

PANTHER PRIDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER CAMPS

ALL SPORTS CAMP

June 22nd–26th
and
June 29th– July 3rd
For Ages 7–14

SOCCER CAMP

August 3rd- 7th

For Students
3rd–7th Grades

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

August 3rd-6th

For Students
5th–8th Grades

ARENA DAY 2009

Monday August 10th
7:00–1:30

ARENA PACKETS

Packets can be
picked-up in the
school office during
the week of August
3rd from 8:00–3:00

BACK TO SCHOOL
NIGHT

August 27th

University
Preparatory School
2200 Eureka Way
Redding, CA
96001990
(5300 245-2790)

www.ups.suhsd.net

Principal's Corner... Erin Stuart

Since April we have had so many events at U-Prep that it's difficult to remember them all. Beginning with Open House on April 1st and the announcement that U-Prep had received **Distinguished School** status all the way to the graduations of our 8th graders and seniors, every event has involved the efforts of staff, parents, students, and community. As a result there are far too many people to acknowledge individually (or even by organization). So thank you to the parents who worked so hard on the graduation events and auction, the staff who organized testing, activities, sports, etc. and pitched in wherever needed, and the students who make all of this effort worthwhile.

Be sure to visit our **new website at www.uprep.net**; I think you will be impressed with the changes. Some of the faculty already have links to their websites with more to come. The "Featured News" section will have the breaking news while you can easily find the bulletin, calendars, schedules, college and athletic info that we've always had available. Student art and pictures of staff and students are featured on every page. In August, the updated Course Guide and Student/Parent handbooks will be posted.

Some of you have asked why U-Prep hasn't been ranked by *Newsweek* (they rank the top 1500 schools in the country based on Advanced Placement programs). Because we're a new school with a short history of senior classes, we won't be able to apply until 2011. We will definitely apply then! Speaking of ranking, U-Prep received a 10 on state ranking (1-10 scale) and an 8 on Similar Schools Ranking (SSR). The SSR compares the performance of 100 schools who have similar demographics; our ranking of 8 means that we are in the top 20% of those similar schools. The state rank indicates that we are in the top 10% of all middle and high schools in California. By going to the California Department of Education website (www.cde.ca.gov), you can read about these scores.

We recently **expanded our 6th grade** in order to be able to take 25 students from the waiting list. As a result we will be adding staff and the junior high will continue to grow in 2010-11 as this year's class moves into 7th grade. We will also be hiring to accommodate the growth in 8th grade and the high school. That said, we are still accepting applications for all grades.

If you're considering sending your son or daughter to a **summer camp**, we have many choices with almost every week this summer offering one camp or another. All of our camps are \$60 (paid in advance) or \$70 on the first day; for the all day camps, lunch is included as well. More specific information on registration is provided in this newsletter.

Thank you to all of you for being part of a great school year. We had many successes, including recognition on the state level. All of this is the result of our community. Even though a dismal state budget looms, U-Prep has everything it needs to continue to grow and thrive: great students and parents, a committed and talented staff, and a shared purpose. U-Prep *is* an educational community invested in developing confident, capable, and compassionate citizens.

Summer Office Hours

June and July
Monday—Thursday
9:00 am—2:00 pm

August 3rd—12th
8:00 am—3:00 pm

Office Closed
Thursday and Friday
August 13th and 14th

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteer sign-up lists will be available beginning Monday, August 3rd in the office. You can also sign-up at Arena Day.

If you would like to help this summer with Arena Packets please contact the school office. Arena Packets will be put together during the last week of July.

More information on Parent Volunteering to come soon!

Yearbook '10

The all new incredible Panthera will go on sale during Arena Day in August. The book will be \$80 with an addition of only \$5 for personalization **that day only**.

After that day until October 1, books will be \$85 and \$5 for personalization.

Fall College Visit

October 1 and 2 2009 sophomores, juniors, and seniors can participate in a two day adventure that includes tours of CSU Monterey Bay, UC Santa Cruz, Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Santa Clara University. More information to follow. Approximate cost: \$200.

Freshman Class Trip Information Night

The freshman class at University Preparatory School will take a trip to Patrick's Point State Park on September 30 and October 1,2, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The class will be immersed in the freshman biology curriculum. They will be surveying the tide pool community and bird watching. They will also be looking at the fascinating geology that makes up our north coast.

The class will be taking a tour of the American Native Sumeg village. On the way to Patrick's Point, we will tour the California State College at Arcata, Humboldt State. We will have a guided tour and lunch on the campus.

We believe this is a great way for the class to form bonds and memories to last them thru their high school years here at University Preparatory School. We **strongly** encourage all students to participate, especially new students, so they see how to do things the "UPrep Way!"

There will be a parent meeting in August. This is a great way for parents to meet their service hours as chaperones on the trip.

TRINITY ALPS PANTHER CROSS COUNTRY RETREAT

Saturday, August 1 - Friday, August 7th

FAMILY FRIENDLY! All runners and their families are welcome for a week of running, hiking, swimming, and relaxing.

Please email Mr. Raudman (high school) at traudman@suhsd.net or Mrs. Gaddy (junior high) at jgaddy@suhsd.net so we can include you on our email list

We will send out the camping retreat brochure with liability releases/medical information via email on June 20th. All attending families must RSVP by June 30th or will not be allowed to participate. Cost will be determined after final head counts and will be emailed in early July and should be between \$90.00 and \$115.00 for the full week, \$10-15 per day. All proceeds will go to U-Prep Cross Country Program.

Musical Notes from Elizabeth Johnson

This school year saw the debut of UPrep 's drum line and the continuing growth of our strings program!

Next year, expect to see (and hear) the drum line at football games and pep rallies. And because of the sustained interest our string musicians are having with orchestra, UPrep will be adding a period of advanced orchestra to accommodate our focused and committed upper grade students. UPrep will continue to offer beginning strings and intermediate orchestra.

If you have a musical child, the best advice to keep them in shape over the summer is to simply keep their instrument out of the case. Put the violin on the fireplace mantle, get a saxophone stand, buy them a drum pad, set up a music stand. And if you can incorporate lessons into their summer, call any of the music stores in town for information.

Elizabeth Johnson
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Family and Friends of Seniors and Eighth Grade Graduates

Looking for a creative way to tell a graduating student, "I love you and I'm proud of you"?

Place a Grad Ad (all ads will be in color) in the 2010 U-Prep *Panthera* yearbook. We can even keep the ad a secret until the yearbook is distributed (but only if your son or daughter isn't on the yearbook staff).

While you are thinking of what your ad will look like, also think about the size of the ad space. Information about these *Personal Displays of Affection* will be in the Student Information Packets that students pick up before Arena Day.

Your order, with all paper work, pictures, and payment is due by October 15, 2009, to the yearbook staff. Please make your checks payable to U-Prep Yearbook. If you would like your photos returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your order. Every attempt will be made to return your photos to you in the condition in which they were received, but please do not include your only copy of a precious photograph, and please make sure all people, including babies, are appropriately clothed.

Reserve a space for you Grad Ad today to say how proud you are. Like the yearbook, your message will be a permanent memory.

Questions? Contact Sean Bird 245-2790 or sbird@suhdsd.net.

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SCHOOL



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800-787-JAVA
Net Weight: 12 oz



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100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to fund college visits to state and private universities.

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Coffee

Help support our cause by drinking
the Top 1% of the World's Coffee—Fresh
Roasted by our Master Roaster!

Each 12oz bag is only \$10.00

Dark Roast

A blend of Central and South American coffees roasted to produce a strong, smoky flavor with tantalizing aroma. Perfect for those who add cream and sugar.

Breakfast Blend

This coffee is a rich, smooth blend of medium-roasted Indonesian, Central, and South American beans. It has a rich, clean taste and pleasurable aroma. Perfect for your morning cup of coffee!

Espresso Blend

Three of the world's best coffees have been masterfully roasted Vienna-Style for an espresso experience that's both sweet and rich with very little bitterness and a complex flavor.

Organic Blend

A delightful blend of coffees have been masterfully roasted Sicilian-Style for a flavorful experience that's dark and rich, with complex taste that is very smooth.

Decaf Dark Roast

Colombian Supremo beans have been processed to remove 98% of the caffeine content, roasted at high temperatures to a continental style, preserving the rich, sweet flavor, with smoky French roast overtones.

Decaf Espresso

Latin American and Indonesian coffees have been carefully roasted and blended for lively, intense flavor with a mellow finish. Suitable for all brewing types.

CUSTOM ROASTED BY
HUMBOLDT BAY COFFEE COMPANY



Coffee is \$10
per bag.

(Coffee will be ordered every two weeks once school starts in August)

U-Prep 15oz,
Mugs are \$15

(Mugs are in stock)

For more
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