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## From the Superintendent's Desk

# Cooperation Urged In School Survey



**Dr. Wesley Jarman**

Patrons of Union School District will be receiving questionnaires soon, seeking your opinion about current school issues. Your cooperation is urgently needed. There will be two surveys that will be circulated. It will be on a random sample taken from our computer list of patrons. You may get one, two, or neither of the surveys depending on how the

lot falls. If you receive a form please fill it in and return it. We need your input.

The first survey will be seeking your opinion on the leveling of students. The second survey will be concerning your attitudes toward Union Schools in general. We feel this information will be helpful to the Board of Education and the Administration in making decisions for our future.

It's your school — be a part of it!

*Wesley Jarman*

# Shaffer Named Female Sponsor of Year

Janet Shaffer, Union Junior High math teacher, has been named Female Sponsor of the Year by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Ms. Shaffer has been employed with Union schools since 1975.

She organized the Fellowship of Christian Athletes named "Huddle" at the junior high school in 1977. She is still sponsoring the organization.

Ms. Shaffer is an individual devoted to teaching and those she teaches. There is a love among this group that is contagious and a bond that is unbreakable.

Ms. Shaffer will be honored at the Ninth Annual Recognition Banquet, to be held at the Skirvin Hotel April 16.



*Janet Shaffer, Union Junior High math teacher has been named FCA Female Sponsor of the Year.*

# Students Top Priority

The Union School District is among the 617 school systems in Oklahoma to recognize "Students as Top Priority" during the month of April in observance of Oklahoma Year of the Schools, 1982-83.

Oklahoma Year of the Schools was designated to give honor and recognition to 75 years of education in Oklahoma.

This month's theme, "Students: Top Priority" recognizes student accomplishments in areas such as academic achievements, leadership, citizenship, athletics, the arts, involvement in school activities contributions to the community.

This year, Union Public Schools will educate 6,800 students out of approximately 620,000 total students kindergarten through 12th grade in Oklahoma.

"Although students are always top priority in our school system, we're taking this special month to emphasize the positive aspects of student accomplishments," said Telia Summy, Director of Community Relations.

# Tour of Schools Set

The second day of the Annual P.T.A. Tour of the Schools is scheduled for April 13, 1983. The itinerary is as follows:

8:00 a.m. — Meet at Administrative Center Cafeteria

8:30 a.m. — Leave on Tour

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. — High School

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. — Clark Elementary

11:45 - 12:45 p.m. — Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 p.m. — Briarglen Elementary

2:00 - 2:45 p.m. — Boevers Elementary

All interested patrons should meet at the Administrative Center at 8:30 a.m.

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The Union High School High Steppers captured the Judges Sweepstakes trophy at the National Cheerleaders Association Superstar Drill Team and Pom Pon Festival.

## PTA Visits Legislature

Fourteen Union PTA representatives travelled to Oklahoma City March 9th for "A Day At The Legislature."

The day was designed to give PTA members throughout Oklahoma an opportunity to talk with legislators on a one-to-one basis.

Legislators representing each district were guests at a PTA sponsored luncheon. Senators Charles Ford, Jerry Smith, Ged Wright and Representatives James Henshaw, James Williamson, Joan Hastings and Frank Pitezal joined with the Union PTA representatives.

"I believe it's a worthwhile day," said Kaye Canfield, Union PTA Council President. "The legislators encouraged PTAs to take an active part in the legislative process. It gave us an opportunity to express our views and be heard."

Those attending from Union were: Mary Ann Hopkins, Gunta Broderick, Velma Geis, Jan Brower, Alison Moore, Venita Springfield, Phyllis Grimes, Nan Weisrock, Bobbie Daer, Barbara Ray, Wren Queen, Susie Bewley, Joan Holcombe and Kaye Canfield.



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## Drill Teams Win Sweepstakes

The Union junior and senior high drill teams travelled to Arkansas recently to compete at the National Cheerleaders Association Superstar Drill Team and Pom Pon Festival.

Each team could enter three categories selecting from jazz, military, pom pon, high kick, prop and novelty. Teams with a "1" rating were given a trophy. Ribbons went to each team member.

The Union High Steppers were one of three teams receiving the Judges Sweepstakes trophy which is a "1" rating from all three judges for their performance in three categories. The team's officers (Lori Kanitz, Sheila Ewing, Alice Johnson, Sheila Allen, Lisa Muthert, Michelle Harmon and SanDee Dragoo) received a "1" rating for their jazz routine.

The Union Junior High Shining Stars received a Sweepstakes trophy for a "1" rating in all three of their entries.

Sheila Ewing, High Stepper co-captain was second runner-up to the Miss Arkansas-Oklahoma Drill Team.



A Sweepstakes trophy was received by the Union Junior High Shining Stars during the National Cheerleaders Association Superstar Drill Team and Pom Pon Festival.

## Librarians Form Cooperative

by Sally Margetson  
Director of Media Services

All too seldom do school librarians serving different districts or independent schools have the opportunity to visit with each other. Yet we share mutual concerns ranging from simple, basic routines such as handling of overdues to designing a sophisticated computer program or writing a planning guide for a new library.

Recently, the Union librarians were invited to Holland Hall School in southeast Tulsa along with other area librarians to meet Carol Hughes, the Director of Tulsa Area Library Cooperative. Ms. Hughes presented a program about the libraries' role in networking. The purpose of the newly formed cooperative is to coordinate the activities of all libraries in Tulsa County — public, school, university and private as well as industrial libraries. The spirit of cooperation and sharing was evident and those attending expressed a desire to get together again soon for sharing information and to become better acquainted.

A tour of Holland Hall school libraries followed the meeting.

**"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."**

**Diogenes**



I've been to three schools in my life. They were all nice schools, but not one is as special as this one. This one has dignity, it has pride.

This school is not a place where we come to hear and gossip, it's a place where we learn and listen. We learn and after we do, we know that we have. And we know that when we grow older we'll have learned enough so that we can get a job.

Our school is the best. I'm not just saying this it's a fact. Since we have a great principal we have a great school. Our principal (Mr. Eidson) is a wonderful man. He has been a prisoner of war and knows just what pride is. He let us vote for our own Student Council. He lets us have pride, and we do.

We have great staff members. They're always helping out. Our teachers are the best because they give us a future. If they were not there we would all be dumb. But thanks to teachers there is a future. At Tom W. Peters we've got the best teachers and we're all very proud of them, and of our school.

Tammy Piguet  
Peters Elementary

*But thanks to teachers, there is a future . . .*

Our School is the very best;  
We hardly ever take a rest.

We work night and day,  
And in a special way.

Peter Panthers stand up tall;  
We're the best and known by all.

Our teachers are fun and also smart;  
They teach us from their soul and heart.

Our principal is really great;  
His care for us is tip-top rate.

So if you're ever in B.A.;  
We welcome you the Peters' way.

Jenni Ackerman  
Peters Elementary

I am proud of my school because of my Principal Mr. Eidson and the teachers. Everyone at Peters is nice even Mr. Eidson. Sometimes during class Mr. Eidson comes and tells stories about the war, but most of all he tells us how much he loves us. Peters is a fun school to go to because Mr. Eidson and the teachers make it fun. Besides learning and being smart we get recess, P.E. or Music, and Art. There are some days at the end of the school year that we just have fun and don't work. If it wasn't for Mr. Eidson I don't think I'd like school as much as I do now because it wouldn't be as much fun. Well no matter what happens at school or in the track meet I will still be proud of my school.

Jaza Marina  
Peters Elementary

It has the Best principal in it. It has the Best teachers in it. It has good workbooks and stuff like that. It has a million good things.

Tiffany, Second Grade  
Briarglen Elementary

This school helped me to read. And write. If I could not write then I can not write this little letter. It teaches my + and - Math. It's teaching me good things to eat. I got veary good frends. I got 17 good good good frend.

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Genny, Second Grade  
Briarglen Elementary

The reason I have pride in my school is, because everybody has spirit. Everybody wants to win and wants to be the best and they work hard to get it. I like that, that's the way it should be!

Debbie Smith  
Junior High

## Students Speak Out

*(Editor's Note: Union students recently wrote about their schools. Selected themes are printed below exactl*

The pride in UNION schools has become incredible! We students and the faculty are proud of our schools and are proud to be in such a school system. The athletic program has played a great part in the pride in UNION schools. The facilities of the schools are tremendous, but the best thing is the teaching by some of the best teachers in the area. The teachers are great and we students couldn't, if we tried, thank them enough. UNION schools are the BEST and we students know it.

Randall Stockman  
Junior High

Union Junior High has much to offer in many areas. I am proud of its achievements in academics, sports, and facilities. I'm sure others are aware of Union's achievements, too, because the Union school district is one of the fastest growing districts in this area.

It gets a top rating in academics. I, personally, have had good teachers and a variety of subjects from which to choose. The classrooms have never been overcrowded and the students are able to get personal help from their teachers.

It is also nice to go to school in a completely new building. New textbooks and library books have been bought for our use.

Aside from academics, there are many sports available. Almost every team of ours, along with our drill team, band, and cheerleaders, have completed this year with honors. Union is known not only in Tulsa, but in other states, as one of Tulsa's best schools. I'm glad I'm a part of it.

Sherrie Phillips  
Junior High

I am glad to be a part of Union Junior High. We have some of the best facilities in the state. We have a lot of excellent teachers who are willing to work with you and your problems.

We also have an excellent athletic program. Both the eighth and ninth grade football teams finished first in the conference with undefeated records. Both the eighth and ninth grade basketball teams finished second in the conference. The wrestling also finished first in the conference in duals. We also have some of the best weight systems of any junior high school.

Union has athletic and academic records that can't be beat. For those two reasons I feel that Union is the best in the state. I wouldn't go anywhere else.

Mark Anderson  
Junior High

I think Union offers one of the best educations and has a bigger variety of activities than some of the other school districts. The facilities of Union are very nice, like the high school and the new junior high. I also think it was neat that the new gym was built at Boevers. Some of the activities we do beat all the rest like the all school Coral Festival, the track meet, baseball, softball, wrestling, basketball, field trips, and many more. Those are just a few of the reasons I think Union is a cut above the rest!

Brian Wilkerson  
Boevers Elementary

*At Union your education comes before anything else . . .*

I'm proud of Union because I've been to many other school districts and this is the best. At Union your education comes before anything else, the teachers feel that a good education is the most important thing you'll ever receive.

Another reason I'm proud of Union is that all the schools seem to be on the BIG family.

The final reason I like Union is because of my teacher.

John Gorkos  
Boevers Elementary



## at On School Pride

themes on "Why I Am Proud of My School."  
ly as they were written by the students.

I am proud of Union because I think it has some of the best facilities and education in Tulsa. The district of Union is better in many ways like having our own books to use without having to share with the other kids.

We might have to pay higher taxes to keep Union open but it's worth it. If Union was any better you would have to be a genius when you finished the schools.

Marc Becknell  
Boevers Elementary

*If Union was any better you would have to be a genius when you finished the schools . . .*

I am proud of my school for many reasons. Even though I won't be here very much longer, I will still always be glad to have gone to Roy Clark. Some people may ask why I would be proud of my elementary school. For this I would answer, because I started first grade here and now I'm in sixth. During this time the school has done a lot of things for myself, and my fellow classmates.

One of the things the school has done for us was to set standards of respect for elders, treat friends as equals, and to have pride in yourself.

Another reason why I'm proud of Roy Clark is that we have real great employees. Almost every month in *The Communicator* under Employee of the Month you'll see someone from Roy Clark. That just proves what super teachers and people who don't teach but still have important jobs, we have at Roy Clark.

Even though we might not always come in first in the track meet, Roy Clark will always be a real winner!

Vani Singhal  
Roy Clark Elementary

I am proud of my school because it stays clean. When people come to visit our school they don't see paper on the floor or in the halls.

Another way I'm proud of my school is because everybody is nice, no yelling is going on and I have lots of friends.

I am proud of my school because you can learn a lot and they don't let you run around the class and be noisy. They keep you quiet and teach you what they want you to know.

I am proud of my school because when my mom comes to the school for something when we get home she tells me how nice our school looks and that makes me proud. Because everyone put effort into making it that way.

Mindy Pittman  
Roy Clark Elementary

I like my school because I get to meet my friends there. I get to talk, visit, and exchange information inbetween classes. I learn lots of things from my friends as well as my teachers. I get to know what's going on at different places, different times, and different situations.

I like school for more than a place to meet friends, I like it as a place to collect knowledge.

It is true, as with most kids, I don't always enjoy the work most of the time, but there's more to it than work, but a place, time, and way to get questions answered. Every single day I learn anything from the adding of decimals to how to dissect frogs to what happened two hundred years ago. School is a place to ask questions, and get answers. It is a place where a curious mind can collect a hay-day of answers and come back to school full of more questions. School is a place where you learn things about different places, people, and cultures. You can even discover a little bit about yourself if you just think a little or try a little, and that's why I like school.

Barry Hall  
Seventh Grade Center

I'm proud of the Union District Schools because we have the best education around. Why do you think I'm so smart? For one thing we study up on things and go into things further than most schools around. We have nice books, good desks, and the best, nicest, most entertaining teachers in town! I love all my teachers to death. And I've learned so much this year in seventh grade. To me school is kinda fun, although I like summer better! The food isn't that bad either, though I eat at the snack bar! The school store is pretty convenient too. I also like the fact that the schools are nice and big. You don't feel squished in the buildings. I can't help it, I just love my school to death and I'm so proud of it! I hope it stays that way, too.

Crystal Brown  
Seventh Grade Center

*I am proud to say that I go to Union . . .*

I'm proud to be a Union student for many reasons; the best and definitely the most important reason would have to be the excellent opportunity for a well-rounded education that the Union school facilities offer. The students at the various branches of Union: the elementaries, Seventh Grade Center and the newly constructed junior high, should consider themselves exceptionally lucky for being in such a caring school system. The school is the best at offering quality texts from which to study. The school is constantly improving the curriculum with such unprecedented courses as: Embrology, aeronautics, numerous advanced placement classes, this along with the teachers determination, make learning at Union an enjoyable educational experience. It is possibly the best school academically as well as athletically in the state. Not to mention the excellent musical and theatrical departments.

The counselors, principals, teachers and the rest of the Union staff should be admired for their success in turning out intelligent young men and women ready and prepared to take on the big world out there. The teachers are willing to work with the students both in and out of the classroom, by either giving extra tips for school work or even lending a helpful ear if needed. The principals are overwhelming in their efforts to reach out to the student body. There is much pride at Union and the saying "Union moving up" is so true and it will remain as a power in the educational field as long as we have the backing of the teachers, administrators along with the parents and children caring as they do. I am proud to say that I go to Union and will graduate with attitude that the sky is the limit and I will be well prepared to take any task that comes my way. It is an honor to have such caring people in the "Best school system in the State, the Union School System."

Chris Mills  
Union High School

School is something which as students we continually gripe about. Yet as the end of school nears, we wonder whether or not we are ready to be out on our own.

As children we had ideas and dreams about what we were going to be when we grow up. Now we worry about what we will do. We wonder if what we had planned to do in the past few years is really what we want to do for the rest of our lives.

The faculty in our schools is superior to that of the surrounding schools. When a student asks for help with something, most of them will go out of their way to help you. If you do not understand an assignment they will try to explain it to the best of their ability.

Our school is something to take pride in. We should defend and support our school. Not only should we support our athletic department, but we should also give support to our English, math, and science departments.

If there is a school activity available, take time to get involved. We have the best faculty and student body around. Get out and support them. Remember, Union pride is moving up!

Vicki Foster  
Union High School

*Our school is something to take pride in . . .*





Pictured from left: Employee of the Month, Gloria Bitting; and Educator of the Month, Jane Diffenderfer.

## Employees Recognized For Job Dedication

Jane Diffenderfer, sixth grade science teacher at Peters Elementary, has been selected Educator of the Month for March, 1983.

Ms. Diffenderfer is a dedicated, sensitive teacher who takes the time to go beyond the required lesson. She began working at Peters as an aide three years ago. As a first year teacher she blends caring and love for students with firm academic discipline. She helps students learn in a way that is carried beyond the classroom.

Ms. Diffenderfer is very conscious of the total learning experience and encourages family input, growing and learning together.

Her bright sense of humor and willingness to tackle any task make her a delightful person to work with at Union.

Gloria Bitting, receptionist at Roy Clark Elementary, has been selected Employee of the Month.

Ms. Bitting is very enthusiastic and energetic and is a vital part of the school. She has been an aide as well as a receptionist for the past six years.

This "super lady" is always willing to help a child, a parent or her co-workers with whatever task that is asked. She is always wearing a smile and is always there when the students need help.

In addition to her duties, she helps greatly in keeping the activities at Roy Clark running smoothly. This special person is just one of the reasons that Union Pride keeps growing.



## Special Shows Set For Music and Art

by Ed Tackett  
Director of Fine Arts

This month's Fine Arts opportunities include many exceptional activities that Union patrons can participate in. Two very special annual Fine Arts events are scheduled for April.

On April 21, the District Elementary School Choral Festival will be presented in the high school gym. This event will feature representative choral groups from all six elementary schools. Each of these groups will present a "mini-concert" as a part of the festival. In addition, an All-District Elementary Honor Choir made up of 48 students representing all of the schools will perform. The Elementary Choral Festival will conclude with music by a mass choir of over 350 students. This concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and no admission will be charged.

The Union District Art Show is planned for April 23 and 24 in the high school gym lobby. This show will feature art works from hundreds of students representing all nine schools. An added feature of this year's art show will be a display of the works of several industrial arts students from Union Schools. This is the second year for our district-wide art show and we expect this year's offerings to be even more exciting than last year. The art show will be open to the public on April 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on April 24 from 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge for this event.

Union Junior High School's spring musical "Bye, Bye, Birdie" will be presented April 14, 15 and 16 in the junior high school commons area. This production will feature a large singing, acting and dancing cast and an orchestra made up of Union Junior High School students. "Bye, Bye, Birdie" is a delightful story about parents, teenagers, and a singing idol named Conrad. For ticket information call Union Junior High School at 250-9541.

On May 5 all Union band students will participate in this year's "Festirama." This annual event allows a look at all the band students

in the district on one program. "Festirama" will be presented in the high school gym.

On April 29 and 30, Union Schools will host a speech tournament at the high school. This contest will involve speech teams from several area schools. Competition will include twelve competitive speech events.

The music departments successfully competed in district and state OSSAA competitions during March. All of our vocal and instrumental entries were awarded "Excellent" or "Superior" ratings in these contests. Many soloists and ensembles have advanced to state competitions which will be held this month.

On April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Darnaby Rangers and Company, the sixth grade band and the sixth grade strings classes will give a combined concert in the Darnaby gym. April 7, Briarglen students will present the musical "Wheels" at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Briarglen gym.

The patrons of Union Schools have given consistent support to the arts and this has a tremendously positive effect on our students and their feeling of success. Students and instructors put a great deal of work into the concerts, musicals, plays, competitions, and exhibits that are offered to the public. Thank you for your continued support of the arts at Union Schools.

**Do You Know of a HANDICAPPED Child  
(from birth to 21 years of age)**

**in your neighborhood who may require  
special services for an education?**

**Call 252-3561**

**Elaine Minson, Director of Special Services  
Union Public Schools**



# April 1983

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
					<b>1</b> <b>High School</b> —Big Family Powder Puff 10:25 am <b>Briarglen</b> —Easter Parties (Kindergarten only) <b>Clark</b> —PTA Popcorn Sales <b>Jr. High</b> —Student Council Talent Show <b>Baseball</b> —JV vs Kelley there 3:30 pm <b>Golf</b> —Union, E. Central, Muskogee, Broken Arrow — Mohawk #2 <b>Track</b> —Tulsa Classic <b>Volleyball</b> —Union vs Sapulpa there 4:00 pm	<b>2</b> <b>Peters</b> —Parents Basketball Game Gym 6-7:00 pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Admn. Center</b> —Board Meeting 7:00 pm <b>Grove</b> —Dental Health Week Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grades <b>Peters</b> —Career Education Week <b>Clark</b> —Faculty Meeting 3:25 pm <b>Baseball</b> —JV vs Sapulpa here 4:00 pm <b>Golf</b> —Union, Broken Arrow, Holland Hall, Indian Springs, 3:00 pm <b>Tennis</b> —Union vs Sapulpa there 3:00 pm <b>Track</b> —Jr. High Carl Albert Invitational	<b>5</b> <b>Peters</b> —PTA Meeting 7:00 pm <b>High School</b> —State Band Contest <b>Admn. Center</b> —TV Viewing Skills Workshop 7:30 pm <b>Baseball</b> —Union vs Sand Springs here 1:30 pm (double header) <b>Tennis</b> —Union vs Okmulgee here 2:00 pm <b>Track</b> —Varsity at Sand Springs <b>Volleyball</b> —Frontier Conference	<b>6</b> <b>Admn. Center</b> —PTA Executive Board Council 9:30 am <b>High School</b> —Youth Alive (both lunches) VO-Tech Interviews <b>State Band Contest</b> <b>Baseball</b> —JV vs Sand Springs here 3:30 pm <b>Tennis</b> —Union vs Owasso here 3:00 pm <b>Volleyball</b> —Union, Edison, Washington here 6:00 pm <i>April 6-9 — Baseball — Bixby Tournament</i>	<b>7</b> <b>PTSA Board Meeting</b> 7:00 pm <b>Grove</b> —Jog-A-Thon <b>Briarglen</b> —Fifth & Sixth Grade Musical "Wheels" 10:00 am, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm <b>Clark</b> —PTA Board Meeting 1:30 Conference Room <b>Boevers</b> —PTA Board Meeting 12:30 pm <b>High School</b> —PTSA Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm Media Center <b>High School</b> —State Debate thru April 9 <b>Tennis</b> —Union vs Bixby here 3:00 pm <b>Track</b> —Jr. High vs. Owasso here <i>April 7-8 — Track</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Jr. High</b> —ARC Craft & Career Fair all day <b>FHA Convention</b> all day <b>Grove</b> —Jog-A-Thon <b>Peters</b> —Kindergarten Campfire Roundup 3:30-4:30 pm <b>Grove</b> —Group pictures <b>Boevers</b> —"Storybook Character Day" Third Grade <b>Track</b> —Jr. High at Ada <i>Walt Barham Meet</i>	<b>9</b> <b>Peters</b> —Parents Basketball Game Gym 6-7:00 pm
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Darnaby</b> —CPR Classes 6-10 pm <b>Admn. Center</b> —TV Viewing Skills Workshop 7:30 pm <b>Baseball</b> —JV vs Holland Hall here 4:00 pm <b>Golf</b> —Union Central <b>Owasso-Mohawk #2</b> - 3:00 pm <b>Track</b> —Jr. High Union Invitational	<b>12</b> <b>High School</b> —Science Club Field Trip Sun Oil Company <b>Jr. High</b> —PTA Meeting 7:30 pm <b>Clark</b> —PTA Meeting Science Fair 7:00 pm <b>Boevers</b> —PTA Meeting 7:30 pm "Storybook Character" Program Third Grade <b>Jr. High</b> —"Walk for Mankind" Assembly 7:50 am <b>Baseball</b> —JV vs Jenks here 3:30 pm <b>Tennis</b> —Union vs Bixby (Haikay) 3:00 pm <b>Track</b> —Varsity Meet at Sapulpa	<b>13</b> <b>Boevers</b> —Seventh Grade String Orchestra Performance 10:30 am <b>Admn. Center</b> —PTA Council Tour of Schools 8:00 am <b>High School</b> —Youth Alive (both lunches) <i>April 13-16</i> <b>Baseball — Metro Tournament Varsity</b> <b>Baseball — JV Bixby Baseball Tournament — Haikay Creek</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Boevers</b> —Group Pictures 8:45 am <b>Peters</b> —Seventh Grade String Concert Fourth & Fifth Grades 9:00 am <b>Darnaby</b> —CPR Classes 6-10 pm <b>Darnaby</b> —Seventh Grade Orchestra Performance for Fourth & Fifth Grades <b>High School</b> —PTSA General Meeting & Election of Officers 7:30 pm <b>Jr. High</b> —Play "Bye Bye Birdie" - 7:30 pm <b>Peters</b> —Skating Party <b>Grove</b> —PTA Board Meeting 1:00 pm <b>Golf</b> —Union, Bixby, Memorial, Rogers, LaFortune 3:00 pm <b>Track</b> —Jr. High Conference Dual <b>Volleyball</b> —Union vs Kelley here 6:00 pm	<b>15</b> <b>High School</b> —Choralettes Williams Center 8:00 pm <b>Jr. High</b> —Play "Bye Bye Birdie" - 7:30 pm <b>Peters</b> —Sixth Grade "Medieval Day" <b>Briarglen</b> —Track Meet Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Grades <b>Briarglen</b> —Seventh Grade Orchestra Performance for Fifth & Sixth Grades <b>Golf</b> —Union, Bixby, Sapulpa, Jenks LaFortune 3:00 pm <b>Tennis</b> —Frontier Conference at Ponca City <b>Track</b> —Varsity Meet at Hale <i>April 15 &amp; 16 — High School VICA — State Leadership Conference Skill Olympics — Tulsa</i>	<b>16</b> <b>Jr. High</b> —Play "Bye Bye Birdie" 7:30 pm <b>Volleyball</b> —Regionals
<b>17</b> <i>April 17-23 — High School — National Library Week</i> <i>April 17-19 — High School — FBLA State Leadership Conference</i>	<b>18</b> <b>Darnaby</b> —Operation Aware Parents Meeting 7:30 pm <b>Grove</b> —PTA Meeting 7:00 pm Installation of Officers <b>Spring Showcase - Eagleaire Recital</b> <b>Boevers</b> —Skating Party <b>Skateworld</b> 6:00-8:00 pm <i>April 18-22 — Darnaby — National Library Week with D.E.A.R.</i> <i>April 18-22 — All Elementaries — Kindergarten Metropolitan Testing — All Week</i>	<b>19</b> <b>Grove</b> —Operation Aware Parents Meeting 7:00 pm <b>Darnaby</b> —"Rangers & Company" Darnaby Band & Orchestra Program 7:00 pm <b>Baseball</b> —Varsity vs Sapulpa there 4:00 (double header) <b>JV vs Jenks</b> there 3:30 pm <b>Golf</b> —Owasso, Jenks, Edison Mohawk #2 - 3:00 pm	<b>20</b> <b>Golf</b> —Frontier Conference at LaFortune <b>Jr. High</b> —ARC Seminar all day <b>High School</b> —Youth Alive (both lunches)	<b>21</b> <b>Briarglen</b> —Operation Aware Parents Meeting 7:30 pm <b>Peters</b> —Operation Aware Parents Meeting 7:00 pm <b>Darnaby</b> —County Dental Health Program Fourth & Fifth Grades <b>Baseball</b> —Varsity vs Ponca City there 3:00 pm (double header) <b>JV vs Broken Arrow</b> there 3:30 pm <b>Tennis</b> —Union vs Hale there (McClure) 3:00 pm	<b>22</b> <b>Briarglen</b> —First Grade Circus <b>Clark</b> —Fifth Grade "Growth & Development" 12:00 pm <b>Baseball</b> —JV vs Bixby here 3:30 pm <b>Track</b> —Varsity Meet at Broken Arrow	<b>23</b> <b>Baseball</b> —Varsity vs Bixby there 7:00 pm <b>Track</b> —Jr. High-Ark. Valley Conference Invitational <b>Volleyball</b> —State Matches
<b>24</b> <b>High School</b> —Choralettes & Jazz Choir Yale Ave. Christian Church	<b>25</b> <b>PTA</b> —Tulsa Coalition Spring Event <b>Briarglen</b> —PTA Meeting <b>Grove</b> —Gates MacGinitie Testing First thru Fifth Grades (all week) <b>Boevers</b> —CPR Classes 6-10 pm <b>Baseball</b> —JV vs Kelley here 3:30 pm <b>Golf</b> —Union, Sapulpa, Jenks, Broken Arrow at Sapulpa 3:00 pm <b>Tennis</b> —Girls Regional	<b>26</b> <b>High School</b> —National Honor Society 7:30 pm <b>Grove</b> —Sixth Grade Band Practice Fest-O-Rama 12:30-2:00 pm at High School <b>All Elementaries</b> —Progress Reports go home <b>Boevers</b> —Spring Program "Live in Living Color" 7:30 pm <i>April 25-29 — TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Darnaby</b> —Class Photographs <b>High School</b> —Youth Alive (both lunches) <b>High School</b> —Senior Class Pictures 10:00 am <b>High School</b> —Key Club Houston Convention <b>Baseball</b> —Varsity vs McLain here 3:30 pm <b>JV vs Edison</b> there 3:30 pm	<b>28</b> <b>High School</b> —Big Family Banquet Indian Springs <b>PTA</b> —Spring Dinner <b>Darnaby</b> —County Dental Health Program Fourth & Fifth Grades <b>Boevers</b> —CPR Classes 6-10 pm <b>Briarglen</b> —Third Grade "Spring Fling" <b>Clark</b> —Sixth Grade "Growth & Development" Program	<b>29</b> <b>Darnaby</b> —Fifth Grade Play 10:00 am & 1:00 pm <b>Jr. High</b> —Student Council Shorts Day <b>Baseball</b> —Varsity vs E. Central LaFortune 7:00 pm <b>Baseball</b> —Varsity vs E. Central LaFortune 7:00 pm <b>Jr. Varsity vs E. Central</b> here 3:30 pm <i>April 29 &amp; 30 — High School — FBLA Oklahoma-Arkansas Vo. Tech Skills Fair</i>	<b>30</b> <b>High School</b> —Choralettes at Excelsior Hotel 2:00 pm <b>Baseball</b> —Varsity vs Edison there 7:30 pm <b>Track</b> —Frontier Conference Meet at Sand Springs



**Redskin Talk**

# Spring Sports Season In Full Swing

by Gil Cloud  
Director of Athletics



**Gil Cloud**

A big Congratulations! is in order for the drill teams at the high school (the High Steppers) and the junior high school (the Shining Stars) as they were successful in the Arkansas-Oklahoma Drill Team Competition. Both squads were outstanding in the individual categories. The teams add so much to the total program and the coaches and the girls are to be commended. Coach Glenda Atherton's team won a "1" rating for their Jazz routine. Coach Sue Faulconer's team received a Sweepstakes trophy for a "1" rating in all three of their entries. The Union High Steppers were one of three teams receiving the Judges Sweepstakes trophy which is a "1" rating from all three judges for their performances in three categories. Sheila Ewing, High Stepper co-captain was 2nd runner-up to Miss Arkansas-Oklahoma Drill Team.

The spring sports season is in full swing as the teams prepare for the regionals and state playoffs.

During the spring, the Seventh Annual Elementary Track Meet will be staged at Union Stadium on Tuesday, May 10th. The schools are preparing their students now in hopes of an outstanding meet.

Next year in the Union Public Schools, grades 4, 5, and 6 will be involved in the fitness testing by using pre-test and past-test information. The information obtained will tell us about the physical fitness of our students at all six schools in grades 4 through 6. We can then adjust our curriculum to meet their needs as we will establish district-wide norms and compare them nation-wide.

This will be of benefit to all students as we learn more about them physically and are able to redirect our approach to fitness training in the elementary school program.

The Campbell Soup Company joins the State Department of Education in sponsoring this fitness testing project so our kids can benefit without any cost to the System.

## Comment

I want to thank all of those coaches, parents and interested helpers who worked in the elementary basketball program this year. It was, by far, our best season and I know with your continued support it will be better next year.



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