You are cordially invited.
Why not join us on the 28th at 4:30 pm on our school campus.
Arrive on time and enjoy delectable nibbles, courtesy of our PTA.

Mark your calendars. This coming Friday September 28 is our Back-to-School Night. We attach this event with our first General Assembly of the school year. This way, we use these two sessions to inform you of our finances, introduce our Board, the PTA Executives, and to introduce our staff.

Later on, we begin our classroom visits whereas you get to hear directly from the teachers. Learn about our academic program, our curriculum and standards, and browse through our materials.

Research has proven that involved parents have successful children.

Special Voting Message from the U.S. Embassy

The United States has streamlined absentee voting procedures for U.S. citizens living outside the United States. U.S. citizens can register to vote and request an absentee ballot from local election officials in their home state by completing a single form – the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Voters can visit www.FVAP.gov, where an online wizard walks voters through the process of completing the form. Most registered voters are able to send the completed signed form via email or fax to local election officials in the United States. First-time voters typically need to send in the signed, original form by mail. The U.S. Embassy can assist voters to return these forms free of charge.

All U.S. citizens who want to vote in the U.S. presidential election should complete the FPCA in 2012 and request electronic delivery of their blank ballot. U.S. states will begin sending out ballots to overseas voters on or about September 22. We urge all U.S. citizens who need assistance with forms or ballots to contact the voting assistance officer at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. U.S. embassies and consulates around the world are organizing Absentee Voting Week events (September 30-October 7) to encourage voters to complete and return voted ballots. Voting assistance officers will be on hand at Absentee Voting Week events to collect and return voted ballots to the United States well in advance of ballot receipt deadlines.
SAY CHEESE!!  SCHOOL PICTURES

Don’t Forget this date! Mark your calendar!

The photographer will be on campus October 1-5, 2012 for grades Pre-K through grade 12 individual pictures.

We remind students to look their best on these days and to be ready to have the camera catch a winning smile on each face.

COURAGE  WRITTEN BY: UNION SCHOOL STAFF

When you feel like giving up
Put your chin up.
Show the world your smile
And try to go the extra mile.

If you need a shoulder,
I will be your rock, your boulder.
I will be here
To help you persevere
I’ll never give up to the end
I’m your teacher, your friend.
The Union School Parent Teacher Association would like to welcome everyone to Union School this year. We had a great year last year but we want this year to be even better!!!

The board of the PTA would like to invite all parents to its first meeting on October 3rd, 2012. We hope for a good turnout and look forward to hearing your many ideas.

The PTA would like to advise all parents, students, staff, and administration of the upcoming events for the 1st quarter. Halloween activities will take place on October 31, 2012. Please mark your calendars as of now and your ideas for this event are more than welcome.

The bookstore is open every day from 2:40pm-4:00 pm Mondays - Fridays.

Get connected! There is no better way to know what is happening in your school!

Union School

Let's have a great year!!
Carrie Navin:
I have recently graduated from The College of New Jersey with my Masters in Elementary Education. I am certified from k-5 and have a specialization in Social Studies. I am recognized as a highly qualified teacher in the state of New Jersey and have over a decade of experience working with children. I speak basic French and Spanish and hope to learn Creole soon. My undergraduate work was completed from American University, where I graduated with a degree in International Relations.

My hobbies are cooking, learning languages, reading, and baking. Before joining the Union School community in Haiti, I was a member of the United States Peace Corps and served in Zambia, Africa. I love exploring new cultures and regions of the world as well as meeting new and interesting people.

Kelly Adsit

Prior to traveling to Haiti, I lived in Plymouth, Michigan. I attended Michigan State University and earned my Bachelors degree in History and teaching minor in Political Science. The following year, I completed my teaching certification at Michigan State and taught for a year at a middle school in Commerce, Michigan. My travels have taken me many places in the world. I have studied abroad in Mexico, England, Scotland, Ireland, and taught in Australia. Now I am excited to be in Haiti and at Union School!

Ashley Waggoner

I am from a small town in Ontario Canada and graduated from the University of Windsor where I studied Visual Arts and Communication Studies. I focused on sculpture, photography, film making and time-based art. After University I moved to Alberta Canada to work at summer camps and an outdoor education center for the next 4 years. I have lived in New Zealand where I was a Personal Assistant at a youth work organization, worked on organic farms in Costa Rica and travelled in Nicaragua. I have my Bachelors of Education from Queen’s University with a focus in Outdoor Experiential Education.

Caleb Short:

I am from a town near the capital of Iowa called Norwalk. I grew up there my whole life and then went to college at Iowa State University, about an hour away in Ames. I studied Elementary Education there, and graduated with my Bachelor’s degree with an emphasis in mathematics. I moved to Chicago after graduation and worked there for two years in various education settings. I worked with English Language Learners and children from low income households in summer school, after school, and public school classrooms. A year after graduation I got married to my wife Vanessa, and we started planning to come to Haiti to help rebuild after the earthquake. Our plan was to come for 6 months to a year and work with a microfinance organization in order to help Haitians increase their incomes. We did that, but after a year passed, we still found ourselves in Haiti, and now we plan to stay even longer. Who knows how long that will be? You never know. Currently, I am very much enjoying teaching a great group of 4th graders at Union School.

Talissa Fouchard

My name is Talisa Fouchard, I am the Pre-K teacher this year. I have a bachelors degree in early childhood education and a masters in communication disorders. This is my fourth year working with children. I am fluent in French, Creole, English and Spanish. I am very happy to be working with your children this year.

Brian Field

I grew up in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan and always have a passion for history and traveling. I graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor’s in History and minor in Political Science. I am currently certified by Michigan Department of Education to teach social studies, history, and political science. I have taught US History in Michigan and taught alternative education in Sydney, Australia. Teaching in Haiti has allowed me to continue my love for travel at the same time expand my teaching knowledge. I am currently seeking my masters in Teaching and Curriculum and hope to complete it in the next few years. This summer I just recently got married and when I have a chance I enjoy playing soccer.