



August 27, 2021

Family Newsletter

Essential information for all the Union Memorial School families.

Morning Arrival: The morning arrival is going well so far. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation. A couple of reminders:

- The line is much shorter closer to 8:30 AM. So, if you're not hard pressed to get somewhere, please consider coming just a little later.
- Having your child unbuckled and ready will help speed things along.
- Our neighbors (the Food Shelf and Claussen's) have asked that cars not park in their lots in the morning and the side parking lot is faculty/staff parking. I know it might be tempting to avoid the checkpoint lines, but that is [our system](#) and I ask that everyone adhere to it.

Masks: I must take a moment to express my gratitude to all of you. First, the students have been doing a fantastic job wearing their masks. So, thank you for having them practice. Second, regardless of anyone's personal view on mask wearing, everyone has been respectful and committed to having their child comply. That is greatly appreciated. It is heartbreaking to watch some of the total lack of civility in some of the school systems around our country. Thank you.

PTA Meeting: The first PTA meeting of the new school year will be held on Tuesday, September 14, starting at 6:30 PM under the big tent on the playground. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow PTA members and learn about the various volunteer opportunities. The PTA traditionally meets on the second Tuesday of the month and will switch to virtual meetings once the weather turns colder and the days get shorter.

Picture Day: **Picture Day** is Tuesday, September 7. The packet from Beltrami was sent home in your child's green folder this week.

Save the Date: The PTA is hoping to host a "Welcome Kindergarten Families" movie night out on the playground on Friday, September 24 for kindergarten families. We'll let you know as soon as possible once we get the clearance. The district has decided to wait and monitor the first couple weeks of school. If there aren't a lot of cases, some of the protocols we have in place will start to loosen. I'll keep you posted.

Title I Screening: For the next few weeks, the Title I staff will be screening students in reading. Students are screened based on referrals from the classroom teachers. You will be notified in writing if your child qualifies for Title I support. One of the federal requirements is to send home a "home-school compact" to **all families regardless if their child(ren) are eligible** for Title I services. We understand the government is asking you to put in writing things most parents/guardians just do. Thank you in advance for your understanding. Please be sure to put your child's name at the top of the page.

Respectfully,

Chris Antonicci
Principal

UPCOMING DATES	
September 7	Picture Day
September 14	PTA Meeting (6:30 PM – 7:30 PM)
September 24	Movie Night for Kindergarten Families (tentative)