

Urbandale Viewpoint

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a tremendous first semester in the Urbandale Community School District. This year we welcomed just fewer than 3,900 eager learners on the first day of school. We hit the ground running and haven't stopped since!

Quality and continual improvement continue to be the center of what we do in our district. Our focus is on continued transformation to become a district that brings learning to life for everyone. One indicator that we are continuing to make progress is our Bronze level recognition in the [Iowa Recognition for Performance Excellence](#). Reaching the Bronze level shows a marked improvement over last year's efforts and brought with it additional opportunities for further improvement. These results spur us on to continue our efforts to improve.

February 3, 2015, is an important date for the Urbandale Community School District. It is the date the community will decide whether or not to support a [PPEL \(Physical Plant and Equipment Levy\)](#) which, without raising facility based taxes, will provide funding to update five of our elementary schools, add two gymnasiums, and make multiple improvements to our Activities facilities. Without passage of this vote, the



district will not be able to make any significant improvements in our facilities. I encourage everyone to get out and vote.

It is hard to believe that in about six short months I will end my tenure as superintendent of the Urbandale Community School District. It has been a distinct pleasure and honor to serve the children and families of the Urbandale Community School District. ~ Dr. Doug Stilwell



URBANDALE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Educational Equity Statement

No student enrolled in the Urbandale Community School District shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the District's programs on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, religion, marital status (for program), ethnic background, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age (for employment) or socio-economic background (for program). The policy of the District shall be to provide educational programs and opportunities for students as needed on the basis of individual interests, values, abilities and potential. If you have questions please contact the district office at 11152 Aurora Ave, Urbandale, IA or call 515.457.5000. The district's Equity Coordinators are Dr. Keri Schlueter, Coordinator of Student Services; Mark Lane, Director of Human Resources; and Crista Carlile, Director of Teaching and Learning.

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PPEL SPECIAL ELECTION *VOTE* 02/03/15

Improving, Securing, and Updating Urbandale Schools

- ✓ The Urbandale **Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL)** is a voter-approved levy that serves as one of the primary revenue sources for funding school infrastructure.
- ✓ The PPEL plan represents two years of strategic planning and incorporates feedback from parents, staff & community.
- ✓ **Board of Directors will match the PPEL with a bond refinance which will keep the facilities property tax flat.** What this means is that the district is able to offset a tax increase by refinancing bonds.
- ✓ Focus areas include a significant remodel of elementary buildings and updating facilities for activities.
- ✓ **Vote at the polls on Tuesday, February 3, 2015.**

Visit: UrbandaleSchools.com/PPEL

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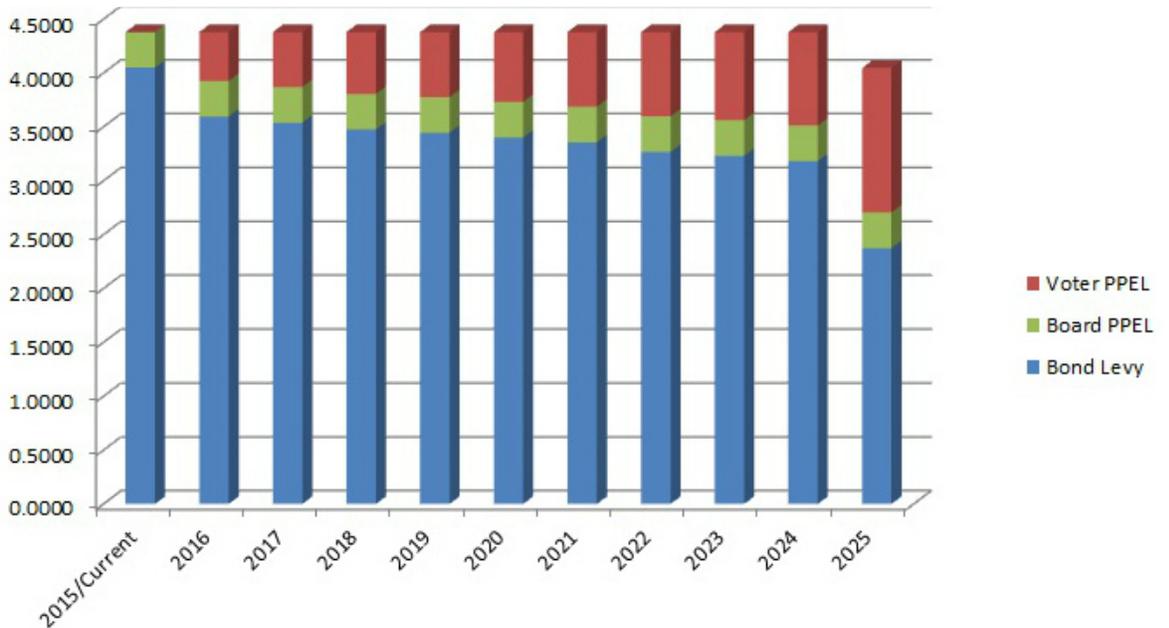
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How will the PPEL impact property taxes?

Currently, the district has a Board-approved PPEL in the amount of \$0.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Voters in the UCSD will be given the opportunity to vote on the proposed PPEL of \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. **The Board of Directors will match the PPEL with a bond refinance which will keep the facilities property tax flat. What this means is that the district is able to offset a tax increase by refinancing bonds.** Take for example this mortgage refinance analogy, which is that the district is taking a 13 year mortgage and refinancing it at a lower interest rate for 15 years. The PPEL would capture the payment

savings each year keeping property taxes level. The PPEL is projected to provide \$10.7 million to \$14.5 million over its 10-year span.

Facilities Levy Rate Year-by-Year



Examples of the First Five Years of Levy Rates

	Bond Levy	Voter PPEL	Board PPEL	Total Facility Levy
2015/Current	4.0500	0.0000	0.3300	4.3800
2016	3.5961	0.4539	0.3300	4.3800
2017	3.5401	0.5099	0.3300	4.3800
2018	3.4765	0.5735	0.3300	4.3800
2019	3.4467	0.6033	0.3300	4.3800
2020	3.4024	0.6476	0.3300	4.3800

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PPEL SPECIAL ELECTION *VOTE* 02/03/15

PPEL funds would enable the district to:

- Improve safety & security of elementary buildings by relocating main offices and adding more comprehensive security features.



- Bring kindergarten back to neighborhood schools (supporting the preferences of 76% of parents).



- Remodel elementary buildings to increase classroom space for consistency across all K-5 schools.



- Build gymnasiums at two elementary schools to support more educational and youth activities throughout our community. The additional gyms would also help relieve over-scheduling of the Webster Elementary gym.

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PPEL SPECIAL ELECTION *VOTE* 02/03/15

PPEL funds would enable the district to: (cont'd)



- Enhance the Performing Arts Center (PAC) with an acoustical "sound cloud" to improve sound quality.

- Build a practice track at UMS to provide greater services for both educational and community purposes.

- Build a Maintenance Facility to more efficiently manage district supplies and equipment.



- Build a fitness center at UHS and expand the UHS locker room to increase space for greater opportunities to train with teams.

- Improve the UHS baseball field lighting; repair the surface and field drainage for both UHS softball and baseball fields.



URBANDALE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

On November 10, 2014, the **Urbandale Education Foundation (UEF)** awarded over \$5,000 in grants to seven Urbandale educators. The UEF "Mini-Grant" initiative is intended to provide UCSD educators the opportunity to receive funds from the UEF in order to assist and support creative ideas/projects that align with the district vision: to bring learning to life for everyone.

Fall 2014 UEF Mini-Grant Recipients & Projects:

- Katherine Howsare, UHS Librarian "3D Printer"
- Heidi Zwick, UMS Facilitator of Family Outreach Services & Ashley Danner, UMS School Counselor "Bug Club: Insect Zoo"
- Damon Staker, UMS Industrial Technology Instructor "FIRST LEGO® League"
- Laura Hanson, UMS 8th Grade Language Arts Instructor "Civil War Day"
- Lora Trenary, Olmsted Elementary School Counselor "Welcome to School!"
- Steve Mefford, UMS 8th Grade Science Instructor (photo) "Creating Earth's Surface"
- Marc Hermon, UHS Physics & Intro to Engineering Instructor "Hyperstream App Innovation"



The UEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to enhancing the educational experience of all students in the UCSD by funding projects and initiatives not supported within existing school budgets. The UEF is in the unique position to provide support for Urbandale schools, award scholarships to UHS graduates, and connect Urbandale alumni through the merger and partnership of three organizations:

- 1) [Urbandale Education Foundation](#)
- 2) [Urbandale Dollars for Scholars](#)
- 3) [Urbandale Alumni Association](#)

The UEF is dedicated to making a difference in the future of Urbandale schools, students, and the vitality of our community. The UEF Board of Directors would like to thank all UCSD supporters that have contributed to the UEF. Please [visit the UEF site](#) for more information on how you can become involved and make a positive difference for Urbandale students, educators, schools, and the vitality of the Urbandale community.

NOTABLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Jensen Elementary



- **Moms & Muffins:**

In November, our reading teachers hosted 'Moms and Muffins.' It was an opportunity for families to get together to support reading. Parents read with their child while enjoying a fabulous breakfast of muffins and assorted beverages.

- **Socktober:**

Jensen Elementary students collected socks for local homeless shelters. Students set a goal of 800 pairs of socks and collected over 1500 pairs!



- **Pack The KNAPP:**

On December 18, 2014, ALL Jensen students attended an educational program at the KNAPP Center at Drake University. Students participated in an Educational program, met players, and watched a Drake women's basketball game! It was an amazing day!



NOTABLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Karen Acres Elementary

- Hundreds of students and their families turned out at the annual picnic and carnival to kick off the school year in August. Hy-Vee donated hot dogs and hamburgers, and the PTO provided a variety of activities for the students. An inflatable slide, dunk tank featuring KA teachers, face painting, animal balloons made by a clown and a dress-up photo booth were all included in the fun!



- A new reading curriculum was launched in all K–5 classrooms at Karen Acres called "Reading Wonders." Teachers have worked diligently during professional development to learn how to successfully incorporate the five essential components of literacy: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, into their daily instruction using Iowa Core and the Reading Wonders materials. They, along with their students, have enjoyed the authentic texts, robust learning activities and collaborative conversations that are part of the literacy block.

- All of the KA students and staff attended the "Pack the Knapp" event at Drake University in December. Character Counts in Iowa partnered with Drake to provide students with a free entrance to a women's basketball game and character celebration with over 3,000 students throughout the metro area. The students at KA attended the field trip with their Cougar Dens, which are heterogeneous groups of 10 to 12 students in grades K–5. Photo taken during Character Counts Week from the rooftop of KA!



NOTABLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT'D)

Olmsted Elementary

- Third-grade students experienced two days of non-stop experimentation with A World in Motion on November 24th and 25th. The program, A World in Motion, was provided by a grant from Iowa's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) Scale-Up program. This well-known program gives students an enriched STEM learning experience with the intent of boosting student interest in a future STEM career. Volunteers from John Deere, a corporate partner of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council, helped teams design straw rockets and pinball machines.



- Kindergarten students at Olmsted Elementary culminated their Kindergarten Book Week by having a pajama party on November 21, 2015. They invited their parents to come and enjoy reading books and having cookies and milk. Every day during the week students celebrated words by bringing their favorite book, wearing hats and shirts with words on them, and reading with a friend.

- Olmsted Elementary was well represented in the Homecoming Parade on September 25th with students, parents, and staff walking with the group!



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Rolling Green Elementary



- "Watch D.O.G.S." (Dads Of Great Students) has been a huge success! We are thankful for the valuable contribution that these caring fathers have shown by dedicating their time and attention to our students.



- CultureAll was part of the October intersession for Rolling Green. What an amazing experience and opportunity for truly bringing learning to life for our students!



- UHS tutors are available for afternoon homework management. Most work Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Thursday one-on-one with Rolling Green students.

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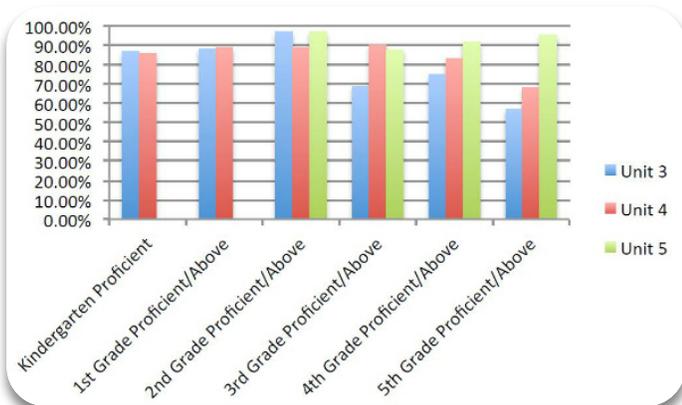
NOTABLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT'D)

Valerius Elementary



- Thanks to our amazing PTO, we have put 40 iPads into the hands of students in every classroom to use on a daily basis!

- Our Book Fair in November raised \$3,800 for our school's library and 168 books were donated to teachers for their classroom libraries! Through the Coins for a Cause fundraiser, students were able to raise \$1,410.00 to buy 288 books for River Woods Elementary!



- In our Unit 5 Everyday Math Assessments, all students in our 2nd through 5th grade classrooms had between 84% and 100% proficiency!

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Webster Elementary

- On Friday, October 10th, all students at Webster Elementary School participated in our PTO sponsored 5K Race Around Webster. The weather was beautiful as students ran either a mile (our youngest students) or completed the full 5K race (students in grades 2-5). Held on the grounds at Webster, students began the race with fun warm ups and stretches and were cheered on along the way by parents, grandparents, community volunteers and each other. After the race, runners enjoyed healthy snacks, friendship, and even some live music! The purpose of this event is to encourage fun and fitness while raising money to support teaching and learning here at Webster. Because of their hard work, students were able to meet and exceed their fundraising goal. Great job to all of our racers!



- As part of our work to address our annual building achievement goal in science, and with support from our Webster PTO, staff at Webster are piloting the National Geographic Science curriculum materials in grades K–5. Our building goal in science is focused on helping to increase the number of students who meet or exceed expected growth on the Iowa Assessment test in the area of science. Our staff, through much work and study of our science curriculum, identified common materials as one of the biggest needs for accomplishing our science

goal. The National Geographic Science materials are focused in the areas of earth, life, and physical science. Teachers will begin with implementation of the new materials beginning in January.

- One of the best ways to ensure high levels of student learning is to develop a strong home-school connection. At Webster, we believe it is critical that parents join teachers in helping students to learn and work at high levels. One indicator of the strength of this connection is parent participation at fall parent-teacher conferences. This fall, we are pleased to report we had 99% of parents attend our fall conferences for grades K-5. We are grateful for this support and look forward to achieving this same level again in the spring!



NOTABLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT'D)

Urbandale Middle School

- We were thrilled to have four UEF Mini-Grants awarded to UMS educators! Heidi Zwick, UMS Facilitator of Family Outreach Services & Ashley Danner, UMS School Counselor "Bug Club: Insect Zoo;" Damon Staker, UMS Industrial Technology Instructor "FIRST LEGO® League;" Laura Hanson, UMS 8th Grade Language Arts Instructor (photo) "Civil War Day;" Steve Mefford, UMS 8th Grade Science Instructor "Creating Earth's Surface."



- In December, UMS Student Senate sponsored a toy drive for the "Toys for Tots" program. Staff and students donated board games, Barbie dolls, matchbox cars and videos. Some of the toys were donated to the Urbandale Food Pantry. The final group of toys were donated to the "Toys for Tots" collection site at Bob Brown Chevrolet. UMS Student Senate collected over 100 toys for this program.



- In October, UMS Student Senate sponsored the Nike 'ReUSE A SHOE' project. John Konior from the City of Urbandale shared details about the program at a Student Senate Meeting. Students made posters and placed paper shoes around the lunchroom to advertise the ReUSE A SHOE program. UMS collected 89 pairs of shoes. In December,



Mr. Konior presented students with a Certificate of Excellence from the City of Urbandale, and a check for \$89.00 to be used to purchase materials for our outdoor area.

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Urbandale High School

- The [Urbandale Silver Cord Program](#) is a distinguished graduation award available to Urbandale High School seniors who volunteer a specific number of hours during each year of high school. Upon completion of hours, participants will receive a Silver Cord to wear on their robes at graduation in recognition of their achievements. The purpose of the Silver Cord program is to encourage students to experience the joy of giving back to their community and to be recognized for their efforts.

URBANDALE SILVER CORD PROGRAM



- Urbandale Singers were invited to sing at the Governor's Christmas Tree lighting event on December 2, 2014. What a great event and a truly special way to showcase these incredibly talented UHS students!



- Since Urbandale High School was completed in 2009, there have been lots of ideas for how to improve the interior look of the building and how to effectively help visitors make their way around. Though it has been five years, patience has proved to be a virtue. With the development of the J-Hawk Foundation Touchstone, we had the opportunity to use the creativity and good judgement of our students to aesthetically improve the look of UHS and to help provide the usefulness of additional signage to help visitors navigate the building. The result was the beautiful addition of the message as you enter UHS and the helpful room numbers and arrows that point our guests in the right direction.

NOTABLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT'D)

Metro West Learning Academy

- Our first semester at Metro West was full of philanthropic spirit! We're proud to have had 40 students volunteer time to help support Meals From the Heartland. Plus, 11 students volunteer time at the Food Bank of Iowa.
- This is MWLA's first year to offer P.E. It was a welcome addition to our day as 60 students received a total of 64 P.E. credits in the first semester. Healthy body—healthy mind!
- We're proud of the dedication our students are applying in their studies. Our average attendance increased this year, over the same period as last year, and we thank our students and families for continuing to make learning a top priority!

PRESCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION UPDATE

Preschool pre-registration information for the 2015-2016 school year will be released on February 4, 2015. The release of this information will be contingent on board approval on February 2, 2015. The anticipated online pre-registration date is set for February 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Pre-registration information can be found at the following link once released:
<http://www.urbandalecommunityed.com/adventuretime/Preschool>

Please contact the Adventuretime office if you have any questions (515) 457-5855.

URBANDALE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Urbandale Alumni Association was formed in 2013 and is a branch of the Urbandale Education Foundation. In addition to starting a website and database for over 13,000 alumni to share contact information and for classes to plan and communicate announcements for reunions, the association is planning for and hosting an "All School Reunion" on July 1, 2017.

Other activities in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the Urbandale Schools and the City of Urbandale are still in the planning stages. The association's website is updated on a regular basis with the latest information about events and celebrations. Visit: www.urbandalealumni.com to update your profile, send messages to classmates, contact the association's officers or read the latest news!

ACTIVITIES ACHIEVEMENTS

Baseball

- Logan Augustine was named to the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association's "Super" Team for his playing during the Summer of 2014; Augustine was also named Academic All-State and was an All-Star, playing the IHSBCA All-Star Series.



Cross Country

- The Urbandale Girls Cross Country Team placed 2nd at the IGHSAU State Cross Country Meet this fall. Elyse Prescott (5th place) and Trina Moreno (8th place) were named to the Elite All State Cross Country Team.



- The Urbandale Boys Cross Country Team qualified for the IHSAA State Cross Country Meet for the first time since 2009.
- Head Girls Cross Country Coach Dan Davis was named a Class 4A Coach of the Year.
- Erik Miller was named to the Iowa Association of Track Coaches Academic All-State Team for Cross Country.

Football

- Jake Heinrich was named to the Class 4A, Third Team All State Football Team as named by the Iowa Newspaper Association.
- Evan Economos, RJ Nordell, and Heston Steen were named to the Class 4A Academic All State Football Team.



ACTIVITIES ACHIEVEMENTS

Instrumental & Vocal Music

- The Urbandale Marching Band received its 31st Consecutive Division I Rating at the State Marching Band Contest in October.
- Aaron Pettorini, Kelsi Riley, Noah Torstenson, Tom Plank, Robert Muller, and Brittany Schultz were selected as All-State Instrumental Musicians.
- Joel Andrews, Claudia Becker, Nolan Brown, Peter Clinkscales, Lizzy Erickson, Michaela Gyure, Maggie Hanson, Julia Hutton, Megan Johansen, Michael Madison, Jon Temple, Katie Twedt were selected as All-State Vocal Musicians.



Jaywalkers

- The Urbandale Jaywalkers were named State Champions at the Iowa State Dance Team Association Championships in December in Kick; the team placed 4th in State in Jazz.
- Senior Jaywalkers Nick Rice (placed 3rd) and Alenah Luthens (placed 5th) in the Large School Division at the Iowa State Dance Team Association Solo Contest in November.

Softball

- Skyler Shellmyer was named to the Iowa Girls Coaches Association 2nd Team All-State Team and Bella Crow the 3rd Team following the 2014 Softball Season.

Volleyball

- Mallary Erbes was named to the Class 5A, Honorable Mention All-State Volleyball Team.
- Volleyball Coach Liz Baethke notched her 500th Career victory in a match against Waukee in October.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Plan on attending a Kindergarten Registration meeting!

All elementary schools within the Urbandale district will provide full-day kindergarten programs. A child must be 5 years old by September 15, 2015 to be eligible for kindergarten. We recommend all families with incoming kindergarten students attend a Kindergarten Registration meeting as it will be an excellent opportunity for parents to learn more about the 2015-2016 school year. The meeting may not hold the attention of younger children; thus, parents are encouraged to make child-care arrangements if possible during this time. We look forward to welcoming your family!

Olmsted Elementary

February 17, 2015

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For families living in the Olmsted, Karen Acres, Jensen, and Valerius neighborhoods.

Rolling Green Elementary

February 24, 2015

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For families choosing to attend or living in the Rolling Green neighborhood.

Webster Elementary

February 24, 2015

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For families living in the Webster neighborhood.

Please bring the following paper documents:

1) Proof-of-Residency (required)

Examples include: A copy of a Settlement Agreement (with all signatures), Purchase Agreement (including date of occupancy and all signatures), Mortgage Statement, MidAmerican Power Bill, Urbandale Water Bill, lease agreement (if renting), or the United States Postal Service Verification of Address (paper copy).

2) Birth Certificate (required)

Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.

3) Immunization Records (not required for this meeting)

These records are NOT required for the meeting; the district would prefer to receive these by May 1, 2015.



Visit: UrbandaleSchools.com/register

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

Activities: Our students have identified commitment, compassion, dedication, dignity, excellence, honor, integrity, and passion, as key components in our Activities program that will help live up to their touchstone, *For a Better U.*



Business Services: Devoting time to various strategic plan initiatives; managing district financial structure.

Communications: VOTE! Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL) Special Election on Tuesday, February 3, 2015; Kindergarten registration for 2015/16 school year; 2nd Annual Brad Peyton Memorial Golf Tournament, June 29, 2015, at Hyperion Field Club, [Urbandale Education Foundation](#).

Community Education: From after school programs to youth sports, from adult education opportunities to Parent University offerings, [Urbandale Community Education](#) has something for everyone...and look for *State Fair* on the stage in Urbandale this summer.

Curriculum: Curriculum work this fall has centered around elementary literacy and the secondary core areas of English/Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Teacher teams have identified essential standards, worked on aligned common assessments, studied instructional practices, and examined instructional materials. The purpose of this work is to guarantee a rigorous curriculum for each UCSD student in the system so that they may all achieve at high levels.

Guidance: Elementary guidance is starting to implement newly developed guidance while finishing the rework of our K-12 guidance curriculum.

Human Resources: Meeting with exceptional candidates to support the Teacher Leadership & Compensation (TLC) Grant recently awarded to the district; filling open positions in order to continue creating the highest level of student and professional achievement.

Information Systems: Upgrading Data Center infrastructure; maintaining district IT network.

Maintenance & Construction: Maintenance continues to complete work orders. PDSA continues with regard to custodial procedures and the new micro fiber technology. We hope that everyone is seeing improvements in the cleanliness of their areas. Construction projects hinge on the PPEL vote passing in February. Please, everyone, exercise your voting rights!

DEPARTMENT NEWS (QUICKVIEW CONT'D)

Nutrition Services: The Nutrition Services Team continues to look for qualified employees to work with us while feeding approximately 2,500 students daily, along with providing 15 special diets. We also are beginning our first 'Orange Belt Project' with the expectation that it will grow and improve our system on our path toward continual improvement.

Quality & Continual Improvement: The Q/CI department has continued working to further develop continual improvement processes through all parts of the district. Capacity is being built with the UCSD Board of Directors, the district managers and leaders of the operations units in the district, along with further development on the academic side of the district. Buildings and departments in UCSD began using a new Strategic Improvement Plan this school year that embeds the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) process in school improvement. Teachers are continuing to use the PDSA process to improve learning in their classrooms and more students are taking charge of their own learning through the use of [student data folders](#).

Special Education: Special education is celebrating record exits of students from Special Education due to having closed the gaps between them and their peers. The newly minted Special Education Leadership Team (SELT) met on Wednesday January 14th and completed an exhaustive review of current data as part of our current state analysis and goal setting. They also completed a missioning process that resulted in the following Mission for the Special Education Department: The mission of the UCSD SE department is to accelerate learning. We will do this by: partnering with our students and families; using data to guide decisions; teaming with our general education, special education, and AEA colleagues; creating standards of practice which are implemented systematically and systemically.

Student Services: The TARA group (Teaching All—Reaching All) have been studying the work of Eric Jensen, "Teaching with Poverty in Mind," and are preparing to share information with district staff at Cabin Fever Day. The teachers of English Language Learners and the drop-out prevention specialists have been refining their use of the classroom PDSA model to integrate their differentiated instruction with the Iowa Core Requirements. Talented and Gifted (TAG) staff have been working on reviewing and revising the policies and procedures which guide services for TAG students.

Teacher on Special Assignment: The newly aligned UHS English curriculum was approved in October and will be implemented this fall. UHS Social Studies will also be teaching new courses aligned to the Iowa Core this fall and we're reviewing new materials in order to purchase in the spring. UMS Social Studies courses are implementing new materials, writing common assessments, and studying best practice. Elementary literacy is also reviewing materials to purchase for fall.

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DATES TO REMEMBER



District-wide Dates:

January 26	Community Needs Assessment Forum at 6:30 p.m. at the Urbandale High School Media Center
February 3	*VOTE* Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL) Special Election
February 11	Online Preschool Pre-Registration for 2015-2016 at 6:00 p.m. (Note: This date is contingent on receiving Board approval on February 2. Please check the district site for updates.)
February 16	No School (District In-Service 'Cabin Fever Day'/Presidents' Day)
February 17	Olmsted Elementary Kindergarten Registration Meeting 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
February 24	Rolling Green Elementary Kindergarten Registration Meeting 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
February 24	Webster Elementary Kindergarten Registration Meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
March 1	Due date for Open Enrollment applications (1st-12th grade students) 2015 – 2016 school year
March 13	No School (Recess day)
March 16–20	No School (Spring Recess)
April 15	Online Student Registration begins for 2015-2016 school year
April 27	Parent Meeting for Incoming 6th Graders, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Urbandale Middle School East Gymnasium (new)
May 7	5th and 6th Grade Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. at UHS Performing Arts Center (PAC)
May 25	No School (Memorial Day)
May 26	UHS Commencement, Knapp Center, Drake University
May 28	Last day of school for students (subject to change based on cancellations)
May 29	Last day of school for teachers (subject to change based on cancellations)



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