

Kudos to Juvy Carino, Bernie Gumataotao, and their spouses for connecting the internet in the 7th grade building and 8th grade building. They have worked tireless hours on their weekend to ensure we can connect online.

Kudos to Mr. Gombar for eating breakfast with the students in the cafeteria and establishing a connection and relationship with our students. Mr. Gombar is also providing monthly newsletter to

Kudos to Tony Posadas for volunteering to attend the Special Education Program training held in room 41.

Kudos to Sumch Kintaro and her spouse for volunteering to weld the roof by the soccer field.

Kudos to team 8C-Jaguars for developing their team SMART goals to assist their behavior.

Kudos to Mr. George Mendiola, parent, for providing critical information that affects the safety of our students.

Kudos to Stephanie Martinez for doing double duties and watching the main office as well as managing the operations of the Pupil Personnel Office.

Kudos to the following teams for attending both Powerschool training: 6C-Pumas, 7A-Griffins, and 8C-Jaguars.

Kudos to Mrs. Lucy Leon Guerrero for her participation in completing the ESL district handbook. This handbook is very comprehensive and written in different languages.

Kudos to NJHS and SBA advisors and officers for providing a leadership workshop on Robert's Rule of Order.

Kudos to Joni Rivera (7B) and Lorna Aguillard (6C) for allowing Admin to Video tape their classrooms as they demonstrate their "first five minutes" of class and monitoring skills for the Induction program.

Kudos to Vince Leon Guerrero for working on the Bell System for UMS. With his leadership, he is currently working with the Rotary Club to ensure we have a working bell system.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Hafa Adai Wildcats! The library is once again happy to present the **“Word of the Week”** in our weekly bulletin for your reading pleasure. Get to know the word, its pronunciation, part of speech, meaning, sample sentence, and its Chamorro counterpart.

Increase your word power by reading the word of the week!

Mr.

Dan L.G., Librarian

“WORD OF THE WEEK”

Word: collaborate (kə lab 'ə rāt)

Part of Speech: verb

Meaning: work together

Sentence: The two teachers collaborated in writing a lesson plan for the class.

Gi fino' Chamorro: å fa' maolek

Note: Last week's word “Bravery” should have been a noun and not an adjective. My apologies for the error. Mr. L.G.

*******STUDENTS*******

“Just say No” dance troupe will be here in the last week of October. Ms. Roz Pama and SBA are the coordinators for this program. Teams will be given 20 tickets each to be given to students who demonstrate exemplary behavior as well as those who are voted most improved behavior.

Big Brother-Big Sister Program is now accepting applications. This is a program that pairs model high school/college students with other students in the middle school level. The program promotes positive social interaction between the student and their designated big brother/sister and learns skills to help you succeed. For more information, please see Ms. Aguilar at the Counselor's Office.

School pictures will be taken the week of Sept. 29 to Oct. 2nd. Packets will be passed out this week.

Our first student assembly will take place October 16, 2009. The School Climate Cadre and SBA will be giving more details in the next week.

FOR OUR WILDCATS

U. S. Naval Sea Cadets. The USN Sea Cadets will be on campus on October 14, 2009, Friday, for a presentation. This is a program for young adults who are interested in starting their career early by preparing for the US Navy. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is only a presentation.

No commitments required. You can sign up the counseling center and obtain a fieldtrip form to attend the presentation.
Si Yu'os Ma'ase.....Ms. Camacho

Education Talent Search (ETS). ETS is accepting new applicants for their program. They provide tutoring, afterschool activities and summer events. They also have lunch visits, once weekly, at the school with participants. If you need help with your class work and enjoy extracurricular activities, or even plan to go to college, this will be an excellent experience for you. You can sign up at the counseling center.

ATTENTION FACULTY & STAFF

Social Studies were given a power school training. Please double check the listing of kids in the Powerschool for accuracy. Update as necessary for photography this week. Also, keep track of the packets for the students in case potential discrepancies occur.

Letters will be sent to teachers and staff with overdue skin tests. Please ensure you are up to date with your skin tests.

Some teachers still have not participated in the Powerschool training. Please see Mrs. Juvy Carino to set a makeup day.

Team Leaders, please turn in your SMART goals for the behavior expectations. A copy was sent two weeks ago with ample time to collaborate with your team members. I will be sending reminder notices this week to complete this critical task.

I will be meeting with teachers this week to begin the process of the PTEP evaluation. The only exceptions are the School Leadership teams comprised of the Professional Development Committee, School Climate Cadre, Content Representatives, and Team Leaders.

As I am conducting and collecting Power walk through data, please have your lesson plans accessible. I am also recording learning objectives and skills to map our curriculum. This data will be analyzed by the Content Representatives.

Due to the lack of funding to hire substitutes, we will be strictly enforcing the 24 hour personnel leave request. Any personnel request given after it is taken will be denied. Please get pre-approval from administrators.

If you took sick leave, please give your leave form to Brenda as soon as your return. If you fail to provide her the leave forms, there is the possibility that you may be pay docked until the paperwork is properly addressed. Please see Brenda if you were absent and are uncertain whether your paperwork got processed.

We will be using e-mail as the main avenue of communication. Please inform administration if you are unable to receive email as communication is critical.

The School Cadre members have been working diligently to train team leaders to teach and implement CATS. We are also providing guidance on homebase activities. Please see Lollie Baker for CATS and Dave Borja for homebase activities.

Team Leaders,

Please create a team action plan on improving school climate at UMS based on the following:

- The examination of the SWIS data for SY2007-2009.
- The aggregate response from the professional learning community on September 8
- The dialogue with your team on what steps have been taken and what steps you are all willing to take to foster a safe and nurturing class and school environment
- Use the SMART Goal as a guide on how to write the action plan
- Please turn in to me no later than Friday September 25, 2009.

Teacher Leaders,

Due to embedding Professional Development in the schools, I am requesting that any meetings you call with your content teachers be placed on the calendar next to Ms. Brenda Sison. This will ensure we will not overlap the meetings and learning communities.

Teachers: Please turn in Lunch Applications to the Business Office as soon as you receive it for review, processing and for signature via ADMIN. These documents MUST not be held on by the Teachers as Food and Nutrition Services audit applications by the date the application was submitted for review as well as the processing time of the application.

Also, there have been inquiries from several parents regarding the status of their child(ren) Lunch Application. Unfortunately, there are some Lunch Applications that have not yet been submitted to the Business office for review & processing. Thank you for your support!

ADMIN

The Learning Resource Center is once again open and is located at Chief Brodie Elementary School in room 5. Flyers will be posted at the teachers lounge and in the main office.

Team Leaders: Please call a meeting with all your team members, as elective teachers and Special Population Teachers have been added to your list. I encourage you to work towards your regrouping of homebase students so we may begin the journey of personalization.

Hafa Adai Wildcats family!

This is an invitation to participate and support our first "support staff" fundraiser to be held on October 2, 2009 at Hagatna Riverside. Funds will be used to purchase their tshirts and Christmas party (Dec. 18th) tickets.

Thanks in advance for showing your support to them! We are gladly accepting any door prizes or chasers. Those who would like to help sell tickets, please see a support staffer by the end of the week

ATTENTION TEAM TEACHERS: ESL meetings moved up due to Powerschool training extension.
 SEPTEMBER 2009 ESL MEETING SCHEDULE:

DATE	TEAM	PERIOD	ROOM NUMBER
SEPTEMBER 29, 2009	6A / 8B	8 TH	12
	7C / 8C	6 TH	12
	7B	2 ND	52
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009	ELECTIVE TEAM	1 ST	31
	8A	2 ND	14
	ESL	5 TH	1
OCTOBER 1, 2009	7A	8 TH	26
	6C	6 TH	46
	6B	5 TH	T-3

Lucy Leon Guerrero, ESL COORDINATOR