



November 7, 2011

Dear Families,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We are off to a great start and look forward to working with you to make the rest of the year even better. **Please remember there is no school this Friday, Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day.**

### **Calendar Change**

Due to a new state regulation, we need to change our parent teacher conference day from November 21 to December 1. **November 21 will now be a full day of school. December 1 will now be a half day of school for students, followed by parent teacher conferences.** Please contact your child's teacher to schedule/re-schedule your conference.

### **Uniforms**

Thank you to everyone for helping to make the transition to uniforms this year so smooth. The great majority of our students have been in uniform every day, and we greatly appreciate all of your support in making this happen. As the weather starts to get cold, we want to remind everyone that solid color red, white or black long-sleeved shirts are allowed under students' polo shirts. Also solid red, white or black sweaters and UCCS sweatshirts are allowed over polo shirts. No hoods are allowed at all. **When students come to school out of uniform, they will be given a uniform to borrow for the day.** If we do not have something for them to borrow, we will call home and ask someone to drop off the needed item(s).

### **Group Text Messages**

Thank you to all of the families that completed the family survey. Many families indicated that text message is their preferred contact method. We are excited to let you know that we will now be able to send announcements through text. On November 13, at about 4 pm, you will receive an opt-in invitation message asking you to reply 'Y' to confirm that you want to receive UCCS text messages. Please see the attached flyer from SchoolMessenger for more information. **If you have a new phone number that you want included, please call to update your information by Thursday, Nov. 9.**

### **Reading Selfies (K-5)**

All students are encouraged to read for at least 20 minutes every night. As a way to show our students the importance of reading, we are asking all families to send in a selfie/picture of your student reading with a family member, pet, stuffed animal, etc. that we can hang up in school to remind our students how important it is to read every day! You can send the selfie to 585-775-9311. The pictures will not be used on social media, our website or any other public platform if you have not signed our media release form.

### **Science Fair (6-8)**

All students in grades 6-8 will participate in a school science fair, with the opportunity to participate in the TERRA Science Fair at St. John Fisher on March 18. We look forward to seeing students choose topics, design projects and complete science fair exhibits and papers. More information coming soon.

**Have a great long weekend!**