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## Message from the Superintendent

United Local Schools have started off the year in smooth fashion with many “thanks” to our parents, staff and students who helped to make it a good start. Extreme humidity and heat added to the challenge but our staff and students handled it well as the school year began. We are approaching fall, which is my favorite time of year, and that means cooling temperatures, changing of the leaves and less mowing!

As we move in to cooling months and the holiday seasons, let me take the time to wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing time and I am hoping that you will be able to spend some quality time with family and friends.

With the new report card initiatives in place set by the state, United Local Schools, will be addressing areas that have been identified by the State Support Team Region 5 as areas that need some attention; special needs (15-18% of the school population) and economically disadvantaged (40-44% of the school population). A District Level Team (DLT) along with current teams; (Building Levels Teams (BLT) and Teacher Based Teams (TBT), will be focusing on Reading and Writing goals generated from these teams. The State Support team will be assisting with these goals. Monthly meetings by these teams will be looking at student performance data.

It should be noted that our report card was 2<sup>nd</sup> best in Columbiana County and 3<sup>rd</sup> best in Mahoning and Columbiana Counties. We are proud of the hard work by our staff and students and we are always trying to improve each and every day!

A special “Thank You” to Jaycie Watt and the art department for doing an outstanding job in painting some of our golden eagles!

Yours in Education,

Steve Viscounte

Superintendent



For more information about specific athletic, high school or elementary activities, please go to our web site:

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# High School News

## Extra, Extra... Read All About It!



The *Talon* is United High School's student newspaper. Last year, the *Talon* went online, with all editions free and accessible to the public. Instead of charging for copies of the *Talon*, the student group relies on sponsorships to support the organization. Individuals & families can have their name listed in all 8 editions among the sponsorships for \$5.00. A business sponsorship can be listed for \$20.00. Want to be a listed sponsor? Send your cash or check to the high school office to the attention of Denise Ward, **Talon** Advisor. Make checks out to United Local. The first edition of the new school year will be released online on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Previous editions are also available. Go to the United High School website and look under the Student Info. tab for the *Talon*.

## Shepard Recognized at NAFST

Daniel Shepard, (UHS grade 11), was accepted to and participated as a delegate to the Ohio Congress of the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists that was held over the summer in Boston, Massachusetts. This prestigious program brings together the brightest and most passionate high school students to work with some of the greatest living minds in science and technology. Daniel was awarded a certificate of honor and distinction for his outstanding academic performance and leadership potential exhibited in the program. For a 3-minute highlight video of the 2016 conference, go to [www.SciTechLeaders.com](http://www.SciTechLeaders.com).



## Spirit Shirt Sale Benefits U & ME Mentoring

The Jr. High Student Council is sponsoring a United Spirit Shirt Sale with all proceeds helping to support the Un & ME Mentoring program. Prices range from \$12 to \$18. Order forms are in the Guidance Office and orders are processed twice each month. Call or stop by for more information. Pictured are Jr. High Student Council officers: Hannah Minor, Keaton Baker, Justin Keir, Kade Blake, Cassidy Everhart, & Abigail Hruby.

## Veterans Day Program Set

United High School will feature its annual Veterans Day Program on November 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium. All area Veterans are invited to attend as we celebrate the freedoms afforded our nation by the sacrifices made by our military men and women.



# Elementary News

Looking forward to a great school year!!



Elementary teachers worked together to create a video that reinforced our schoolwide effort to develop leaders. Students were thrilled to watch this at their SOAR assembly. You can check it out on the elementary website, too.



Leadership Council is already in full swing. Students are responsible for various jobs in the elementary including morning and afternoon announcements.

All students K-6 have data notebooks where they set goals and track their progress. Students are very proud of their hard work and achievements.



Students who read over the summer earned bronze, silver or gold medals and were treated to a Summer Olympic Readers' Party.



# Other Information

## Homeless Information

The law requires local districts, community schools and other educational agencies to designate an appropriate staff person as a local liaison for homeless children. United Local School District has designated Steve Viscounte as the homeless liaison.

### WHO IS HOMELESS?

The term "homeless children and youth" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes the following:

1. Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
2. Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
3. Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
4. Migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

If you or someone you know is homeless please contact Steve Viscounte, Superintendent at 330-223-1521.



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## UPCOMING TRIPS

The Community Education Dept. will be sponsoring the following bus trips:

**Amish Country (Lower Tier) on Saturday, October 29, 2016.**

**Grove City on Saturday, November 12, 2016.**

The bus will be leaving United at 7:45AM and will return at approximately 4:30PM. Please register with Loretta McLaughlin in the administrative office at 330-223-1521.

# Community News

United Local sponsored a health fair on Friday, August 26, 2016 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm in the Junior High Gym. The K-12 health and wellness fair was planned and implemented in an effort to shine a spotlight on the role good health plays at home, in the workplace, and in our schools. With over 150 attendees, the health fair was a huge success and we would like to thank the following partners who helped us kick off our school year "United in Healthy Living":

Alliance Community Hospital  
Counseling Center of Col. County  
Salem Regional Medical Center  
Family Recovery Center  
Alzheimer's Association  
Col. County Dept. of Job and Family Services  
Family First Council  
The Nutrition Group  
American Diabetes Association  
Sheila and Patsy Palombo  
Walgreen's Pharmacy

Essential Vision  
Salem Area Visiting Nurses  
Ohio State Extension/4H  
Dr. Paul Shivers, DDS  
Community Action Agency  
Subway (2586 E. State Street, Salem)  
Young Living  
Salem Home Medical  
American Lung Association  
United Vitality Wellness Group  
Giant Eagle (Salem)

