

NEWSLETTER

MARCH/APRIL 2009

UPATTINAS SCHOOL & RESOURCE CENTER

VALENTINE'S DANCE FEATURED SWING

On Friday the Thirteenth, the middle school sponsored the dance with a circus theme: Cirque du Heart. Strategically placed at one end of the Big Room was a wooden swing, large enough to hold three students. This was a huge hit. Everyone wanted to keep it up but it was meant only as a prop for the dance so it wouldn't be sturdy enough to withstand daily use. Anyone who took a turn on the swing reveled in the experience and recommended it to friends.

Thanks to the photographic talents of middle school teacher **Rebekah Sanders**, we have a super record of the event.



Emily Trott, Lilly Barrett, and Jacqueline Atkins share a ride on the swing at the Valentine's Dance, Cirque du Heart.



Balloon chandelier sets festive mood. More Valentine's Dance photos inside.

COFFEEHOUSE RESCHEDULED

The Uppattinas Annual Coffeehouse was postponed last month due to bad weather. It will now be held Wednesday, March 4, at Chaplin's in Spring City. It's easy to find, just take Route 23 west out of Phoenixville and take Route 724 to the light at New Street. Turn right. George's Music will be straight ahead. When you come to the music store, turn right; Chaplin's is up a bit on the right. There is parking on the street. Event is 7 to 10 p.m.

The abundant musical talent of all levels of Uppattinians, high school, middle school, and lower school, will be showcased. The entrance fee of \$5 is a

bargain for an evening's entertainment. This event is a popular fundraiser for the school. There will be beverages and light food available to buy.

The music department is led by **Jeff Domenick** who spearheads this event as well as collaborating with the art department for the Evening of the Arts to be held May 15 at school. The music department attracts many Uppattinas

students who are ready to perform the first Wednesday in March.





Stephanie Buda face paints a butterfly on Annie Hankin at the Valentine's Dance. Great snacks were served in the kitchen including cupcakes with rings on the tops.



Emma Sanders, Alice Moquin, and Daniel Berger swing at the dance.

**PLEASE CALL
THE OFFICE**
each time your child will
be absent for the day.



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“OWN YOUR EDUCATION!” NCACS CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL

Plans are coming together for The Annual Conference of the National Coalition of Alternative Community Schools, meeting on the Upattinas campus April 24-26. There will be three days of friendly camping, multi-age workshops, many inspiring speakers, bathing facilities, and truly delicious meals. **Chris Mercogliano** will offer *We're Not So Crazy Afterall*, **John Amoroso** will offer a personality behavioral quiz, and **Anna Knapp** will discuss *Creating Alternative High School Transcripts*. **Jeff Domenick** will perform with his band The Fraction and **Craig Bickhardt** will offer a songwriting workshop and a performance. **Amy Domenick** will run *Capture the Flag*, and *Hands-on Art for All* will be presented by **Dolores Kirschner** and **Teresa Atkins**. Attorney **Tim Trott** will present *Know your Rights: Youth Civil Rights in America*. A representative from the AFSC will discuss conscientious objectors, and **Sam Cantrell** will have a tasting tour of his CSA farm.

HULA HOOPING WORKSHOP ON CAMPUS FEB. 27

Darling Bonjo has arranged for **Jennifer Alvarez** to come to Upattinas to give a hooping workshop. She'll start with beginning moves and proceed to more complicated tricks and routines. The cost is \$5. Bring a hoop if you have one, although there will be extras available for everyone. Money is payable that day or before.

SAVE BOX TOPS!



Keep saving box tops and Campbell's soup labels for Upattinas. Also, be sure your favorite supermarket has you on file so we will receive a percentage of the money you spend on certain items.

Bring or send box tops and labels to the office via the mail or your students. This address is the site of an offer: BoxTopsforEducation@emails.BoxTops4Education.com. There is an ongoing offer to win 100 Bonus Box Tops for Upattinas and a \$50 prize pack for the participant.

TWO-HOUR DELAY? TIME TO PACK A LUNCH!

If there is a delayed opening due to inclement weather, there will be no lunch program available to students. There will be no trips to stores, so students will need to bring a bag lunch with them. Drinks -- juice, soda, tea -- are available in machines at the back of the gym for \$1.00 and \$1.50.



BULLETIN BOARD

Congratulations, Ellie Coffin!
She was accepted at Earlham College in Indiana. Ellie is waiting to decide where she'll go in the fall.

PHEAA reminds students and families that its free college and career exploration site is waiting for visitors. Check out: EducationPlanner.org for more information about financial aid for college.

Wow! Nathan Volpi is moving closer to his *juris doctorate* by being accepted at Dickinson, Penn State's law school, in Carlisle, Pa. Nathan was offered a full scholarship; however, he is waiting to hear from two more schools.

Way to go, Emma Kling! She was accepted at Hampshire College in Massachusetts and at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa. She has not yet committed to any one school.

Coming in May:

May 8 & 11:
Friday and Monday, Testing for 3rd, 5th, and 8th grades, 9:30-12:30, Big Room. Homeschoolers, call for reservation.

May 13: Wednesday
Graduating Seniors Meeting, 1 p.m. in Big Room. Know how you want your name to appear on diploma.

May 15: Friday
Evening of the Arts, 7-10 p.m., gym.

May 20: Wednesday
Lower, Middle, and TEP Graduations, 11:30 a.m., Big Room.

May 23: Saturday
High School Prom, 8 p.m.-midnight.

May 25: Monday
Memorial Day, No School

May 27: Wednesday
Field Day

May 29: Friday
Last Day of Classes

May 30: Saturday
Work Party, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

NIK, DANIEL AND ARI FOX – UPATTINAS ALUMNI STILL STUDYING

Nicolai Fox is applying to graduate schools for a master's of fine arts degree. He is currently doing documentary film work independently and is pursuing his degree in order to teach in the future. He is not at Oxford, as was reported in the last newsletter.

His brother, **Daniel**, is at Oxford, however, finishing up studies in math. Next year he plans to take a year off to study music. He practices piano daily and composes as well.

Their sister, **Ari**, is a junior at Temple University where she enjoys the school's diversity. She's an Environmental Studies major and mentors in the honors program. She founded Narberth Greens, a successful and growing grass roots organization.

Thanks to mom **Terri Fox** for the news of her former Upattinians.

CLASS TRIP PLANNED FOR PEOPLE'S LIGHT & THEATRE



A large contingency of students from several English classes plans to see *A Tale of Two Cities* at People's Light & Theatre. The trip leaves promptly at 9:30 a.m. and will return in time to eat lunch at school.

SCIENCE FEST IS SET FOR MARCH 25

Science teacher **Sherri Hamilton** has announced the annual Science Fest will be held Wednesday, March 25, in the Big Room after lunch, at 1 p.m.



Parents and friends of exhibitors are invited to attend the presentation of projects in the old stone building. There is no judging at Upattinas Science Fests.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	 17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	Science Fair Big Room 1:00 p.m.  25	26	People's Light & Theatre "A Tale of Two Cities" Depart: 9:30 a.m. Return by lunch 27	28
29	30	31				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	Spring Break	6	Spring Break	7	Spring Break	8
		Spring Break	9	Spring Break	10	11
12	13	14	All Community/ Board Meeting – Dessert Potluck 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Re-enrollment & Financial Aid forms Due for '09-'10 15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	NCACS Conference  24	NCACS Conference  25
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Upatinas Lunch Menu ~ March 2009

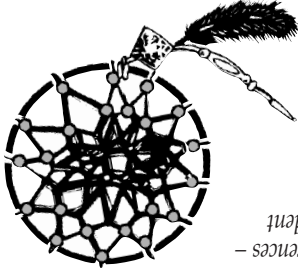
Lunch includes a beverage and dessert in addition to the food listed below.
A vegetarian alternative is available daily. Menu is subject to change upon availability.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Bagel Pizzas with Cheese Baby Carrots Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	3 Tacos with Ground Beef Or Boca Crumbles Mexican Rice Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	4 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Potato Chips Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	5 Chicken or "Chickenless" Nuggets Tater Tots Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	6 Lasagna Garlic Bread Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
9 BBQ Pork/Seitan Sandwich & Coleslaw Potato Chips Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	10 Chicken or Cheese Quesadillas Mexican Rice Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	11 Assorted Quiche Croissant Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	12 Bagel Pizzas with Cheese Baby Carrots Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	13 Hoagies Potato Chips Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
16 Chili or Vegetarian Chili Cornbread Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	17 Baked Potato Bar Irish Soda Bread Garden Salad Fresh Fruit  	18 Chicken or Cheese Quesadillas Mexican Rice Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	19 Meatball or Veggie Meatball Sandwich Potato Chips Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	20 <i>Happy Spring!</i> Pasta Primavera or Pasta with Marinara Sauce Garlic Bread Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
23 Chicken or "Chickenless" Nuggets Tater Tots Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	24 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Potato Chips Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	25 Tacos with Ground Beef Or Boca Crumbles Mexican Rice Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	26 Deli Wraps Pasta Salad Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	27 Chicken /Veg. Noodle Soup Hot Dogs or "Not " Dogs Potato Chips Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
30 Meatball or Veggie Meatball Sandwich Potato Chips Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	31 Assorted Quiche Croissant Garden Salad Fresh Fruit			

No lunch will be served when there is a delay. Please pack food for that day.

UPATTINAS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2009

June 5 (F) Graduation 4:30 p.m. -
 June 8-12 (M-F) Last Day of School
 Staff Days
 June 1-4 (M-Th) Family Conferences -
 Parent & Student
 Must Attend
 May 29 (F) Last Day of Classes
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SCHOOL CLOSINGS:
 If Downingtown area schools are closed, we will be closed.
 If Downingtown area schools are delayed, we will be delayed. The van will also follow the Downingtown area School District's schedule for closings and delays.
 On bad weather days, families should be guided by their home school district bus schedules. Listen for these on your radio or local TV station. If the van is not running to the station, van riders will receive a call.
SCHOOL CLOSING NUMBERS:
 Phoenixville: 856 • Owen J. Roberts: 857
 Downingtown: 876 • West Chester: 851
 Great Valley: 855 • Coatesville: 852
 Twin Valley has no school closing number
 Weather patterns in this area vary greatly. If you are an inexperienced driver, please do not drive in bad weather. Please do not send your children to school if you think the roads are dangerous.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:
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 Big Room
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