

Primary Parent Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

February 2 Peak Parents ViP Steering Committee, 5:15 pm February 2-11 HS Valentine's Day Candy Gram Sales February 6 ACT February 10 Wellness Wednesday, Office closes at 3:00 pm February 12 & 15 NO SCHOOL February 17 8th Grade Field Trip, 8:30 am-12:30 pm February 18 Cici's Pizza Night, 4:00-8:30 pm Spanish Momentous Parenting Classes, 4:30 HS Talent Show, 6:00pm. Gym February 20 Uplift Arts Festival February 22-23 PS IB Authorization Visit Februarv 23 Parent Survey Opens, 8:00 am March 3 12 Noon Early Release; Primary Carline 11:40 am-12:10 pm March 4 NO SCHOOL: SCHOLAR HOLIDAY



For events, news, pictures, and so much more stay connected to uplift Peak by visiting: www.facebook.com/ upliftpeakpreparatory and our website at www.upliftpeak.org

Uplift Peak K-12 Vision Statement: Our vision is to provide a joyful and inquiry based education that inspires and prepares all scholars to graduate from college and positively impact their world.

IB Attitude: Tolerance

IB Corner



Someone who exemplifies this attitude is feels sensitivity towards differences and diversity in the world and is responsive to the needs of others. Below are some ideas to discuss with your scholars this week:

1. What does tolerance actually mean? Does it mean that we just "put up" with others? How can we think about tolerance as not just ignoring others when we don't agree with them, but trying to learn more about where they are coming from and why they believe what they do?

2. What is diversity and why is it important? How is Peak diverse? How is Dallas diverse? How is our world diverse?

3. How does learning more about other cultures help us appreciate the differences in others and appreciate characteristics of our own culture?

4. Wars are caused for many reasons. How could having tolerance for other nations help us prevent wars in the future?

5. In order to have tolerance sometimes we have to learn more about others. How do asking questions and listening help us have tolerance?



Cici's Pizza Nights The Peak Parents Volunteers in Partnership has begun to host Cici's Pizza Nights at the 4800 Columbia Avenue location. Come support Uplift Peak and enjoy all the pizza, pasta, salad and dessert you want from 4:00-8:30 pm on the following Thursdays:

> February 18 March 24 April 21 May 19

Our first night was Thursday, January 21 and our sales were \$551.18 and our 10% profit is \$55.18. Our raffle winners were:

> Maricela Ramirez—parent Aleksandra Castillo-scholar Pauline Martinez—parent Xavier Santovo-scholar LaToya Galbreath—parent

We hope to see many more of you in the future!



K-12 Yearbook on Sale NOW

Pre-order your yearbook for \$30 between now and March. Come by Primary or Secondary Office to order.

Hurry! The price will go up after spring break!

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found locations will be cleared out the first week of the month and any unclaimed uniform items will go to the Uniform Swap closet and all non-uniform items will go to our Garage Sale closet. Please come by to check the Lost & Found located in the office for any of your scholar's lost items by the last Friday of the month.



Box Tops

Please send any and all Box Tops you have at home. Thanks and keep collecting!

Late Fee Notice

Please make arrangements to pick up your scholar as we only give a 10 minute grace period before charging @ \$1.00 per minute.





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<u>"Fortaleza en la Familia" parenting classes by Momentous</u>

"Fortaleza en la Familia" parenting classes in Spanish continue this Thursday, February 4 at 4:30 pm in the Middle School building.

Get Up and Go

The next Get Up and Go session of new classes will begin February 3, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Space is limited therefore we will sign up scholars on a first come first serve basis; once the class is full we will sign interested scholars up for the third session of classes beginning April 3, 2016.



Scholar Dental Screening (visual)

Free dental screenings will take place at Peak Primary on February 9th. Participating scholars will be screened by a professional and a referral will be given if he/she is recommended for a dental visit. Each parent of the participating scholar will receive a report from the Smile Workshop about their scholar's dental

health. This report will be sent home with the scholar the day of the screening. Consent forms must be received by Friday, February 5, 2016 in order for your scholar to participate.



.....hard at work to support our staff, families and scholars!

Parents, please remember to ...

Support our school through contributions:

Every Uplift Peak family is asked to consider contributing \$50 to the ViP fund. Contributing to the Volunteers in Partnership program helps the school to expand the arts programs, provide for extra field trips and support other special events. Because charter schools receive fewer public dollars than traditional public schools, supplemental funds are essential to providing these benefits for all Uplift Peak scholars. In collaboration with the school leadership, the ViP spends the donated funds on these additional programs for our scholars.

Contributions are tax deductible. You may make your contribution online by going to www.upliftpeak.org, click on "Donate" and make sure you put ViP Fund in the "Comments" section at the bottom of the page or visit the Primary or Secondary Office. Information regarding use of these funds will be provided to the parents in the ViP annual report.

Also, please remember to log in your hours by visiting **www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/volunteer.** This link takes you to a page where you can sign in with a user name and password they that you create yourself. If you are not already in the system, it will auto refer you to the new volunteer application link. You are also welcome to use the computers in the Middle School lobby at any time during office hours, If you need assistance to log them in please call Mrs. Corona for an appointment. As of today we have **2,670.78** volunteer hours logged in.

Parent Volunteers needed for:

Primary Clinic:

Monday-Friday from 8am-10am or Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 2-3pm. For alternative times please contact the nurse.

Primary Carline:

Monday—Friday mornings. Come by Primary 5 minutes before carline.

Primary Café:

Monday-Friday from 11:30 am—12:30 pm.

TELPAS Testing Hall Monitors:

We need parents to volunteer to be hall monitors during TELPAS Testing in March from 8—11 am and 1-4 pm, however, must attend training prior. Please call Mrs. Corona to sign up. We will notify you when training will take place.

Concilio Projects:

We need parents this Saturday, February 6 at 9 am to finish the garden beds and plant seeds and also to finish repairing the Outside Classroom chalkboard door and painting the chalkboard. We hope to see you all Saturday!

For any information or questions on parent involvement/engagement please contact Maricarmen Corona, Parent Liaison, 214-276-0879 x 2906 or mcorona@uplifteducation.org.