



THE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
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February 5, 2015

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Calendar

February 6: Sweetheart Dance at Lietz (6-8pm)
February 13: Spirit Day: Twins Dress Up Day
February 16-20: Presidents' Week – No School

Opportunity for students in 3rd-12th Grade

About a week ago, I heard about a new learning opportunity called LearnStorm. I have been doing some surfing around the website....and it looks really interesting. I wanted to pass it on to you so you could take a look.

What is LearnStorm:

Through Khan Academy, LearnStorm is a free, 3-month learning challenge (for students in grades 3-12) designed to build a student's ability to learn anything through mastery of math skills. Points are earned by mastering math skills and also for taking on challenging new concepts and persevering. It is team-based--school vs. school and city vs. city! Top individual scorers and schools will get special recognition on weekly leaderboards and will be eligible for awards. Anyone can sign up and help their school or city take the top spot on the leaderboards. Everyone has a chance to be invited to the in-person finals event and celebration.

This is a pilot program this year...only open to students in the bay area.

When is LearnStorm:

Registration is open now. The contest runs from mid-February through April.

Here is a great webpage to look at: <http://www.learnstorm2015resources.com/>

Check out the intro videos when you have a chance!

The Lost and Found is Overflowing!

We will be donating any items left in the lost and found after **Thursday, February 12!**

A Special Message from the Superintendent...

Dear Union School District Parents,

At our recent Board meeting, I shared with the Union School District Board of Trustees my decision to retire at the end of this school year. This was a very difficult decision for me to make because I have loved having the opportunity to serve as superintendent of this amazing district. Working with the talented, dedicated, and professional staff, and the supportive board and community to provide a top-notch education for all of our students has been the highlight of my over 40 years in the field of education.

Nine years ago I was selected to serve as the superintendent of USD. I want to thank the Board for their confidence in my abilities and for their unwavering support. I am grateful for the fine work done by the district office staff and the many caring teachers, administrators, and staff members who work hard to ensure that our schools are second to none. I sincerely believe that there is no better school district than Union School District, and I am so very proud to have had the opportunity to be a part of it.

I will greatly miss working with the extraordinary team of faculty and staff members and the supportive parent community here in Union. Because of their caring, concern and commitment, our students are among the very finest young people to be found. I will genuinely miss seeing their smiling faces and their enthusiasm and energy.

Thank you for the opportunity to be the superintendent of Union School District. I will leave with a great deal of pride in what we have accomplished as a district over the past nine years. I know that in the next five months we will continue to do even more great work together. Although once I retire I may not officially be a part of Union School District, USD will always be a cherished part of me.

~Jacki

Union School District Board Members: Sheila Billings, Cindy Goodsell, Vickie Brown, Janice Hector and Harold Stuart.