

URBANA MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PBIS & GUIDANCE NEWS

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Urbana Middle School is Recognized by the Maryland Center for Character Education

The Maryland Center for Character Education has selected UMS to be recognized as a school that exemplifies best character education practices. UMS will be showcased at the MCCE's Annual Awards Ceremony on September 24, 2009.

The 2nd Annual Urbana Middle School PBIS Carnival - June 5, 2009

UMS will be hosting the 2nd Annual PBIS Carnival on June 5, 2009 from 1:00 to 2:45 P.M. Students will have the opportunity to win various prizes by using their talons to play various carnival games. Featured activities will include a dunk tank and a climbing wall. Food and beverages will also be available for students to purchase during the carnival.

Help us make this year's carnival a huge success for our students! Please consider donating prizes or water. Please contact Dana Lippy (dana.lippy@fcps.org) or Leslie Pearre (leslie.pearre@fcps.org) if you are interesting in volunteering to help.

Staff/Student Soccer Game

On April 17, 2009 UMS held a staff/student soccer game. Students used their talons to play on a team with two staff members. Teams competed against each other during the grade level elective time. Students and staff had a great experience.

THE 2ND ANNUAL 4EVR IN R <3 TEEN NIGHT

Urbana Middle School and 4evr In R <3 (Forever In Our Hearts) sponsored the 2nd Annual Teen Night May 1,2009. This year's event was held in honor of the Brockdorff/Pumphrey Family and Ian Willis. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Heartly House, Inc. in honor of the Brockdorff/Pumphrey family and Best Friends Animal Society in honor of Ian Willis. The donations will be made on behalf of the students of Urbana Middle School.

This year's event was a huge success. Students were able to play soccer and football outside, basketball in the gym and listen to music in the cafeteria. Although final numbers have not been determined, the students raised several thousand dollars for the charities.

Additional Fundraising Activities Sponsored by the 4evr in r<3:

- ♥ "4evr in r <3" T-Shirt sale is ongoing - Visit the 4evr in r <3 website for order information.
- ♥ "A Sweet Ending" Event on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 - During the yearbook signing on the last day of school for students 4evr in r <3 will be selling refreshments to benefit Heartly House, Inc. and Best Friends Animal Society.

4evr in r<3 would like to thank all the families who showed their support by coming to our fundraisers at Roy Rogers and Chick-Fil-A !
We would also like to thank everyone for supporting the 2nd Annual Teen Night. We greatly appreciate the donations and the volunteers to help make the Teen Night a Success!

Please visit the 4evr in r <3 website at <http://foreverinourheart.org>!

Student Ambassadors are Sponsoring a Gently Used Early Reading Book Drive!

The UMS Student Ambassadors are planning a “For the Love of Reading” Event. The Ambassadors will visit the kindergarten classes at Urbana and Centerville Elementary schools to read to the students. While visiting with the kindergarten students, the Ambassadors would like to provide each kindergarten student with two gently used books. Approximately 420 early reading books are needed for this to reach this goal. A donation box is outside the front office until May 20, 2009.

If you have questions please contact Dana Lippy by phone at (240)566-9220 or email dana.lippy@fcps.org.

Please help the Student Ambassadors reach their goal, while encouraging a young child’s love for reading!

Incoming 6th Graders Tour UMS

Incoming 6th graders from Urbana and Centerville Elementary visited Urbana Middle School on April 16, 2009. This was a fun filled morning for our future 6th grade classes. Mr. Vetter started each visited with a brief meeting. A talon drawing was held at the end of their meeting for UMS Hawk baseball caps provided by the PTSA and UMS P.E. t-shirts provided by the school. The drawing was followed by a tour of the middle school with UMS Student Ambassadors as tour guides. A special thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!

***Have You Change Your Contact Information?
(Address, Phone Number, E-mail)***

It is important to the staff of Urbana Middle School that we have current contact information. If you have changed your contact information, please make sure you notify the guidance office. If your address has changed, please provide the state required proof of residency (a utility or tax bill or a lease) for your child’s cumulative folder.

Relay for Life News

Students from Urbana Middle School will be participating in Relay for Life for the third year. Approximately 80 students participate in the Relay for Life Club. Each student is trying to earn \$100.00. Several of the students have already met or exceeded this goal. All the money raised is donated to the American Cancer Society.

How can you support the Relay for Life Club? Several fundraisers are still planned.

- ❖ **Register for a session at Dream Dinners.** From now until May 10, 2009, when you register for a session at Dream Dinners money will be donated to the UMS Relay for Life Club. All you have to do is enter "Relay For Life" in the special request box.
- ❖ **Roy Rogers Fundraiser Night is Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.** Enjoy dinner at the Roy Rogers on Rt. 85 across from Lowes and a portion of the night's sales will be donated to the UMS Relay for Life Club.

Is your child in the Relay for Life Club? A parent information night is on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 starting a 7:00 P.M. This meeting will be held in Urbana Middle School's Media Center.

Relay for Life is May 30, 2009 at the Urbana Fire Department. Participants should arrive at 2:00. Community events will be from 4:00 P.M. until the end of the Luminaria Ceremony (approximately 9:30 P.M.). Only participants are allowed to stay after the Luminaria Ceremony. If you are a cancer survivor and would like to be invited to the survivors reception please contact Mrs. Oswald at kerry.oswald@fcps.org or (240)566-9222. If you have further questions regarding the Relay for Life Club, please contact Mrs. Oswald.

Career Camp

Frederick County Career and Technology Center is hosting Career Camp 2009. Career Camp 2009 is Monday, June 22, 2009 to Friday June 26, 2009. Bus transportation is available. Applications are available online.

For more information visit <http://www.careertech.net/>.