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Dear UNI Parents:

February 13, 2012

Enclosed, please find a copy of our most recent “Parental Involvement Policy” (PIP). University Heights parent groups, such as School Site Council, the English Language Advisory Council (ELAC), attendees at our Coffee with the Principal and PTSA assisted in updating this document. The purpose of the PIP is to inform you of the various ways in which you can become involved with our school in supporting your student’s education. Please know we always encourage and invite your involvement and support.

If you are not already aware, our school hosted the district-wide History Day competition on January 28. It was a wonderful event with over 150 student exhibits and projects. Due to the hard work of UNI’s History department, students and many other staff members we are pleased to inform you that Paulina Blanco, Marissa Gomez and Sarahi Granados will move forward to participate in the county-wide competition in the Junior Group Exhibit category. Students selected as alternates in this category are Julian Gomez, Megan Kramer, Carolyn Perez and Jordan Ramirez who was selected as an alternate in the Junior Individual Exhibit category. Special thanks go to Mr. Curtis Keisling, Mr. Aaron Codiga, Ms. Lisa Nyaggah, Ms. Giselle O’Reilly and Mr. Edrai Hernandez for their work in making this a successful district-wide event. As long as we are recognizing our students, we must congratulate our 7th grade boys’ basketball team who won 2nd place in the district-wide competition and our 8th grade girls’ team who won 3rd place. Also, Jace Ortega will be recognized at the April City Council meeting for winning the City of Riverside Public Works Department Anti-Graffiti Poster Contest this month. Finally, seven UNI students received Honorable Mention at the RUSD Science Fair On February 9. Those students are Andrew Rathbone, Kazi Shahriar, Daniel Sanders, Nicholas Andree, Jason Roberts, Tanner Cohen and Kishan Patel. Congratulations to all of our UNI scholars for their hard work and talents.

Please know that some of you will soon receive information regarding UNI’s upcoming Saturday academies. These will be specialized academies minimally occurring 3 consecutive Saturdays for specifically identified students to extend their learning opportunities. For example, one of our academies will be a pilot Spanish 1 class for native speakers and will also include appropriate field trips for these students. So, please look for that mailing within the next few weeks. Along this same vein, please note the enclosed letter from Mrs. Miekosz our Prime Time coordinator. If your student is not already enrolled in Prime Time, please take a moment to read her letter explaining the academic support Prime Time has to offer. An application is also enclosed should you wish to enroll your student.

Finally, a few of you have expressed concerns regarding the time conflict between UNI’s 8th grade promotion ceremony on June 8, and Highgrove’s 6th grade promotion on June 8, at North HS. You will be pleased to know that Highgrove has agreed to begin its ceremony at **7:45AM** instead of 8:00AM and we will begin ours at **9:15AM** instead of 9:00AM. Mrs. Garcia and I believe this will allow parents an additional 30 minutes to get to UNI’s ceremony.

As always, we encourage your support and involvement. If we can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

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Calendar of Events

2/28/12 – SSC Meeting (LRC – 3:00 p.m.)

2/28/12 – “Understanding and Preventing Bullying and Cyber Bullying” **FREE******
Riverside Convention Center 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. **Registration Required, visit www.RivFound.org

2/29/12 – pre-Festival Concert (GYM – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

3/6/12 – 7th Grade Writing Test (CST)

3/8/12 – Open House (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

3/9/12- End of Second Trimester – No School for Students

3/16/12 – Husky Pride Day – 8th graders only (9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.)

3/27/12 – SSC Meeting (LRC – 3:00 p.m.)

4/2/12 – 4/6/12 – Spring Break – No School

4/24/12 – SSC Meeting (LRC – 3:00 p.m.)

5/1/12 – 5/18/12 – CST Testing

6/8/12 – 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony (9:15am)

To Be Determined:

3/1/12 – MYP Parent Night

3/22/12 – Parent Night for Incoming 7th Graders (GYM – 6-8 p.m.)