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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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May 27  
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### Events

8th Grade Graduation  
May 30th 4:00 p.m.  
12th Grade Graduation  
May 30th 8:00 p.m.

## **Superintendent/Principal's Corner...Kathy Malain**

I can't believe we already completed Spring Break! This week we will see how our new Google Chrome book labs hold up during our debut with **Smarter Balanced Testing** online.

Good luck to our Dance team as they head to Santa Clara; to Patrizia Fox-Beaudet who won the Shasta County **Spelling Bee** and is headed to Washington, D.C.; and to our winning **Science Bowl** team (Joban Gill, Leo Choti, Christian Macias, Melia Mathews, and Logan Ryan) who are also headed to Washington D.C. to compete nationally! Our Science Bowl Team, who won the Shasta County competition, was recognized for their accomplishment on April 1 at the Community Center. They received plaques from the City of Redding and from Redding Electric Utility. They also received a Congressional Recognition from Congressman LaMalfa's office. Congratulations!

**Career Day** will be on Friday, May 2. Thank you in advance to all of our parents who have volunteered to help, and to Matt Williams, Elizabeth Trayford and Molly Schlange for all their hard work in organizing this exceptional event. Career Day benefits all of our eighth and ninth graders by helping them consider different college & career options and start focusing on their goals.

We hope you and your student enjoyed our **Open House on Thursday, April 24th**. The turnout was terrific! Thank you to parents who attended and took our survey. If you missed it, you can still take the survey online at; <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/pantherparentsurvey>.

## **Congratulations to Ana Mello, who was selected as Shasta County Rotary Teacher of the Year!**

Mrs. Mello has successfully taught every level of mathematics from 6<sup>th</sup> grade math to AP Statistics and AP Calculus. She is also an outstanding Student Government teacher. The dances her students orchestrate are enormously popular and the Spirit Rallies are organized, fun, and highly-anticipated. During Spirit Week, Mrs. Mello (with her colleague Mrs. Gaddy) put on a two hour all-school rally for all 950 students, 55 staff members and all of our parents who wanted to attend. All of the school's fall and winter athletes were featured, and everyone was engaged and entertained for the entire event. Even with the fast-paced games and cheering, the spirit of respect and politeness that Mrs. Mello models and expects from her students was palpable. She ended that week with a semi-formal dance that was put on by her students; 300 of our 420 high school students attended and raved about their experience. In addition to two ASB sponsored Blood Drives, the student body also participated in the Great Kindness Challenge in conjunction with the Shasta County Office of Education. Mrs. Mello also participates in activities to amuse her students—check out the staff rendition of **Thriller** on our website.

## AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

The AP Environmental Science and CP Biology Field Day at the new Turtle Bay East site will be all day May 12<sup>th</sup> and correspond with the grand opening of the new City of Redding Turtle Bay Park Extension. Students of Environmental Science who have partnered with the City of Redding as long term stewards of the site will help design an Ecology Based field day for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. CP Biology will hike around the 4 miles of new trail adjacent to the Sacramento River and participate in a variety of Ecology/Restoration Ecology themed stations and enjoy this unique and local outdoor classroom.

Dates for the 2015 Honduras Expedition are here! U- Prep will be sending 32 students and 4 teachers to the Cloud Forest and Coral Reef ecosystem June 17<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Plans are underway to formalize a partnership with local schools/educators so we can promote and raise funds for the trip in 2015 and for trips each summer thereafter. Please visit [www.opwall.com](http://www.opwall.com) or see Mr. Raudman for additional details.

## WASC UPDATE

We are well underway with our Accreditation process (WASC) through the Western Accreditation of Schools and Colleges. WASC is a two year process in which staff and stakeholders reflect upon our accomplishments and progress as a school and determine goals for the coming years. Teacher and student surveys have been completed and a parent survey will be available the week we return from Spring Break and we will integrate feedback from these surveys into our WASC document. WASC culminates in a 3-day visit by a Visiting Committee, comprised of six educators from across Northern California. Our visit is scheduled for October 26 – 29, 2014.

### Third Quarter of 2013-2014 Perfect Attendance Awards

U-Prep had 243 eligible students that qualified for Perfect Attendance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The names of all eligible students were divided by grade and entered into a drawing for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Perfect Attendance prizes. With much thanks and appreciation to our U-Prep parents, \$215.00 in Scrip gift cards were donated and were awarded to our eligible students who met the criteria for Perfect Attendance.

The following student's names were drawn and received a prize at the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Panther Afternoon;

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Ben Newcomer, Kennedy Kremer & Ty Farrell
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-Ciara Benson, Kirra Covington & Damanpreet Jhooty
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade-Finn Cave, Adam Nichols & Riley Rickman
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade-Sam Bellingan, Joven Longee & Aum Kalia
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade-Madison Stephens, Iris Speers & Mackenzie Gould
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade-Emma Bethony, Rajaneekara Mills & Meaghan Fellingner
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade-Owen Bankson, Catherine Gore & Anthony Ziola

## SCIENCE BOWL

U-Prep Science Bowl teams finished first and second this year in the Redding Regional Science Bowl. We have been in the top three every year we have participated and this is the second consecutive year we have been the champions. April 23-29 the winning team will be in Washington DC for the National Science Bowl finals competing against 66 other schools from around the country.

## MASC

Math and Science Club, MASC, just completed their third field trip of the year. Their theme is "cutting school for science" and they went to the Hat Creek Observatory, toured Subway caves, visited Burney Falls and stopped at the wind farm on Hatchet Pass. The club tries to make a spring and a fall trip every year, sometimes overnight, sometimes just for the day.

### Medieval Day

On Friday May 23, 2014, University Preparatory School's Seventh Grade Core will be hosting our annual Medieval Day right here on the U-Prep campus. The festival is a great opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the Medieval European culture we will be studying in Social Studies this spring. It is hard to believe, but we have already begun planning. This is an initial informative letter advising you of our wish-list for this event.

We would like the "faire" to feature a variety of organized activities and seminars that will make this an enjoyable experience for all involved. These activities range from jousting and archery, to crafts, games, and juggling presentation by a local expert. Turtle Bay will also bring several "Birds of Prey" and Medieval animals from their site and present to our students in a dynamic presentation. Both of these groups charge money and the total fees for us to hire them to come to our campus are approximately \$650.00.

As exciting as this day is shaping up to be, it would not be a success without the partnership of our incredibly supportive U-Prep families. In order to provide a first class experience for 150 seventh grade students, we hope we can count on you to participate in our event either by donation of money, goods and/or volunteering your time. If you are willing to donate toward the cost of our presenters, monetary donations can be sent to your child's Core teacher. Donations will count towards your participation hours.

A rather large area of need for the faire is lunch. Last year, it was fantastic due to the parents that took charge. The menu consisted of homemade vegetable soup, chicken drumsticks, hotdogs, baguette bread, cider, juice and water. As we (Mr. Reagan, Mrs. Mondry, Mrs. Adams, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Rickey) are supervising 150 kids all over campus, it is not possible for us to prepare this lunch. We need volunteers to take on this portion of the day, and **a very large BBQ** to prepare food for 150 students in about an hour. In order to fully prepare the chicken and organize the other food tables, we had parents working on this from about 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. They were completely devoted to this task, and did not help in the other stations until all students had eaten. It progressed perfectly and we would love to have a crew of about 10 people again this year.

**To volunteer your time or items, visit Mrs. Adams's website – [jadams1.webs.com](http://jadams1.webs.com) and click on the "2014 Medieval Day" page. You will find a link to [Volunteerspot.com](http://Volunteerspot.com), the website we are using to track all donations for our activity stations and food/item donations. Please email Mrs. Adams if you can't find the information, [jadams1@suhsd.net](mailto:jadams1@suhsd.net).**

Thank you for your consideration, and please know that we are grateful for any support you choose to give. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## WESTWARD WAYS DAY

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Guardian:

As the end of the year is quickly approaching, so are many end-of-the year activities. One such tradition for 8<sup>th</sup> graders at U Prep is the annual *Westward Ways Day* event.

This year *Westward Ways Day* will take place on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 on the softball field. This is a fun day for our soon-to-be graduates, but it does require a lot of parent help and donations. There are many ways to help: work a station and/or donate items for the event. Hopefully, each family will donate at least \$5 toward the event. Please remember that every \$10 counts as one hour of volunteer time. We will have volunteer cards for you to fill out to get your credit.

All clothing worn for the event must be school dress code compliant. Dress code for *Westward Ways Day* participants is as follows: jeans, denim capris, school appropriate denim shorts, solid colored t-shirts, western shirts, bandanas, boots, tennis shoes, or prairie skirts. Students will be required to wear at least three western items (for example: boots, cowboy hat, jeans). No flip flops are allowed.

There is also a chili tasting contest. We encourage the kids to use your family secret recipes and enter the competition. They can be meat or vegetarian. Signups for this will be posted on the volunteer sign up website!

*Westward Ways Day* will begin with a pancake breakfast. From there, students will participate in numerous activities, both on the softball field and in the Hoosier gym. Upon arrival to school, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will need to report to the quad to be checked in by their teachers. **All parent volunteers need to report for set up by 7:45 AM the day of the event.** Please report to the softball field dugout for set up instructions and an activity map.

Thank you for your support!!!

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## Counseling Corner

I hope you had a restful Spring break and have a renewed sense of energy to finish the school year. Spring time is in full force at U-Prep.

Seniors have many activities to look forward to as their high school days at U-Prep come to an end. The senior breakfast and awards ceremony will be on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM. Thank you juniors for helping make this breakfast a success every year! The senior trip to Disneyland will be the weekend of May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Graduation is on Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. Please refer to the letter that was mailed home or contact me with any questions at [khaworth@suhdsd.net](mailto:khaworth@suhdsd.net).

Juniors planning to attend a four year university/college or private school will need to take the SAT or ACT for admissions. University of California (UC) System and many private schools also recommend/require SAT Subject Tests. For additional information about these tests, registration, test sites, and test dates, please go to:

<http://www.actstudent.org>

<http://www.collegeboard.org>

As we enjoy the nice weather, outdoor activities, and spring time events it can be challenging to stay focused on academics. Make sure you are putting in enough study time to finish this year strong academically.

Great job U-Prep students, you should be proud of your hard work and accomplishments this year. Summer is well deserved!

Ms. Haworth

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# Career Day

On Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, U-Prep will host their 10<sup>th</sup> annual career day. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to listen to community members from a variety of professions. This year, we are excited to have police investigator Joe Hendrix join us as our key note speaker. Also joining us for career day are U-Prep alumni Janette Paramo who owns "Cake is the Best Part," Susan Saephanh who works for Bethel media as their information director and Sara Khadra who is a kindergarten teacher in Saudi Arabia. As our alumni begin to graduate college and start their careers, it is exciting to have them join us to speak about their experience.

## In The News

The Washington Post's education columnist Jay Mathews has been ranking the most challenging schools in the country and the D.C. region for 16 years. There are more than 1,900 schools on the **America's Most Challenging High Schools 2014** list. **University Preparatory School received a State rank of 32 and a national rank of 275.**

America's Most Challenging High Schools ranks schools through an index formula that is a simple ratio: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. A ratio of 1.000 means the school had as many tests as graduates. The new question added to the survey this year reflecting a change in school cultures was whether each school has an 11-person football team. Jay Mathews writes that research indicates that high school sports, including football, give students valuable time-management and leadership skills. As all of our sports teams indicate—we knew that!

Channel 7R news reporter Carlo Falco asked me what was good about being "challenging"? I told him we prefer the word "rigorous". When you set a bar for young people, they will meet the challenge by rising up to the level of the bar. If you raise the bar, they will achieve to that level. Our philosophy is: *if our students are willing to work hard, seek and accept assistance provided by our staff and are supported by their parents, they will succeed.* Our students excel academically as can be seen by the numerous awards on our website, the colleges they are being accepted to, and the level of success they are achieving in their lives and careers once they have completed college. Our National Clearinghouse data indicates that for the last four graduating classes with a 100% graduation rate (our first class graduated high school in 2008), between 85% and 96% of our graduates annually enrolled in college the fall after high school graduation. Four years later, 75% of them had graduated from college. This is a huge statistic compared with the statewide college-going rate of 49.7% of high school graduates entering college (Postsecondary Education Commission). You can follow our alumni on our alumni page on the website [www.uprep.net](http://www.uprep.net), on Panther Cubs Club or U-Prep Redding Alumni on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UPrepReddingAlumni>.

## **NEW CLASS/NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**

### **Entrepreneurship/Small Business Development**

The Entrepreneurship/Small Business Program will introduce high school students to the exciting world of creating and owning their own business. Students will learn concepts and techniques for planning an innovative business, and managing the business components from business planning, marketing, public relations and finances. With “learning by doing” as the goal, students will write a business plan for business of their choice and will participate in a variety of business opportunities, through guest speakers, field trips, business plan development and other the Shasta College Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), a local Entrepreneurship Competition, hosted by Shasta College.

### **Curriculum**

- Understand how to succeed in the marketing course
  - Develop a basic understanding of entrepreneurship
  - Develop a basic understanding of the entrepreneurial lifestyle
  - Develop a basic understanding of professional skills
  - Develop a basic understanding of business finances
  - Develop a basic understanding of how to use financial information in ownership
  - Understand how to analyze a market
  - Demonstrate how to use marketing strategy to start a business
  - Demonstrate how to use financial skills to start a business
  - Use communication skills in a professional environment
  - Develop a basic understanding of how technology is used in entrepreneurship
  - Develop a public relations plan through a basic understanding of public relations and marketing
  - Understand social responsibility and business ethics
  - Develop basic understanding of international/global business
  - Demonstrate organization of computer files
  - Apply entrepreneurship concepts to an individualized business
- High School students should contact Miss Haworth if they are interested in signing up for this class.**

## **Athletics Update**



University Prep has started with an outstanding spring season!! Best of luck to the remaining teams as they finish off their spring season.

### **Junior High Sports:**

With the growth of our spring sports this year, U-Prep was able to support a total of five teams with over 150 student athletes. Two softball, two baseball and one of our largest track teams yet. U-Prep is delighted to see the growth in student athletes in the junior high level!!

As both of the Softball team's seasons come to an end. Both A and B teams had a great season with many good highlights. Our "A" team placed 2nd in the Sequoia Tournament and is hoping to win the league. Our staff coaches Rochelle Angley and Matt Williams did a great job leading there teams through a grueling yet successful season.

To follow with great standings are both of our baseball teams. Although both seasons are coming to the end they have fought hard to keep winning records. They are hoping to pull off a few more wins with the remaining games they have scheduled.

As most of our junior high sports are coming to an end, Junior High track will be starting with their first meet on May 1st! Good luck to our Junior High Track Athletes!



## High School Sports:

Varsity Softball has put our beautiful new dug outs to good use, hosting over nine home games this season. With plans in the future to grow, Coach Bobby Shufelberger is working hard to build a strong program that will field a JV team next year.

Varsity Baseball is holding onto a strong record this spring, 14-7! The panthers have competed in a few tournaments and also held on to the diamond during league play! We look forward to seeing them compete in the playoffs.

Boys Tennis currently holds a 4-2 record in league and plans to defend the court in the upcoming three matches at home. Pulling off more wins in league play.

Coach Michael Garcia has led his Boys Golf team to a great season. They took part in the Shasta Wolfpack Invitational at Gold Hills in Redding. The team shot a score of 442. Our Panther golfers have had many great scores as a team and plan to finish the season strong.

High school track opened their season with great standings in the Burt Williams Invitational. Many of the Panther Athletes placed in their events and won three championships in one of the largest invitational's in this area with many of the local schools. Out of nearly 20 teams scoring, U-Prep won the Varsity boys, Varsity girls, and JV boys sweeping up three victories for the U-Prep.



## Other Sports News:

- The Athletic Department at U-Prep would like to introduce you into our new sports **S.W.A.A.G.** (sports week at a glance) available to you weekly through our Athletics website. Listed below is the athletics website link.

<http://uprepathletics.net/>

-click the calendar tab in the top right of the page to retrieve the S.W.A.A.G.

- **Banner Donations for the upcoming year are now being accepted!!** Banner donations is an opportunity to support Panther Athletics while advertising your business in the gym and/or one of the various fields we have throughout the school year. For more information please contact Robyn Johnson the athletic secretary. Phone: 245-2790 email: [rjohnson@suhsd.net](mailto:rjohnson@suhsd.net)

## Alumni Spotlight: The Jones Family

Grace Jones, valedictorian from our first graduating class in 2008, recently began her career as an Officer in the United States Navy, after she was commissioned from Officer Candidate School (OCS) in October 2013. Following her commissioning and training, she reported to the Office of Naval Intelligence in Washington, DC where she is involved with briefing the two-star Admiral on daily activities around the globe. Prior to joining the Navy, she worked at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), in the Counterterrorism and Homeland Security department, where her research focused on changing ideologies in militant groups in South Asia. She moved to the East Coast after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University in June 2012 with a degree in Political Science.

Her brother, Tennyson, is in his final quarter at Santa Clara University, where he is majoring in Theatre Arts with a minor in Urban Education. He is the Intake Director and a member of Nu Alpha Kappa fraternity, a Latino-based fraternity on campus. He is also the Co-President/Founder of a club called Artists Striving to End Poverty (ASTEP), which focuses on bringing arts to lower income communities. Through that program he volunteered teaching theatre in Downtown San Jose and was the leader of a trip to do similar work in Nicaragua (that was his third time in Nicaragua). His sophomore year he led a vocational-discernment retreat called the Discover Retreat, and then student-coordinated it his Senior year. He is also a Student Ambassador for the University, giving tours, working Preview Days, and working Open House. Through the Theatre Department he has acted in 9 of the main stage shows at Santa Clara, become a member of Alpha Psi Omega (the theatre honor society), directed a one act play, and is currently writing his own one act play for the New Playwright's Festival this spring. After college Tennyson intends to continue his work in Nicaragua, either as an Amigos for Christ missionary or continuing his work with the Teatro Catalina theatre program. He also has an interest in working further with ASTEP, either in their New York office or at one of their many global projects. He can also be seen on the Santa Clara University "become more" commercial, and heard on SCU's online virtual campus tour.

Grantham, the youngest Jones, is a freshman at Azusa Pacific University where he is currently studying Psychology. He is part of a team with the Center for Student Action (mission trip office) that is going to Poland this summer to minister to kids through an all sports camp in Warsaw. He has recently become a Younglife leader which is similar to a youth group leader, but for kids at the surrounding high schools. He played rugby for the school; their season ended a couple of weeks ago and they took 3rd place in the regional gold coast playoffs. He has also been doing some work in inner city L.A. through a program called City Links. He has recently been going to Psi Chi National Honors Society meetings ( Psychology Department's club) in which they talk about different studies and practicum opportunities.

Congratulations to you; Grace, Tennyson and Grantham! We are very proud of all of your accomplishments.

