please send them in with your child. The PTO appreciates your support.

COLUMBUS DAY - ALL Gloucester Township Schools will be ***OPEN on Monday, October 12th***.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY - The week **October 18th** marks our district's annual recognition of student safety on the school bus. Please help us remind all of our children that bus safety is a year round practice!

SCHOOL PICTURES - Student pictures will be taken **October 19, 20 and 21**. A schedule will be sent home.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - **October 19th**, 7:00pm at Mullen Middle School.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS - You can put money on an account for your child. This account has no expiration date and is good until used. The account eliminates students losing daily money, makes the line move faster and assures that students are eating lunch. Send your check payable to "GTPS Food Services" **with student's name and teacher's name on check or envelope.**

PARENT DROP OFF - The school day begins at **8:40 am**. PM Kindergarten begins at **11:40 am**.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY - **Friday, October 23rd** is School Spirit Day. Requesting students & staff to wear spirit wear and/or school colors of light blue & black.

SPIRIT WEAR - Any spirit wear orders or questions please contact Marie Breslau at

www.marie@thebreslau.com

HALLOWEEN PARADE - Friday, October 30th.

HALLOWEEN - Only Kindergarten children may wear make-up to school. Grades 1-5 must bring make-up with them to apply shortly before the parade. Make-up in class is extremely distracting & may not be worn before the parade time. Union Valley students will parade in costume, indoors in front of their fellow students immediately prior to our traditional end of the day Halloween classroom parties. Adult access to the building on Halloween will be limited to four room parents (per classroom as previously determined by the classroom teachers) assisting with Halloween activities. The staff at Union Valley appreciates your cooperation & understanding.

HALLOWEEN REMINDERS - In keeping with Safe School Initiative, which prevents weapons of any kind in any school setting, students may not bring weapons as part of their costume for the festivities on Halloween. Specifically, there are to be no guns, knives, spears, whips, swords, cleavers, etc. In addition, the NJ Nutrition law, enacted 9/06 & referenced on the district calendar, identifies specific foods that can **never** be given out at school. This list includes soda, water ice, chewing gum, hard candy, jellies & gum, marshmallow candies, fondants, licorice, spun candy & candy coated popcorn. Thank you for your cooperation & understanding.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - Remember to turn your clocks back one hour at midnight **Saturday October 31st "FALL BACK"**! Also, please check your smoke detector batteries.