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HOME OF THE UNION WILDCATS

What is the flu?

The flu (influenza) is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs caused by flu viruses. Flu viruses cause illness, hospital stays and deaths in the United States each year. There are many different flu viruses and sometimes a new flu virus starts spreading among people and making people sick.

How does flu spread?

Both 2009 H1N1 flu and seasonal flu are thought to spread mostly from person to person through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with flu. People also may get sick by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth, nose or eyes.

How long can a sick person spread the flu to others?

People infected with seasonal and 2009 H1N1 flu shed virus and may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to 5 to 7 days after. However, some people can shed virus for longer, especially children and people with weakened immune systems and people infected with 2009 H1N1 flu.



What are the symptoms of the flu?

Symptoms of seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people sick with the flu will not have a fever.

What should I use for hand cleaning?

Washing hands with soap and running water (for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice) will help protect against many germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

When can my child go back to school after having the flu?

Keep your child home from school, day care or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F or 37.8°C.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov or www.flu.gov or call 800-CDC-INFO



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Arand Honored For Years Of Service

John Devos (left), Union R-XI Foundation, presented Ray Arand (right), treasurer and member, a gift of appreciation for his years of service and dedication to the Union R-XI Foundation.





Union R-XI School District Mission

The mission of the Union R-XI School District is to create a safe, drug-free, student-centered system with parental involvement, responsive to community and family needs; where all students are personally responsible, challenged and motivated, given time to imagine and create, and offered a global, current curriculum with educational, technical, economic, and health skills necessary to function successfully in society; where all faculty and staff are excellent, well-rewarded, and work successfully, individually and in teams, for the benefit of students and themselves; and where leadership and management of the system is influenced by those who participate.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Union R-XI School District is to provide an excellent education to all of our students by setting high standards in achievement, providing excellent faculty and staff, promoting community support, and providing appropriate technology.

Vision

The Vision of the Union R-XI School District includes safe and secure facilities conducive for learning and appropriate to house quality programs and necessary services for learners from pre-kindergarten to graduation. The district will provide an environment that meets the diverse learning needs of all learners. The district will operate in an appropriately disciplined atmosphere, free of violence, drugs and alcohol, and the district will strive to promote an atmosphere of mutual respect between the learner and teacher. Learners will receive a strong foundation in the "basics" needed currently and for the future. Well-trained teachers will use innovative teaching practices with proven instructional methodology and assessment. All learners will have access to relevant technological tools and resources to support learning. Life-long learning will be fostered as students learn to apply their knowledge and demonstrate effective skills in communication and problem solving in order to succeed as productive citizens in an ever-changing world.

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Superintendent's Office	636.583.8626
Union High School	636.583.2513
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Early Childhood	636.583.1202



Dear Patrons,

"THANK YOU" TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Union R-XI would like to designate the month of November as Volunteer Appreciation Month.

We are fortunate to have many, many dedicated individuals that donate endless hours to booster clubs, foundations, tutoring, alumni groups, PTOs, etc. They raise thousands of dollars each year for the programs and students of our district. Many of those things would not be possible without these donations.

Please take time to say "Thank You" to the many volunteers at Union R-XI!

Sincerely,

Dr. VeAnn Tilson
Superintendent of Schools

Red Ribbon Campaign Event

Prescription Medication Take-Back Program

Sponsored by:

**Franklin County Narcotics Enforcement Unit
Union Police Department SROs**

When: Friday Football Games in October

Time: 6:00-7:30PM

Dates/Locations:

October 29,

St. Clair High School vs Union*

Bring your identification to verify you are over the age of 18, and unwanted medications in their original packaging from anyone living in your household (prescription and/or over-the-counter medication).

For more information, please contact:

Franklin County Narcotics Enforcement Unit

P.O. Box 149, Union, MO 63084, 636-239-9700

E-mail: monica_ffc@charterinternet.com

***Free Admission to game for participants**

Little League Basketball Sign-Ups

Grades 4-6

Starting Date: Saturday, October 31

Cost: \$30 for the instruction, league and Wildcats jersey

Time: Saturdays 8:00-10:00 am

Where: Union High School (new gym)

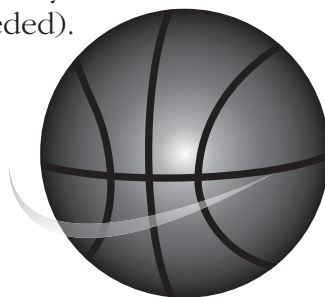
**** Sign up the first morning when you arrive (no preregistration needed).**

**Questions:
Contact Coach Barnes**

636-583-2513

or e-mail:

barnes@union.k12.mo.us



CHECK THESE LOCAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS FOR SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

KLPW 101.7 FM

KLPW 1220 AM

WIL 92.3 FM/WRTH 1430 AM

KSLQ 104.5 FM

KMOX 1120 AM

KTVI Channel 2 (FOX)

KSDK Channel 5

KRCG Channel 13

KMOV Channel 4

**DON'T FORGET SCHOOL REACH
WILL ALSO BE UTILIZED**

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PHONE NUMBERS UPDATED!



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Bradford Field Day



The Union FFA attended the Bradford Field Day. It was held at the University of Missouri's Bradford Research Farm on September 15, 2009. Thirty students attended the day-long event. At the field day the students attended various workshops, including the new GPS systems, the many uses of goats, the different types and uses of plant.

When learning about the GPS system, the MU professor said that they had been modifying the program for years. Currently they attached a GPS to a tractor, put in the locations on their computers, and the tractor would go around the field by itself working everything. The operator's only job was to sit there and monitor.

Goats can be used in a variety of ways. They can be used for dairy purposes, getting rid of weeds such as poison ivy, and could also be used for meat, breeding and hides. The goat industry is growing in Missouri due to the increase in minorities.

When learning about the plants, the instructor said that some are used for food, decorations, and homes for animals. There was a large variety of plants that the guy listed off. He showed us several different types of weeds and flowers, and explained to us that all weeds aren't bad. Some are actually a good way to fight off other weeds trying to grow in the area of your flowers.

When they were at the station of water testing, they got to test four different types of water in unmarked jugs, and then when they voted, came to find out that the ones they voted first and last on for taste, were the same water. The price of the well water was \$0.69 a bottle and it was voted higher than the bottled water, which is \$1.79 a bottle.

Some of the main reasons of going to this trip were to learn more about the activities that are related to the FFA, and to get more involved with the FFA.

The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



Red N' Black Brigade Senior Night



The Red N' Black Brigade celebrated senior night at the football game Friday, October 16. This year, the band will be graduating 23 seniors. Congratulations to all of the band senior members! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Red N' Black Brigade. Band Senior members are: Amanda Click, Leah Downard, Julia Eagan, Douglas Hawthorne, Lee Henslee, Garrett Hill, Davey Hoerr, Colton Johnson, Airicka Krauss, Jaime Lenau, David Luxton, Jed McCollough, Tessa McGee, Michael Miranda, Brittany Porter, Chris Rosendahl, Caylee Russell, Ashley Sarber, Zach Stahlman, Samantha Summers, Michael Turner, Brandon Yenser and Jacob Zweifel.

UHS Homecoming Spirit Week



UHS Homecoming Spirit Week was a big success this year. The Homecoming theme was Under the Sea and Tuesday's spirit day was a Day at the Beach. Mr. Assareh is shown here with Juniors Tori Tappe and Natalie Randolph showing their school spirit.

TRICK-OR-TREAT STREET

Saturday, October 31
Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Enter on the old side of the building near the flagpoles

UHS Student Council is sponsoring a free, safe place to bring your children to Trick-or-Treat.



Sports Schedules 2009-2010

9-12 BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov 24	Borgia Tournament	A	
Nov 30	New Haven JV Tournament	A	
Dec 04	Hillsboro High School	A	6:00 P
Dec 08	Warrenton High School	H	6:00 P
Dec 11	Bourbon High School	H	6:00 P
Dec 12	North County High School	A	
Dec 15	St. James High School	H	6:00 P
Dec 18	Hermann High School	H	6:00 P
Dec 21	Cuba High School	A	6:00 P
Jan 08	Rolla High School	H	6:00 P
Jan 09	Borgia JV Tournament	A	
Jan 11	Washington Tournament	A	
Jan 19	Potosi High School	A	6:00 P
Jan 22	Timberland High School	A	6:00 P
Jan 25	Union Invitational Tournament	H	
Jan 27	Pacific JV Tournament	A	
Feb 02	Waynesville High School	H	6:00 P
Feb 05	New Haven High School	H	6:00 P
Feb 09	Pacific High School	A	6:00 P
Feb 12	Sullivan High School	A	6:00 P
Feb 16	Owensville High School	H	6:00 P
Feb 19	St. Clair High School	A	6:00 P
Feb 20	District Tournament	A	
Mar 03	Sectionals	A	
Mar 06	Quarterfinals	A	
Mar 12	Show-Me Show Down	A	

9-12 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nov 24	Francis Howell High School	H	5:30 P
Nov 30	Northwest Tournament	A	
Dec 01	Hermann JV Tournament	A	
Dec 07	Northwest High School	H	6:00 P
Dec 10	Bourbon High School	A	6:00 P

Dec 14	St. James High School	H	6:00 P
Dec 17	Hermann High School	H	6:00 P
Dec 21	New Haven High School	H	6:00 P
Jan 04	DeSoto High School	A	6:00 P
Jan 06	Herculaneum High School	H	6:00 P
Jan 07	Rockwood Summit High School	H	6:00 P
Jan 11	Union Tournament	H	
Jan 23	Borgia JV Tournament	A	
Jan 25	Potosi High School	A	6:00 P
Jan 29	Washington High School	A	6:00 P
Feb 01	Borgia Tournament	A	
Feb 08	Pacific High School	A	6:00 P
Feb 10	Pacific JV Tournament	A	
Feb 11	Sullivan High School	A	6:00 P
Feb 15	Owensville High School	H	6:00 P
Feb 18	St. Clair High School	A	6:00 P
Feb 20	District Tournament	A	
Mar 03	Sectionals	A	
Mar 06	Quarterfinals	A	
Mar 12	Show-Me Show Down	A	

9-12 WRESTLING

Dec 01	Hillsboro-Cape Central-Union	A	5:00 P
Dec 05	Ft. Zumwalt North Tournament	A	9:00 A
Dec 10	Sullivan-St.James-Union Tri-Meet	A	5:00 P
Dec 12	Union Invitational Tournament	H	
Dec 17	Owensville-St.Clair-Union Tri-Meet	A	5:00 P
Dec 18	Harrisonville Tournament	A	
Dec 29	Hillsboro Tournament	A	
Jan 07	North County High School	A	6:00 P
Jan 09	Pacific 9-10 Tournament	A	

Jan 16	Owensville Tournament	A	9:00 A
Jan 19	Fort Zumwalt East-Ladue-Union Tri	A	5:00 P
Jan 21	Washington High School	H	6:00 P
Jan 23	Fulton Tournament	A	8:30 A
Jan 28	Union-Westminister-Afton Tri-Meet	H	5:00 P
Feb 04	Pacific High School	A	6:00 P
Feb 08	St. Charles High School	H	6:00 P
Feb 12	Districts	A	
Feb 18	State Championships	A	

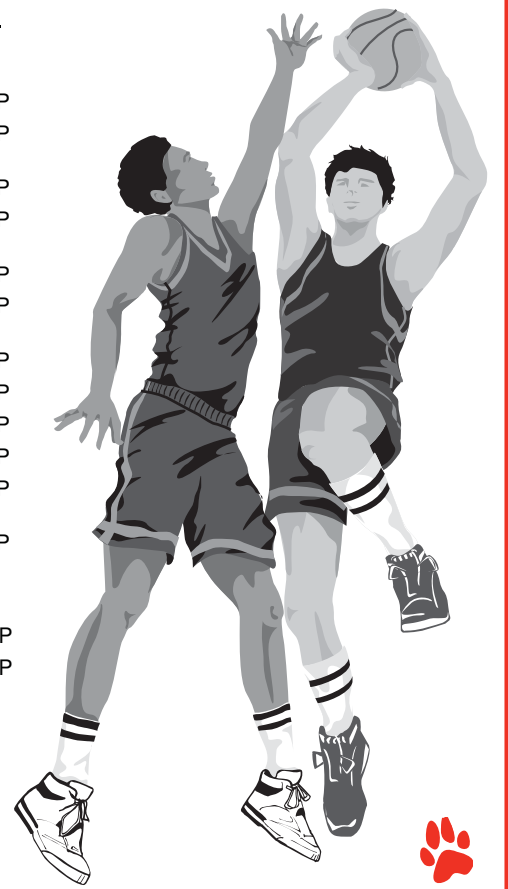
FRESHMEN GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov 30	Pacific Girls Tournament	A	
Dec 07	St. Clair High School	A	5:30 P
Dec 10	Owensville High School	H	5:30 P
Dec 14	Sullivan High School	A	5:30 P
Dec 17	Washington High School	A	5:00 P
Jan 05	Pacific High School	H	5:30 P
Jan 07	St. Francis Borgia High School	H	5:30 P
Jan 08	Warrenton High School	H	5:30 P
Jan 11	St. Clair High School	H	5:30 P
Jan 12	St. James High School	A	5:30 P
Jan 14	Hermann High School	A	5:30 P
Jan 19	North County High School	H	5:00 P
Jan 21	Pacific High School	A	5:30 P
Jan 25	Owensville Boys Tournament	A	
Feb 01	Hillsboro High School	A	5:30 P
Feb 03	New Haven High School	H	5:30 P

JR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov 30	St. James 7th Tournament	A	
Nov 30	Union 8th Tournament	H	

Dec 07	St. Clair	H	5:30 P
Dec 10	Owensville	A	5:30 P
Dec 14	Sullivan Middle School	H	5:30 P
Dec 17	Washington	H	5:30 P
Jan 05	Pacific	A	5:30 P
Jan 07	New Haven	A	6:00 P
Jan 11	St. Clair	A	5:30 P
Jan 14	Hermann	H	5:30 P
Jan 19	Washington	A	5:30 P
Jan 21	Pacific	H	5:30 P
Jan 25	Sullivan 7th Tournament	A	
Jan 25	St. Clair 8th Tournament	A	



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2008 Union High Graduate, Thomas L. Bruning, Attends Highway Patrol Cadet Academy



The American Legion sponsored their 40th annual Missouri State Highway Patrol Cadet Academy June 21 and continued until graduation June 26. While attending the program the cadets stayed at the MSHP Academy in Jefferson City, where they were given a small taste of life at the academy. They participated in classes such as firearms safety, defensive tactics, motor vehicle laws, ethics and morals, radar training, drug abuse, seat belt safety, firearms training, E.V.O.C (driving training) and physical training. During their week they took a physical training test where they had a minute to perform as many push-ups and sit-ups as time allowed and were then taken for a mile and a half run. Thomas was sponsored by our local American Legion Post 297 and is planning on returning to the Academy next year to be a Cadet Mentor.

Any students interested in attending the Cadet Academy please contact Officer Anderson.

UMS Band Students Selected for East Central District #7 Junior High Honor Band



Nine students from the 8th-grade band at Union Middle School were nominated for participation in the 2009 East Central District Honor Band. The nominated students are in the top 10 percent of the Union Middle School Band. This year, the band will rehearse and perform on November 7 at Seckman High School in conjunction with the East Central District High School Honor Band. Their clinician for the day will be Mr. Steve Owen from Dubourg High School. Nominated students include: (front) Joe Young/tuba, Jared Birkmann/trumpet and Andrew Bondor/trumpet. Not pictured is Robert Ward/baritone. Students selected for membership include: (back) Cornelia Cojocararu/flute, Paige Schlueter/clarinete, Hannah Strader/clarinete, Curtis Bergner/horn and Dylan Pich/alto sax.



The Union Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted new members last April. These new members and officers are:

President: Rebecca Kramer
Vice President: Leah Russell
Secretary: Jared Birkmann
Treasurer: Megan Altemueller
Historian: TJ Vitt
Web Page: Shelby Johnson

Curtis Bergner
Dakota Birkmann
Elizabeth Birkmann
Brian Borgmann
Jessica Jenkins
Aisha Jones
Ethan Kerr
Emily King
Emily Kossmann
Zach Lanham
Jacob Lenau

Sarah Marler
Shelby Miller
Jonathan Mueller
Meghan Neace
Jerica Reeser
Jessica Saucier
Paige Schlueter
Dylan Stackle
Colleen Stokes
Emily Tappe
Jordan Thorpe

Students of the Month

The Union Middle School PTO funds the monthly positive awards program at UMS.



Union Middle School Students for the month of August, Andrea Daud and Nick Landherr, are joined by August Wildcats of the Week Harley and Brett Davis, Paige Schlueter and Luke Buhr.



UMS Students of the Month for September, Emily Zimmerman and Curtis Bergner, are both 8th-graders.



The organization has planned the following service events:

- October** - Cleanup at Union Access
- November** - participation in UMS Craft Fair
- January** - fundraiser for Franklin County Humane Society
- February** - Pennies for Patients benefitting the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society
- March** - Hats on For Friends of Kids with Cancer
- April** - Cleanup at Union Access

The UMS Chapter of NJHS is sponsored by Nancy Johnston, Carla Durham, Bob Anders and Jane Andrews



"Kiss the Pig" Contest

UMS raised \$276 for Multiple Sclerosis in a "Kiss the Pig" contest. Students voted for the teacher/administrator they would most like to see kiss a pig by placing money into jars during their lunch shifts. Fun was had by all.

Clark - Vitt

Update on Technology in the Classroom at Clark-Vitt!

Using the money we received from The Wildcat Whiskers' Mr.Z's fundraiser the last three years, we were able to add even more technology to student classrooms. We added the following: projectors to the Library and Music rooms and a Smart-board and projector to the Art room.

Thank you for continuing to support the different fundraisers, even in these hard economic times.

The Wildcat Whiskers held a Trivia Night at Clark-Vitt. There were popcorn and soda for the teams. The Ethan Wood's family won the event.

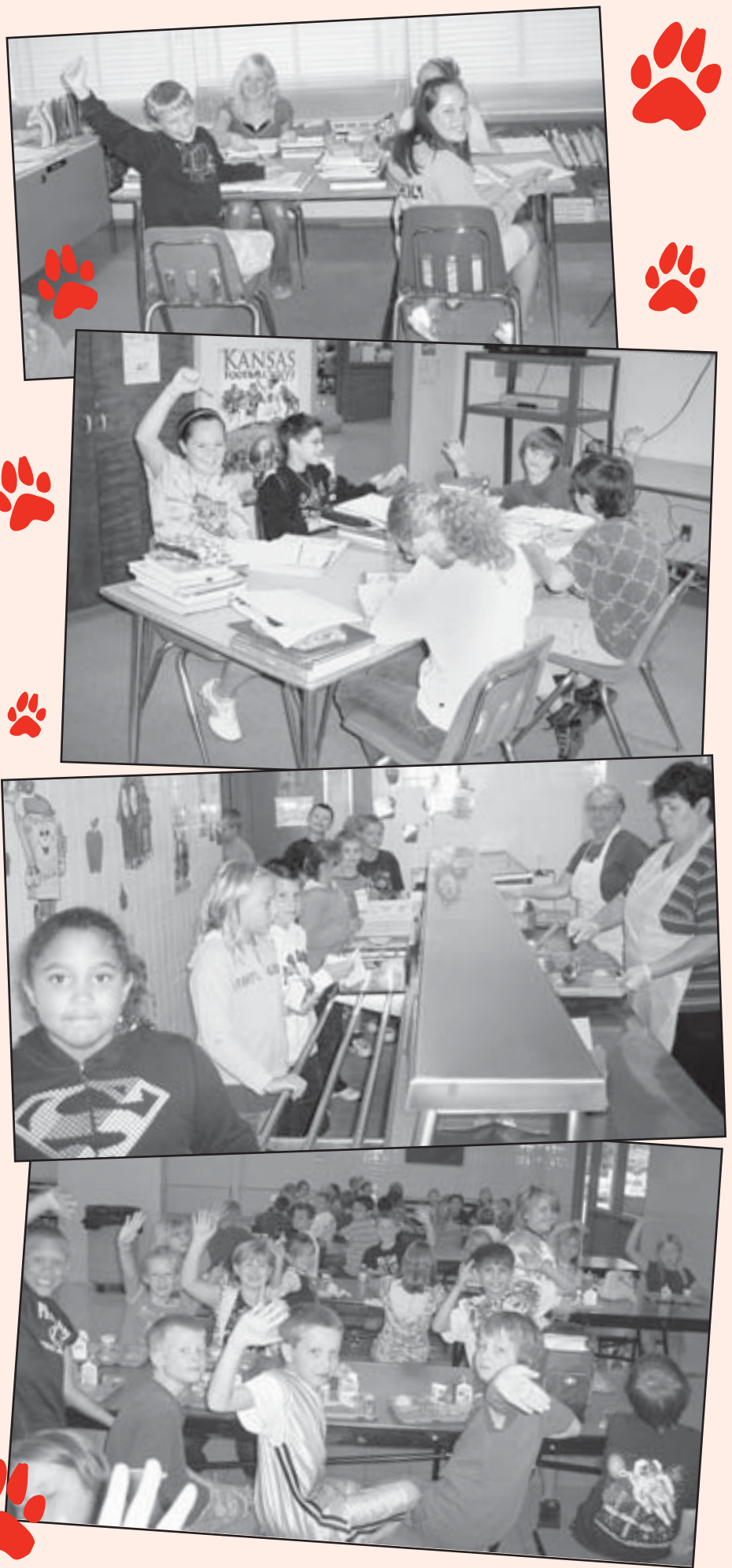
November 13 at 7 p.m. the Whiskers' are hosting a BINGO night for the entire school. One dollar will get you bingo cards, popcorn and soda! Bring your family and have some fun!

Parent teacher conferences were held October 26, 27 and 28. Clark-Vitt had an outstanding turnout of parents. Thank you for attending and showing support for your student and his/her teachers.

We had our second skating party at Skaterz Thursday, October 15. We were challenged to have over 200 students attend. The top attending classes at each grade were rewarded with a pizza party by Skaterz! Skaterz coordinates with our school to make it a fun and safe environment for all of the students. It is also a great way to get out and get some exercise!

We held a Red Cross Blood Drive at C.V. on October 20. It was our best turnout in years.

The 4th-grade students held their annual Missouri Week celebration from October 19-23. They took a trip to Daniel Boone's home where they: square danced, made Johnny cakes and participated in many other fun activities while learning about our great state of Missouri.



THANKS!

Mr. Jones
Principal, Clark-Vitt Elementary



Central Elementary Celebrates Homecoming



Student representatives participated in the Homecoming Parade. Mr. Steve Bertrand, Ms. Jodie Fortner, Mrs. Joette Nowak and Mrs. Heather Clark assisted with the float.



Mrs. Kreutz's class enjoys the parade.



Wondercat and Dr. Deborah Stephens prepare for the parade.

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Central Elementary A Day Made Better 2009



Yolanda Mense received a surprise visit from OfficeMax in Washington, Missouri on October 6, 2009. OfficeMax rewarded Ms. Mense with over \$1,000 worth of classroom resources. She was nominated by Mrs. Monica As-sareh, Assistant Principal, for her dedication to students and staff. Central Elementary is proud to have Ms. Mense be the recipient of "A Day Made Better 2009."

PBS Celebration

Students at Central Elementary participated in a 6 week Positive Behavior Support Celebration. PBS recognizes students who consistently meet our school expectations. The school-wide expectations are:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

The past two years Central Elementary has been recognized by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for "Exemplary Implementation of PBS." Students selected a mini-camp to learn basic skills related to soccer, football or cheerleading. The Union High School cheerleaders, soccer, and football team members instructed students. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills.



Central Elementary students attending the PBS Celebration learn how to pass a football.



The cheerleader camp was a success.

Central Elementary Upcoming Events

- October 26, 2009** - Parent Conferences 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- October 26 – 29, 2009** - Scholastic Book Fair
- October 27, 2009** - 2nd-Grade Field Trip to Magic House
- October 27, 2009** - Parent Conferences 4-7 p.m.
- November 3, 2009** - Central Wildcat Pride meeting at 6 p.m.
- November 24, 2009** - Fall Classroom Parties



Beaufort Elementary School **BUILDING BRIDGES FOR LIFELONG LEARNERS**

It takes all of us to build the foundation and help each child to be successful in school.

At Beaufort we will:

- Facilitate learning for all students
- Foster an atmosphere of high academic achievement
- Promote a community-centered approach to teaching and learning

Students in fifth grade will take their common assessments on notebooks or small computers this quarter. The students in this picture were practicing for their upcoming end-of-the-quarter assessments. Teachers work in professional learning communities to collaborate together to plan and decide what curriculum grade level expectancies are covered each quarter and then assess using a "common assessment." The tests are developed as a grade level and/or team. Teachers at each grade level have common planning time which allows the teachers to plan what they want the students to know and do each week, each quarter and ultimately each year. Friday early release time allows for additional time for planning and collaboration. It is nice to know that what is taught at each grade level and at each elementary building is the same curriculum while allowing each teacher to have their own teaching style and unique characteristics. The staff also uses collaboration time to learn new strategies and techniques to help all students learn and succeed.

Upcoming Events and PTO Meetings same evening:

November 10, Fourth-Grade "Heartland Hoedown"

December 1, Fifth-Grade "D.A.R.E."

December 8, Third-Grade "Snow Way Out"

March 9, Second-Grade "Seussical"

April 13, First-Grade "Arrf"

May 18, Sixth-Grade Celebration



THANK YOU BEAUFORT FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

Through your support, we raised funds in October to help support technology and academic needs at Beaufort. As you can see from the pictures, we had a good time doing it! Thank you Beaufort PTO, staff, parents, students and the community for your support at the Spaghetti Dinner and Carnival that was held on October 17. We could not do it without you!

The PTO works hard all year in preparation for the big day! We did it! Thank you to all the volunteers!

Mrs. Machelette had the most votes to kiss the pig at the Spaghetti Dinner and Carnival!



Patriot Day!



Future winners of the pig kissing contest!



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