



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent

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Greetings Parents:

I hope your holidays were filled with joy and promise. We begin 2010 with the responsibility of completing the academic year and helping your child pass the state mandated TAKS test. With your involvement, your child's commitment, and our support, we can expect nothing but SUCCESS. Faculty and staff encourage you to have a serious talk with your child explaining the importance of dedication and responsibility of producing quality work. This semester will be fast and furious and we need our children to be performing at their optimal abilities. Below I have provided you with important dates and other information.

- ❖ January 13th → Meet the Teacher Night 6:00-8:00 (Rotation Schedule every 10 minutes)
- ❖ January 18th → Student Holiday

- ❖ January 27th → **Parent Session on TAKS Objectives**
It is important to join us so you can have a better understanding about the different Content objectives your child will need to master. Teachers will present information so you can assist your child to pass the TAKS. **NOTE: Teachers will be contacting you prior to the meeting about your child's benchmark scores. Some scores will be mailed to you. Please bring the scores with you to the meeting, so you will know what objectives your child needs the most assistance. Please view flyer for English and Spanish session.**

- ❖ **TAKS tutorials are taking place. 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.**

- ❖ 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. **Unfortunately, we are still seeing many students arriving after 8:30. Your child must be in his/her seat by 8:30 when the tardy bell rings. Your attention to this matter will be deeply appreciated.**

- ❖ **Dress Code:** As the weather becomes cooler, your child may wear any color jackets and sweaters with buttons/zippers (NO PULL OVER OUTERWEAR IS ALLOWED). All students must be wearing the appropriate dress code. **No denim/jeans pants are allowed in any color.** Only solid navy, white, Carolina blue shirts allowed. Long coats below mid-thigh and trench coats are **not** allowed. Please review the district dress code in the Student Code of Conduct. We need your help with the dress code violations.

Don't forget to utilize our webpage <http://ushs.unitedisd.org> for the latest information about the school. In addition, this site is 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 473-5401 or email me at dcaales@unitedisd.org

Cordially,
David R. Canales, Principal

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