



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Roberto J. Santos
Superintendent

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Greetings Parents:

Wow! February is almost here and before you know it, we will be enjoying spring break. First of all, I want to thank you for supporting the campus tutorial initiatives. Many of our children benefit from the additional help they receive from our teachers. If your child has not attended any of the wonderful academic sessions, we encourage you to send him/her for the next one. Faculty and staff are working hard to provide your child every opportunity to master the TAKS. Again, with your involvement, your child's commitment, and the teacher's academic training, we can expect success. Below you will find important information on dates and announcements.

- ❖ January 27th → Parent TAKS Review Sessions. This is a very important session because you will find out what the children go through preparing for the state mandated TAKS test. Parents, be aware of the grade level rotation schedule and bring the benchmark scores.
- ❖ February 1st – 5th → **Celebrating Counselors Week**
To show our appreciation to Mrs. Cynthia Salinas, Patricia Garcia, Sandra M. Rodriguez, Melissa Lopez, Richard Santini, Laura Herrera, Sandra L. Rodriguez, Hector Gutierrez, and Jacqueline Martinez we are asking parents and students to participate in the volunteered gift schedule. **See attachment for daily schedule.**
- ❖ February 12th → **FMNV Exempt Day**. We would like to keep this day as normal as possible, so we ask you to please help us keep it an instructional learning day. However, if you plan to send Valentine's gifts, USHS will not accept any orders. All deliveries must be hand delivered directly to the student by the vendor or parent. In addition, USHS is not responsible for any deliveries, lost, stolen, and/or misplaced Valentine's gifts.
- ❖ February 19th → Student Holiday
- ❖ February 25th → **Parent Session on "Dating and Teen Violence"** in the Cafeteria from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **TAKS tutorials are taking place M-TH and Saturdays. It is important if a teacher contacts you about tutorials that you allow your child to attend. This may be the difference in graduating, and/or placement of future classes. Attached is the schedule.**
- ❖ To maximize learning, I need all students to report to school and class on time, listen to instructions the first time given, follow directions, come to school with the necessary school supplies, turn assignments in on time, spend time studying for tests, be accountable for their actions, and exhibit good character. **Tardy detention is starting soon. Remember excessive tardies will result in your son/daughter attending Saturday detention. School begins at 8:30. Your attention to this matter will be deeply appreciated.**
- ❖ Dress Code: Sweatshirts, jackets, sweaters and sweater vests can be any color but must have a zipper/and or buttons. **Skirts and shorts must not be shorter than 3 finger lengths above the knee.** Long coats below mid-thigh and trench coats are not allowed.

Don't forget to utilize our webpage <http://ushs.unitedisd.org> for the latest information about the school. In addition, this site is also the gateway to the teachers' email addresses and class pages.

Again, as a collaborative unit, we can provide the best possible education for your child, so we look forward to working together with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 473-7301 or email me at dcanales@unitedisd.org.

Cordially,

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Counselor's Week Celebration

Monday = Bring a Flower Day.

Cut a nice flower from your garden and share it with your counselor

Tuesday = Bring a Note Day.

Write something special and share with your counselor

Wednesday = Bring a Cookie Day.

Bring a delicious cookie wrapped in its individual wrapper.

Thursday = Bring a Candy Day.

Bring a sweet candy wrapped in its individual wrapper.

Friday = Be Creative Day.

Create something from your heart and let your counselor know how much you appreciate him/her.