

UNITY SCHOOL

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PROGRAM DIRECTORS

What a fantastic year it has been so far! I love hearing the singing and giggles coming from all the classrooms. The children have been working and playing so hard, watching them grow and learn each day is such a treat!

We had a great friendship celebration on February 14th; it's fun to have a day each year to dedicate to love and kindness. The creative cards and notes being shared between children were so sweet. The BF classroom had a fun mailbox activity game and the Panda class had a friendship tea party just to name a few of the festivities that took place.

I wanted to thank all the families and friends who helped support our Papas Pizza fundraiser. It's always nice to see families and staff coming together to support our school. We earned a total of \$460.55, and we will be using the funds to purchase an i-pad for teacher documentation use in the classrooms.

Do you have a child starting kindergarten or do you know of a child who will be starting kindergarten this September? Please join us for our Kindergarten open house coming up on Thursday March 13th from 5:30-6:30. This will be a great time to learn more about our quality, low-ratio, and full day Kindergarten program! Please feel free to share this information with family and friends.

We are starting to look ahead and plan for future events, one of which is our annual unity camp-out for our Otter classroom. We have set the camp-out date for Wed., Aug. 6th-8th. I know that families will be looking at making summer plans soon, so mark your calendars now for this fun, exciting 3 day 2 night adventure for your Otter child! Many more details will be posted, as we get closer to summer, please feel free to ask Jessica or Susanne for information.

Just a reminder don't forget to 'Spring forward' an hour on Sunday March 9th.

Happy Spring,
Susanne & Chris

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OFFICE MANAGER

Hi Everyone,

Unity School received a grant to replace our light bulbs all through the building with LED bulbs. They will save us in utility costs and should last for 10 years, and they give us lovely light as well. Thank you EWEB!

Please help us recycle our gently used bulbs by taking what you can use from the table in the lobby. They were all in use at Unity, but still have life in them.

Please note: these are regular light bulbs, not LED's as the boxes state. The wattage is marked on the box or bulb.

Thanks for helping us with our energy conservation project!

I just wanted to thank everyone for participating in our Annual Papa Pizza fundraiser. We were able to raise enough money to Purchase one i-Pad, and with other fundraisers throughout the year maybe we can purchase another much-needed i-Pad. Eventually our goal is to get one for each classroom, and with everyone's help we can do this.

We have been working really hard to get an updated and improved Family Handbook for everyone, you can pick one up in the office, or wait for them to be uploaded to our web page in a PDF, so all you have to do is upload it to your computer.

I have also been working on a Parent Directory, so parents and Children can build friendships outside of Unity. If you are interested in having your name put into this Directory or would like a copy of it please let me know.

Once again, I want to thank everyone for your participation in our fundraising efforts and continued support of our school.

Virginia

PANDA

Hello Panda families,

Last month we had a great time with parties and cookies! The kids were so interested in having parties and making cookies that we decided to have a party every day! We hung balloons and crepe paper; we had party hats, plates and napkins in our kitchen area. We added candles to the play dough and had wrapping paper and gift bags out for wrapping presents and/or cookies.



On Valentines Day we had a tea party with real teacups and saucers, raspberry tea, and applesauce muffins that we made. We talked about recipes and how to make cookies. We made three different cookie recipes and the last day we let them make their own cookie recipe. We had all the ingredients available and let each of them chose what they were going to add to their cookie, and then we baked them. The cookies turned out great! Everyone chose to add butter, flour, sugar, eggs, salt, baking powder, and

baking soda. Most of the kids added peanut butter, and chips. We made a scientific discovery: Marshmallows disappear when you bake them! What a blast it was to bake with the kiddos.

The field trip to the library didn't quite go as panned. It was closed so we just had a bus ride to pick-up some of the older kids from school instead. They still had fun because riding the bus is usually the best part.



We are very happy to be able to communicate with all of our families on a regular basis, and want to THANK YOU all so much for talking to us too. Whether it's about a schedule change, any concerns about your child, or just general questions, we are here to help, and want to make sure you know this

Cherri & Celia

CATERPILLAR



Oh my.... How the months just fly by with just the blink of an eye!

Between the crazy snow and all the excitement of friendship day, this month has been a lot of fun. Friendship day was filled with the passing out of caring, loving cards and lots of crafty and creative heart activities that I'm sure have filled the walls of your home.

During the month of February, we learned about numerous different cultures and ethnicities. We read a variety of cultural books and did a lot of activities based on how different families, countries, and people live in a multitude of houses. We also read books, talked about, and learned about how every family looks different. The kids shared how their

families were all unique no matter how similar they may seem. There were many circle times where our group has talked about how different their hair, eye, and skin colors are. There was even a circle where the children lined up according to their height. It was a tremendous learning experience for all of us. We all had a lot of fun learning and talking about how not only are we all different but there are also so many similarities between all of us.

March is a whole new month full of fun and exciting things to learn and new experiences. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that we have seen the end of all the snow and that we are on to sunnier and warmer times. Feel free to drop in and see what super fun things your Caterpillars are working on this month. We love to have guests come in to visit anytime! If you have any question or concerns, feel free to talk to your Teachers in the Caterpillar room. We are always here and would love to chat with you.

Thanks from the Caterpillar staff,

Tara, Joanna, Misha, and

Casey

LADYBUG

Ladybugs want to give a big thank you to all the grown ups that joined our field trip to the Science Factory. The kids loved the surprise and we want to thank all the parents for keeping it a surprise.



We also had a great friendship day and the kids earned prizes from the prize box for filling up the pompom jar! Yea Kids!!!!!! For those of you who don't know, the pompom jar is our goal jar and you may ask a ladybug teacher for more information about it.

Keep your eyes on our door and your mailboxes for upcoming events and class trips.



Important Reminders:

- * Please help your children leave food from home at home or in the car
- * Continue to bring extra clothes for your child to use in case of an accident or weather

Thanks,
Ladybug Staff

BUTTERFLY

Happy Spring!

We most certainly have had our share of very interesting weather, haven't we? I think we are all pretty much ready to see some sunshine, and get outside to play in our gardens!

This month we will be having a lot of fun learning about "things that are found in nature, but can also be man made", such as rocks, corks, sponges, plants, wood, etc. There will be a lot of other learning going on as well, however we thought this would be a fun and different experience for the children, as well as us!

A big thank you goes out to Kara Churchill for the fun and healthy Zumba class! We all had such a great time!

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us on our field trip to:
[National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics.](#)
The children had a wonderful time!

This month, the children will begin working on a fun musical that they will be performing for the other classes sometime in April. We will keep you posted as to the exact date and time, so that you can make arrangements to come and watch as well! It will be FABULOUS!

Please remember to check your child's cubby to make sure they have at least one "full" set of clothes to change into should they get wet or muddy. Thanks! We'd also like to make sure that there are raincoats and boots at school to keep your children warm and dry while playing outside in the rain. Thanks so much!

Pammie wants to take this time to thank all of the Butterfly families for making sure to have your children in class by 9:00 every morning! We really appreciate the effort you take to get them here in time to participate in group time, activity time and all the other important sections of our day at school. What a lovely way to instill the love of learning in your children! THANK YOU!!!!

Well, we are keeping it short this time. Have a wonderful and safe month; enjoy some (hopefully) warmer weather and time in the beautiful outdoors! And as always, thank you so much for sharing your greatest gifts with us!! We cherish every moment spent with them!

Hugs and Smiles,
Pammie, Dorothy and Cassie



OTTER PUP & OTTER

Dear families,

Welcome to the month of spring! We have been seeing the first signs of spring lately and are ready for warmer months to come. Teacher Dawn has been working with groups of children to get vegetable seeds started for our beautiful garden! There are seeds started in the solarium and in the 'cold frame' out in the garden. Peas, lettuce, spinach, and chard are some seeds that have been planted, to name a few.

In February, the kindergartners were busy learning about: germs, friendship, shapes and water. It was fun learning about germs... we did a neat experiment, some fun art projects, and read some informative books about what makes us sick. We have been noticing children are washing their hands better since learning about germs!

Our 'friendship' party was fun. Your children worked so hard to make such creative and special cards for their friends! We made cinnamon rolls as a special treat to celebrate 'friendship' and we had a dance party.

The full-day kindergartners are getting better with their reading skills! In February, they focused on the Hh and Gg sounds and the word families -op and -ot. The 'sound' that they are working on gets posted on the Parent Board. We will be doing some simple assessments this month to find out what your child knows and what they need to work on for the remainder of the school year. We do parent-teacher conferences at the beginning of May but if you need to chat before then please let us know.

It seems like it is going to be a wet March... please send your child to school with appropriate clothing for playing outdoors in a variety of weather. Also, if you could label your child's items with their name then we can make sure any lost items get returned.

The last week of March will be 'Spring Break' week. We are planning on taking the kiddos on a few field trips. We'll have that calendar out to you soon! Please let us know if your child will be here that week.

Take care and stay dry!

Sincerely,
Teachers Jessica, Whitney, Sarah, Dawn, and
Polly



MARCH 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5 TUITION DUE	6	7
10	11	12	13 KINDER OPEN HOUSE 5:30-6:30 PM	14 SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS CLOSED OVERUSE FEES DUE
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