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“Education to Meet Tomorrow’s Challenges”

Greetings from the Union Community School District! Please find below the stakeholder communication for April 2025.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to our UHS Academic Decathlon team for earning an invitation to Nationals the first week of May. Nationals are in Des Moines this year, so we have a “home court” advantage. Good Luck to the team and the sponsor, Mrs. Michael.
- Congratulations to all of our FFA students who competed at the FFA State Convention earlier this month. They represented themselves, our chapter and the district well!
 - Lily Schmitz, Ag Broadcasting: *Silver*
 - Jillian Hanson, Prepared Public Speaking: *Gold, Second Place*
 - Chapter Quiz: Brandon Frush, *Gold*
 - Greenhand Quiz: ReaLynn Wildeboer and Carson Nechanicky, *Bronze*
 - Team Ag Sales: RaeLynn Wildeboer, Lauren Frush, Jeremias Yuska, and Carson Nechanicky, *Silver*
 - Poultry Judging: Keelan Even, Wesley Buckingham, and Tia Butler, *Silver*
 - Chapter Activity Display: Bailey Brown, Alivia Keegan, and Lily Schmitz, *Gold*
 - National Chapter Award: Received by Bailey Brown, *Bronze*
 - Iowa Degree Recipients: Benjamin Rosauer and Brandon Frush
- Congratulations to E. Hora for being named All-State Jazz for Guitar.
- Congratulations to W. Assumussen for being an alternate for All-State Jazz for saxophone..
- Congratulations to the following boys’ basketball players for these honors:
 - 1st team All-Conference— E. Neipert. and C. Sorensen
 - 2nd team All-Conference– T. Van Dyke, C. Mullen, and S. Spence
 - Honorable mention All-Conference– M. DeWinter
- Congratulations to all our middle school and high school spring groups/teams for their success so far this year.

Thank You

- Thank you to all who help with Prom 2025, especially our sponsors— Makszie and Michael Bruns— and our chaperones. It takes a lot of work, by multiple people, to have a successful prom, and everyone did an excellent job. I was also quite impressed and pleased with our students’ attitudes and behaviors all through the night.

- Thank you to all who attended the spring musical– Freaky Friday. The attendance for both nights was outstanding, and I was so proud of the cast and crew!
- Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped at our high school and middle school home track meets.

ISASP

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) is coming up for students in grades 3-11. Last year, our students scored the best since 2019 (first year of ISASP), and I expect them to do just as well, if not better than last year. Please check out our social media for additional information, including building testing schedules.

Capturing Kids' Hearts

Last month, I mentioned that the highest honor any school can receive in terms of CKH implementation is a *National Showcase School*. Well, I am pleased to announce that Union Middle School has been nominated to receive this award. We will find out later this year if they/we earned this prestigious honor. I am extremely proud of the students, staff and parents/guardians at UMS!

Important Dates

May 7- Senior Scholarship Night

May 18- Commencement 2025

May 26- No School (Memorial Day)

June 4- Last Day of School– 11:00 a.m. Dismissal

Thank you for your continued support of our district. Go Knights!

John Howard, Superintendent