

Drum Newsletter

January 5, 2018



Mark Your Calendars:

Music Performances

6th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert
2/6/18 @ 7pm

District Orchestra Festival
2/8/18 @ 7pm

District Choir Festival
2/13/18 @ 7pm

District Band Festival
3/20/18 @ 7pm

No School

MLK Jr. Day
1/15/18

Mid-Winter Break
2/19/18—2/23/18

Upcoming Early Releases

1:00pm dismissal on:
1/10/18 & 1/24/18
2/7/18
3/7/18 & 3/21/18

PTA Student Events

Reflections Reception
1/9/18 @ 6pm

Multi-Cultural Night
2/2/18 @ 6pm

Science Fair/STEAM Night
3/1/18 @ 6pm

Grade Level Socials
3:30pm—5:00pm
7th Grade 3/2/18
6th Grade 3/9/18
5th Grade 3/16/18

Drum Families,

Happy New Year. I hope your winter break was relaxing and restful. I have enjoyed having your students back in the building this week hearing about their holiday adventures.

Our new year has brought new energy and this week our students and staff have recommitted themselves to finishing off their first semester with hard work and focus. I encourage you to check-in with your children and their teachers to see what you can do over the next few weeks to ensure a strong finish to the semester and/or to hear about how your children have done over the first half of their school year. If you need help checking grades online, please call our front office for support. First semester report cards will be mailed home at the beginning of February.

As the winter weather continues, I want to remind you to safely maneuver through our parking lots and streets. Our students move quickly and in the dark morning and rainy afternoons, they can be hard to see. Please drive slowly during pick-up and drop off, ensure that your children are using crosswalks, and please follow directions from our supervision staff. We are all trying to keep our students safe.

As always, I welcome any questions, comments or suggestions you have regarding Drum. I am honored to work with your students every day. Call or email me any time.



Maile Lau Carr—Principal



Music Festivals Showcase District Programs

Over the next two months, our district music teachers will work collaboratively to put together music programs including students from 5th to 12th grade. These are my favorite concerts of the year for many reasons. I am always in awe of how beautifully our students perform when presented with the challenge of performing in front of a huge crowd of district community members. It is also impressive to hear the growth in students as they move through their music education. Thank you for your support of our music programs in University Place. I hope to see you at one or more of our district music festivals. For more information regarding dates, times and locations, please check the district calendar.



Two UPSD Levies are Up for Renewal Please Vote This February

The University Place Community has been tremendously supportive of University Place Schools in years past. This February 13th, two University Place School District levies are expiring and are up for renewal. These two levies support University Place Schools by providing funds to operate current programs and facilities. They provide support to all 8 schools but are particularly important to Drum Intermediate because they help support our band, orchestra and choir programs, our 5th grade swimming program, and our current staffing levels. These levies also contribute support to our safety, technology, transportation, curriculum, summer school, and much more. The last day to register to vote is January 15, 2018.

You may register at <https://weiapplets.sos.wa.gov/MyVoteOLVR/MyVoteOLVR>. For more information regarding our school levies please visit our website at: www.upsd.wednet.edu. Thanks for voting!



Safety Updates Coming to our Building

Student safety is always our number one priority. 2018 will bring technology and safety updates to our school. Please watch for information regarding new procedures and protocols around entering the Drum building. More information about these changes will be coming out soon. As always, please make sure you check-in and out at the front office when visiting our school and ensure that your visitor badges are visible.

Do You want to Share your Culture?

Drum is looking to get students connected to one another by sharing their cultures and their backgrounds with each other. Do you know that October was Disability History Month and Filipino American History Month? Did you know that November was Native American Indian/ Alaska Native Heritage Month? February is Black History Month. March is Women's History Month. May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. We have many different opportunities to learn about the world around us and the people we attend school with every day, but we want students to recognize the diversity we have here at Drum.

Over half of the students at Drum are students of color—22 different ethnicities are represented at this school with over 23 languages spoken in our homes. We have students of many religions, nationalities and origins of birthplace. With all of the cultures and backgrounds here, we want a chance for students to intentionally share about their families and to learn more about each other. Mrs. Haywood, one of our school counselors, is going to be starting an after school Culture Club at Drum on Thursdays. The first meeting will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018. If you would like to get involved in sharing your culture with others, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet outside of Mrs. Haywood's office. We will also discuss how Culture Club can support and be present at the PTA sponsored Multi-Cultural Night in February. Contact bhaywood@upsd83.org for more information about Culture Club.



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Important PTA Events

Reflections Reception in the Drum Library
January 9th 6:00pm

UPSD Council General Meeting January 16th 6:30pm

Round Table Pizza Take Over for Drum
January 16th 5:00pm—8:00pm

DI And NVI joint PTSA meeting at Drum 6:00pm

Sign up for Science Fair by January 26th

Multicultural Celebration at Drum February 2nd 6:00pm

Contact Nicole Jovich at nicolejovich.upsd.ptsa@gmail.com for info

ASB Food Drive January 22–26

The Drum Associated Student Body is ready for action in 2018! Our students want to help our community by re-stocking our local food bank. Though the holidays are a time of gathering and celebration, many families need assistance during this time. Our local food bank, Families Unlimited, is in need of replenishing after their busy holiday season of providing families with meals. Please help our local community by contributing that which you are able to contribute. From January 22nd—January 26th, our school will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Please consider sending in canned food for this great cause. Help Drum students as they make a positive impact on the world around them through this food drive. Please contact Heidi Walworth-Horn at hwalworth@upsd83.org or Amy Stricherz at astricherz@upsd83.org with questions regarding ASB.

UPSD Non-Discrimination Statement

The University Place School District complies with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin (including language), sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, creed, religion, age, veteran or military status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in student education programs, co-curricular activities, and employment practices. The district is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer encouraging application of qualified minorities, women, and disabled persons for employment and other opportunities. University Place School District is committed to providing access to all District programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. For elevator access at school sites, contact the principal's office. The University Place School District is a drug-free/smoke-free work place and educational setting. Direct inquiries regarding compliance, grievance, or appeal procedures, or concerns involving students, should be made to the District Affirmative Action Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator/ Title IX Officer/HIB Compliance Officer, Executive Director of Secondary Education, Lainey Mathews, lmathews@upsd.wednet.edu; or Section 504/FAPE/ADA concerns should be made to Director of Special Services, Maria Hetland, mhetland@upsd.wednet.edu. Both can be contacted at (253) 566-5600, 3717 Grandview Drive West, University Place, WA 98466.