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Superintendent's Report
State of the Schools
March 26, 2024

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Impact Employee Recognition/Student Recognition

A Small Glimpse

HIB Report for February 13, 2024 - February 20, 2024, Affirm

HIB Report for February 21, 2024 - March 19, 2024, Report

Student Liaisons - Neissa Filias & Gia Patel

IMPACT EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Aims to acknowledge administrators, educators, and staff members who, through their actions, dedication, and achievements, have profoundly influenced the lives of our students.

Thank you to all the Township of Union Employees!

Month of March

Every Child! Every Day!

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Township of Union Public Schools
2023-2024
Bumper Sticker Contest



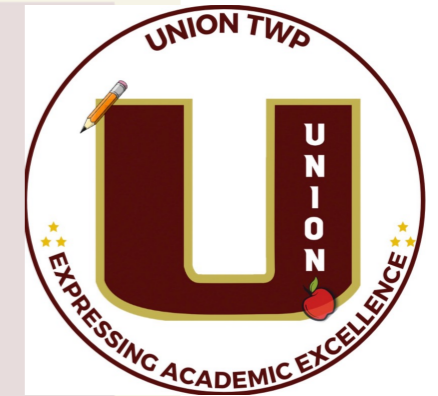
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Ehinomen Ehikloya
Kawameeh M.S. - Grade 7



Submitted by:

Elly Amorim
Jefferson School - Grade 5



Submitted by:

Luana Alburqueque
Burnet M.S. -Grade 8



Submitted by:

Anna Economidis
Kawameeh M.S. -Grade 7



Submitted by:

Sophia Cerqueira-Barros
Jefferson School - Grade

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Union High School Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Valedictorian: Sneha Mexon
Weighted GPA 5.2034
Unweighted GPA 4.2867

Sneha's presence in my classroom was a daily inspiration.

Her smile is radiant and genuine.

Her passion for learning was matched only by her commitment to leadership and collaboration.

She does not shy away from a challenge; she embraces each opportunity with open arms, eager to learn from her peers and contribute her unique perspective.

Sneha is an absolute model of an outstanding student.

As a fifth-grade student she embodied all of the makings of someone who would not only be the valedictorian but impact the world around her through her leadership skills.

She is one of the hardest-working students I have had in my teaching career.

Sneha is such a genuine, humble and gracious student.



Salutatorian: Abigail Naranjo
Weighted GPA 5.203
Unweighted GPA 4.2420

She was an excellent student but an even better person.

She entered class daily with a smile and was always eager to learn.

She will continue to do amazing things as she continues her journey.

She had a sweet nature, exceptional intelligence, and an unwavering work ethic.

Abigail was well-respected amongst her peers for her kindness, intelligence, and leadership qualities. Abigail is motivated by a genuine curiosity and love of learning.

She is so much more than an excellent student—she is a sweet, funny, and charismatic person as well as a strong and intelligent young woman.

Her presence positively influenced those around her

UHS Counseling Department hosted a luncheon in honor of the Class of 2024's Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Sneha & Abigail have many incredible accomplishments and are model students at UHS! Both young women are headed to college in the fall and are looking to study Biology and/or Public Health, respectively. Their acceptances keep rolling in, and we cannot wait to hear which universities are lucky to have these young women as their students!

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Township of Union Public Schools

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Student Farmer Frontline

What's Up With TUPS?

edited by Angelyn Ansah, Grade 12



Pictured: Miss New Jersey Derby Chukwudi, student leaders from Union High School, and Superintendent Dr. Benaquista in celebration of the MLK Day of Service.

UHS Students Came to Volunteer!

by Leo Panes, Grade 11

Annually, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who organized and led the civil rights movement, is celebrated on his birthday, January 15th, which was declared a national holiday on November 2nd, 1983 to honor his legacy.

The Township of Union and several organizations take part in volunteering to clean the parks, sort donations, and winterize the gardens every year. Thanks to the new Board of Education Superintendent, Dr. Benaquista, the event was held in Jefferson School, where many inspirational speakers shared their thanks to the volunteers and the greatness that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has done for equality.

Mrs. Guerra-Frazier was one of them, the former Spanish teacher at Burnet Middle School, who is now a committee

member for the Township of Union; she made sure to share her thanks to the students and the residents from "different backgrounds", for attending and volunteering on a day-off to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who once said, "volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy".

Many officers and members from the Union High School's Key Club, National Honors Society, Interact Club, Asian Student Alliance, History and Civic Debate Club, and Peer Ambassadors from different backgrounds came together in 30-degree weather for the "Day of Service" and Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. However, it was all worth it in the end, as they were served with delicious warm soul food.

Student leader's Q&A about the event:

Can you share with us about your experience in this event and how did you hear about it?

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Student Highlights

Game Day at Franklin's Beyond the Bell Afterschool Program



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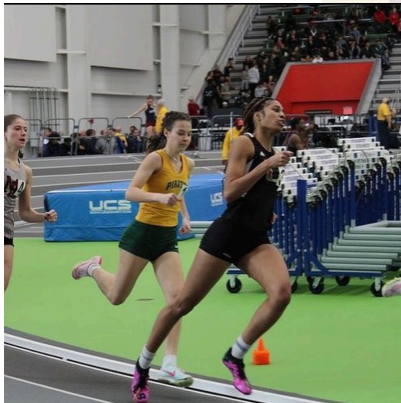
ELEMENTARY STEAM FAIR

The Elementary STEAM Fair, held at Union High School, was a vibrant showcase of young talent and innovation within our school district as students proudly displayed an impressive array of projects spanning the STEAM disciplines, demonstrating their creativity and problem-solving skills to an enthusiastic audience of peers, parents, and educators.

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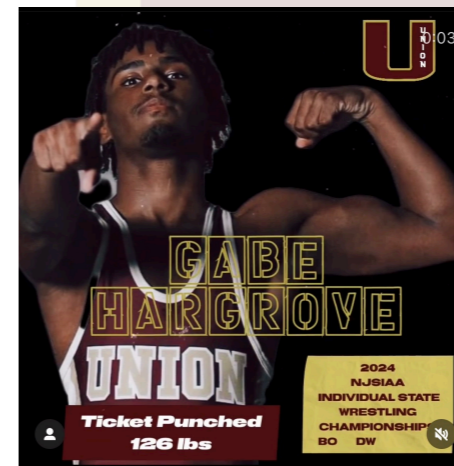
Student Highlights



Mikarla Portuondo - Mikarla is a Junior member of the Union High School Track team. This season, she competed in the 55m, 400m and 4X400. Mikarla won the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 Sectional Championship in the 55m with a personal record of 7.34 seconds and 2nd place in the 400m with a personal record of 59.37 seconds.



Gabe Hargrove at 126, A Junior on the Union High School wrestling team, Gabe finished his season with a 36-7 record. Gabe finished third in Region 4 and qualified for the state wrestling championship in Atlantic City. He finished in the Top 32 out of 325 wrestlers at 126 lbs in the state. He was also the champion of the Dover Holiday Tournament and Gary Vittorio Tournament at Par Hills.



Christine Pierre-Louis - A senior wrestler on our wrestling team. She finished her season 17-8. She won the Union County Championship at 185 lbs and placed 3rd in North Region 2. She qualified for the NJ State Wrestling Championships in Atlantic City and finished in the top 16 female wrestlers in the state at her weight class.

Alissa Alcindor - Alissa finished her senior season with a 27-1 record. She was the Union County Champion and was the North 2 Region Champion at 215 lbs. Alissa qualified for the New Jersey State Wrestling Championships in Atlantic City and finished in second place in the state of NJ. Alissa placed first at the Bloomfield Girls Tournament, the Elizabeth Lady Minutemen Tournament, and the Bergen County Girls Invitational Tournament. Alissa was the Union County Girls Wrestler of the Year, voted by NJ.com.



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Local Partnerships

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Partnership with the Township of Union TV 34

Highlighting

Students

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Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce & Township of Union & The Union Township School District

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JOB BOARD

An advertisement for a job board. It features a woman with curly hair pointing towards the text. The text includes logos for the Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce and the Township of Union, N.J. Inc., followed by "U 20-20". The main headline is "LOOKING FOR A JOB?". Below that, it says "Job applicants and students interns may apply to positions for free." and "SIGN UP & FIND ONE TODAY!". At the bottom, there is a yellow button with the text "jobboard.unionchamber.com".

LOOKING FOR A
JOB?

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Teachers will embed influential women within their lessons. Teachers will complete projects writing about women.

Students will research and present projects on accomplished women to create a research booklet of all presentations.

Following a history lesson, her students are creating artwork inspired by Alma Thomas

Teachers will share a different quote each day from amazing women, artists, poets, athletes, & visionaries. The students will learn about the impact each of these woman had on history.

Presenting lessons on Social Change, expressionism, and female African American Artist Alma Woodsey Thomas. Students also create self-portraits in the style of her work. The 6th and 8th grades are working on Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings. 7th grade will create Kusama-Inspired Self-Portraits. Students will learn about the history of each artist.

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)

February 13, 2024 - February 20, 2024

Affirmed

| | Founded | Unfounded | Inconclusive |
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| Battle Hill Elementary | | | | Jefferson Elementary | 1 | | |
| Burnet Middle | 3 | | | Kawameeh Middle | 2 | | |
| Connecticut Farms Elementary | | | | Livingston Elementary | | | |
| Franklin Elementary | | | | Washington Elementary | | | |
| Hannah Caldwell Elementary | | | | Union High | 1 | | 1 |

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) February 21, 2024 - March 19, 2024 Reported

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| January 24, 2024, to February 13, 2024 | 11 | 1 | 7 |
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February 21, 2024 - March 19, 2024

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| Battle Hill Elementary | | | | Jefferson Elementary | | | |
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| Connecticut Farms Elementary | | | 1 | Livingston Elementary | 2 | | |
| Franklin Elementary | | 1 | | Washington Elementary | | | |
| Hannah Caldwell Elementary | | | | Union High | 5 | | 4 |

A LOOK FORWARD

2023-2024 TUPS Teacher(s) of the Year - April BOE Meeting

April 8, 2024 - Solar Eclipse

Impact Tutoring Update

ESIP Update

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TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2024- 2025

PROPOSED BUDGET

Dr. Gerald Benaquista, Superintendent

Mrs. Yolanda Koon, School Business Administrator

Presented:

March 19, 2024

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Highlighted on March 26, 2024

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TUPS Student Liaisons

Neissa Filias

&

Gia Patel

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Thank You
TUPS Community
& Have a Well Deserved
Healthy & Happy
Spring Break

Starting: Friday, March 29, 2024

School Reopens Monday, April 8, 2024