

**UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 2019**

Fri., 2/1	SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF IN SERVICE
Mon., 2/4	PTO Meeting: 6:30 PM – Seabrook Media Center Pennies for Patients begins at Woodruff School
Tues., 2/5	12:45 Dismissal for Students – Parent/Teacher Conferences AS NEEDED • Report Cards Issued
Wed., 2/6	12:45 Dismissal for Students – Parent/Teacher Conferences AS NEEDED • Report Cards Issued
Thurs., 2/7	12:45 Dismissal for Students – Parent/Teacher Conferences AS NEEDED • Report Cards Issued
Wed., 2/13	Family Night – No scheduled homework
Thurs., 2/14	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY Wear Red Day to support the American Red Heart Association 100 th Day of School
Mon., 2/18	SCHOOL CLOSED – PRESIDENTS' DAY
Wed., 2/20	Seabrook Spring Pictures
Thurs., 2/21	Moore School Spring Pictures
Fri., 2/22	Blue & Gold Day
Tues., 2/26	Board of Education Meeting – 7PM
Thurs., 2/28	Jump Rope for Heart – Seabrook and Moore Schools

IMPORTANT - SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR CHANGE: Due to graduation conflicts the revised school calendar was sent home to parents and staff. Important date changes include a change in the Easter Break which is now Thursday, April 18 through Tuesday, April 23. We will have a full day of school on Wednesday, April 17 which was originally included in the break. Also, the in-service day of March 15 is now a full day for students as we will be in session that day as well. The graduation is tentatively set for Friday, June 14 with that also be the last day for all students. This is subject to change in the event schools are closed for inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Schools Closed: The Upper Deerfield Township Schools will be closed on Friday, February 1 for a teacher in-service and on Monday, February 18 in honor of Presidents' Day.

Early Dismissal/Parent-Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher conferences will be held by request/as needed on February 5, February 6, and February 7 from 1pm to 3pm. Schools will dismiss at 12:45pm these days. **Report Cards will be issued February 6 or at the scheduled conference.**

Family Night: Upper Deerfield Township School District recognizes the importance of family and spending time together. This month we have designated Wednesday, February 13 as Family Night. No homework will be assigned in the district on this night.

Little League Sign Up dates: Held at the NCLL Clubhouse, Hoover Road. Friday, February 1 and 15, 6-8pm, Friday, February 8, 6-9pm, Saturday, February 2, 9, and 16, 10-1pm. Late Registration (additional \$10 fee per child) Friday, Feb 22, 6-8pm and Saturday, February 23, 10-1pm.

RESIDENCY INFORMATION: Please note that we have been verifying addresses in accordance with state and federal school registration guidelines. If it is verified through the address verification process that you do not reside in the township of Upper Deerfield or, are residing in the township under false pretenses for those who enrolled under affidavit status or have moved from the district and fail to transfer, you and the party with whom you are residing would be responsible to pay tuition to our district in addition to fines and other legal costs associated with violating residency guidelines for school attendance. As some have come to find out, these fines and costs add up rather quickly and quite costly. All fines and tuition costs would be calculated from the time of enrollment in our district through the transfer out of district.

Black History Month: The month of February is dedicated to Black History. In addition to the general curriculum covered in our social studies classes, we will incorporate Black History into the lessons to celebrate the important events and lives of many of the African-American figures in American History. Here are two books worth reading this month in honor of Black History Month: Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and Richard Wright's "Native Son."

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY: It is important that you update your address with your child's school in the event you move within district or out of district. Bus stops are set for safety reasons and we need accurate, up to date information in the event of an actual emergent situation.

UPDATING PHONE AND CONTACT INFORMATION: Please make sure that all contact information, including emergency contact information is updated when you change phone numbers or emergency contacts in the event we need to contact you for any situation.

Inclement Weather: We are still in the winter months and that means there is the potential for school closings. Please send in any updates for your phone numbers to your respective school buildings as we will be using our automated system to notify parents of school closings and cancellations of evening activities. As you are aware, school offices are closed after 3:30pm and the automated system will call you for cancellations of after school programs and other events, in the event a decision is made to cancel the event. Every effort will be made to make a decision prior to dismissal so a notice can be sent with the students. In addition to notification via the automated system, we will continue to broadcast school closing announcements on 6ABC, NBC10, and the school district website.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

1. No students are permitted on school grounds until schools open at 7:40am. In addition, no students should be crossing route 77 in areas other than where the crossing guard crosses the students in the crosswalk area. If you have no reason to cross route 77, you should not be doing so and should be coming directly to school for your safety and the safety of others.
2. During the after school parent pickup in the Seabrook School Drop-Off Zone area for the Moore School and Seabrook School Students, you may only enter the parking area in the entrance leading to the drop off zone (the entrance between the Moore School and the Morris Administration Building/Complete Care) and park in the designated parking spots between Moore School and Seabrook when you pick up your child(ren). You are not permitted to park in the drop off zone for safety reasons and must pick up your child(ren) at the side door of the Seabrook Gym. No students are permitted to be unescorted entering the parking lots for pick up. We ask you park your vehicle in a designated parking spot and adhere to the crosswalk area to pick up your child(ren) after school. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
3. Please adhere to the policy of signing your child out of school for appointments and other matters that necessitate your child needing to leave early. If your child leaves school early and plans on returning, you must bring them in to the school and sign them back into the building.
4. If your child rides the bus and you plan on picking him/her up from school, please notify the school office prior to 1:00pm of your intention to pick your child up from school. If there is an emergent situation, please report to the office so your child can be removed from the bus by the administrator or designee of the administrator. Please do not attempt to go the bus directly and have your child removed as this is a matter of safety.
5. Bus Safety: Please remind your children to use their seatbelt on the bus and adhere to the bus safety items of remaining seated, not moving from seat to seat and talking loudly.

Parking Lot Safety: Please adhere to the designated drop off zones when bringing your children to school in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon. The bus lanes need to be clear for the buses to move through to each school as they deliver the children in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon. Please respect the designated bus lane by not using them prior to 8:00am or after 2:00pm until 2:40pm. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School District Website: www.udts.org Be sure to visit our website for important announcements and information. You can put money in your child's lunch account, review board meeting notes, visit a teacher webpage for information, and access your child's grades in the parent portal of the GENESIS program.

Academic Assistance: Academic Assistance after school is available for students on designated dates from 2:15 – 3:15 PM under the direction of district teaching staff. This is an opportunity for the students to obtain additional assistance with their work. Transportation must be provided home from this activity. Contact your building principal for more information and space availability.

Being at School: Regular attendance in school sets up a good pattern for your child's entire school career. Show him/her that school comes first by trying to only use days off for illnesses and family emergencies. Schedule routine doctor and dental appointments for after school or over school breaks. There are state and federal laws regarding attendance and fines can be incurred for violation of these regulations.

Quotes Worth Quoting:

“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.” —Dr. Mae Jemison

“The time is always right to do what is right.” —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Have a vision. Be demanding.” -Colin Powell

“We all have dreams. In order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort.” —Jesse Owens

Web Sites:

www.udts.org - School district website for calendars, events, portals, and other important information.

www.netSMARTkids.org

<http://www.wonderopolis.org/>

Created by the National Center for Family Literacy, Wonderopolis focuses on subjects of which children are curious.

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>: International Children's Library