

September

Ulen-Hitterdal

2023

Monthly Newsletter

BACK TO SCHOOL 23-24

Welcome Back!

Dear Ulen-Hitterdal Families:

I am excited to welcome our students back for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope that everyone's summer months have been filled with fun, relaxation, and time spent with family and friends. I am eager to begin the new school year and I hope that you are ALL ready to approach this school year with optimism and excitement!

Our custodial staff has worked diligently getting the building ready for the first day of school. They have used the past few months to continue to improve our facilities, learning spaces, and to provide students with a safe and comfortable environment.

Our office staff has logged many hours throughout the summer to make sure all needs are met as we transition to the new school year. We will also have a couple of new faces in some important roles so we encourage you to reach out and build a relationship with them.



We have three big goals this year as a district and we will rely upon our strengths to make sure that we bring success to the following areas:

- Student Support
- Student Achievement
- Staff Support

The beginning of a school year is always an exciting time. We hope that our students and families will get involved with school events and activities. We ask that you remain active in checking the district website, social media, and most importantly make sure that you are checking our parent portal on a regular basis. Everyone at the UH school district is here to help your child succeed and develop a love for lifelong learning.

Sincerely,

FIRST DAY:
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER
5TH!

Mr. Dustin Flaten
Ulen-Hitterdal Superintendent

Welcome Back Titans!



Hello Titan Families!

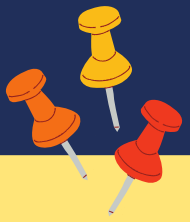
My name is Ted Critchley. I have the privilege of serving as the Dean of Students within the Ulen-Hitterdal Public School District. The purpose of my position is to maximize learning opportunities and to assist in the management of the instructional day while your student is enrolled on campus.

We are fast approaching the 2023-2024 school year with both excitement and urgency. The excitement of a new school year always captures the interest of families and communities alike. The urgency comes from the many things that need to be done in order to have the best academic year possible. Please know that all school personnel have been working extremely hard to best prepare themselves to present the best educational opportunities for our students.

We wanted to share our excitement with you in welcoming our students back to school. We also wanted to create a sense of calm in making sure that you and your child are fully prepared for the upcoming school year. Therefore we have decided to create a newsletter focusing on the primary topics that we feel that you need to best prepare our students for the academic year. This newsletter will touch upon many important topics. The earliest topics will center around breakfast and lunch policies along with snack and milk breaks for our elementary students. We will then move over to areas of interest that apply to both our elementary and high school students. The last page of the newsletter will concentrate on the various school supplies that our students will need for their respective grade levels.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding your child's educational experience. Thank you for sending the students to this wonderful school. We look forward to working with you.





OPEN HOUSE

Open house for students and parents will be Wednesday, August 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We strongly encourage both parents and students alike to attend to familiarize themselves with the school's schedule, its surroundings and the teachers that will interact with our students on a daily basis. Open House will also provide opportunities to register for a variety of things with incentives that will be addressed later on in this newsletter under free and reduced lunch that all families will want to read closely. There will also be a brief 7th grade orientation meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30th in the auditorium to discuss the transition from elementary to high school.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation routes are being finalized and will be sent out in the next few days for you to know what bus number along with what time the bus will be arriving to pick up each student using our school's transportation system.

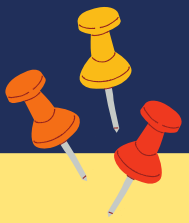
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH



FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

This year all students will be granted a free breakfast and lunch during their academic day at no charge. Students wanting additional food beyond the one free breakfast and lunch will still need to have a family meal account that parents/guardians fund to pay for extra portions and/or a la carte food items provided by the school food service department. Deposits can be made to the family meal account online via the school district's website at <https://www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us/> Under the Parent heading one should click JMC Parents.

For questions and assistance, call the district office at 218-596-8853. You may also drop off a personal check or cash to be deposited into your family meal account. This payment can also be done at Open House Night set for August 30th. Families who qualify for free or reduced meals must have money in their family meal account in order to purchase additional food items. No charging will be allowed for any of these accounts.



FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Free and reduced lunch applications are still encouraged to be filled out. These free and reduced lunch forms are more formally known as Application for Educational Benefits. In the past, many have associated this application as a way of providing meals during the day for those who qualify. We are offering free breakfast and lunch this year. However, your child may qualify for other benefits and can help the school qualify for additional educational funds and grants.

This Application for Educational Benefits can be picked up in the school office or completed via JMC under the parents section of the school district website. We are also incentivizing this application at our Open House on August 30th. Any family filling out the Application for Educational Benefits will receive \$20 vouchers that can go towards paying any type of season activities pass whether their children qualify for educational benefits or not. Only one of these documents has to be completed per family. However, you will receive one voucher for every student enrolled at Ulen-Hitterdal Public School. This means a family with three children could receive \$60 in vouchers for a season activity pass. These vouchers can be used for any type of activity pass whether that be student, adult, senior, or family.



MILK BREAK + SNACK CART

MILK BREAK is free for kindergarten. Preschool and Grades 1 to 6 are charged 30 cents when they have milk during their break. Please note that our milk break is NOT covered by the School Meal Benefits (Free/Reduced) Program nor by the USDA program.



The Ulen-Hitterdal School Wellness Committee offers a Snack Cart for Pre K-6 grade students. Ulen-Hitterdal would like to offer your child a healthy snack. We are able to order healthy options in bulk to reduce the cost for you.



The cost for K-6 will be \$50/student for the school year or \$25 for each semester. The cost for preschool will be \$20 for the year. Snack cart is not to be paid on a day-to-day basis, but if you need to arrange a different payment plan other than for the year or semester, please speak with someone in our school office. Students will not be allowed to take from the snack cart until the fee has been paid. The program will start on the first day of school. This is an optional program as your child may still bring his or her own snack. If you choose to send a snack with your child to school, we ask that you send a nutritional snack to have during this time. No candy or "junk food" will be permitted. Snack breaks will begin on the first day of school.



DEVICES

Devices such as phones, watches, gizmos, etc. are not allowed in the classroom. If your child comes to school with such a device, it should stay in their locker until the end of the school day. If you need to get a hold of your child, please call the office and we will pass along the message or arrange for a phone call to take place.





Please make sure your family information is current in JMC. You can login into JMC using our school website at <https://www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us/high-school/> by clicking on the parents section and JMC.

You may also call the school office to update any information. The key points of information are current email addresses, phone numbers, and mailing addresses.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

As previously mentioned, our school website can be found at www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us From the website, JMC can be accessed to monitor student progress, grades, lunch accounts and other information.

Our website serves as a great resource for lesson plans, schedules of events, school calendar, menus, educational links, and so much more. Please familiarize yourself with our website to be used as a resource for many of the events that occur each and every day throughout the school year.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow our school and activity Facebook accounts for important announcements, updates, reminders, and the opportunity to see the many great things that our students are doing on a daily basis.





PHOTO RELEASE

Your child may be photographed while participating in Ulen-Hitterdal education activities, and the school district may want to use the photograph(s) to promote school district activities in publicly distributed documents (brochures, web page, flyers, newspaper, and the like) or in photo displays in a public place, such as on bulletin boards, unless there is a stated objection by the parents. Please notify the school by the last day of September if you wish to opt out of the use of your child's photo. If you have any questions, please call the school.

TITAN TIME

Titan Time has been moved to the middle of the academic day which now creates the following schedule for our students:

Senior High Band & Choir Classes- 10:49 - 11:55 (Study Hall for those in only one of the Musical Arts)

Titan Time (7,8, & Non-Band/Choir) - 11:37 - 12:16

Lunch Time (7, 8, & Non-Band/Choir): 12:19 - 12:49

Lunch Time (Band/Choir Students) - 11:55 - 12:25

Titan Time (Senior High Band/Choir Students) - 12:28 - 12:49



SCHOOL NURSE

Ulen-Hitterdal School contracts with Clay County Public Health to have a registered nurse visit our school every two weeks. Cheryl Sapp is our Clay County Public Health School Nurse for the 2023-2024 school year. Should you have any questions concerning medications; diabetes health plans; or emergency health plans for students with allergies, asthma, seizures and any other medical needs, please contact Cheryl at 218-299-7196.



MEDICATION

Minnesota state law requires that the physician and parent complete a medication authorization form if a student is taking prescription medication during school hours. The school is not permitted to give medication to a child if the proper authorization has not been filled out. The medication must be in its original packaging/container. A new authorization is required each school year.

If your child is to take over-the-counter medication, the authorization form must be completed and the medication must be in its original packaging/container. A new authorization is required each school year. These forms may be requested from the school office.

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ELEMENTARY SUPPLY LIST

2023-2024



Pre-Kindergarten Supply List

- Backpack large enough to fit folder and other items
- 1 two-pocket folder with name on it
- 2 containers of Clorox Wipes
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- Extra set of clothes in a Ziploc bag with name on it
- Small blanket for rest time (4 / 5 year olds only)
- Gym shoes to leave at school (4 / 5 year olds only)

First Grade Supply List

- Crayola Crayons (Box of 24)
- Crayola Colored Pencils (Box of 24)
- Crayola Washable Markers (Box of 10)
- Ticonderoga #2 Pencils (Box of 24)
- 4 Pink Pearl or Paper Mate Erasers
- 2 Highlighters
- 10 Glue Sticks
- Hard Shell Pencil Box
- 2 Sturdy Pocket Folders
- 1 Spiral Notebook
- 4 to 6 Dry Erase Expo Markers for Student Use

Kindergarten Supply List

- 2 Boxes Crayola Crayons (Box of 24)
- Crayola Markers (Box of 10)
- Pencils (24)
- Set of Watercolor Paints (16 Pack)
- Fiskars Blunt Tip Scissors
- 1 Large Pink Eraser
- 10 Jumbo or 20 Regular Glue Sticks
- 5 Dry Erase Markers
- Pencil Box (No Bags)
- 1 Red 3-Prong Folder
- 1 Blue 3-Prong Folder
- 2 Fun Folders for Communication
- Box of Kleenex
- Boys: Ziploc Sandwich Baggies
- Girls: Ziploc Gallon Baggies
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- Beach Towel for Resting Spot
- Extra Change of Clothes
- Pants, Shirt, Socks, Underwear

Donations:

- White Cheap Paper Plates (Not Fancy or Foam Plates)
- Ziploc Quart/Snack Size Bags
- Cotton Balls

First Grade Supply List (Continued)

- Crayola Watercolor Paint (16 Pan Set)
- Gym Shoes
- Backpack
- Container of Clorox Wipes (To Share)
- Large Box of Kleenex (To Share)

Donations:

- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Headphones for Chromebooks
- Ziplock Bags (Sandwich & Gallon)

Second Grade Supply List

- 4 Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- #2 Ticonderoga Pencils (Box of 24)
- 10 Jumbo or 20 Regular Glue Sticks
- Hard Shell Pencil Box
- Classic Crayola Washable Markers (Box of 10)
- Crayola Crayons (Box of 24)
- Crayola Watercolor Paints (16 Count)
- Westcott or Fiskars Kid Scissors
- 2 Pack Pink Erasers
- 2 Fun Two-Pocket Folders (Take Home Folders)
- 3-Three Prong Folders (1 Purple, 1 Green, & 1 Blue)
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 2 Highlighters
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- Large Box of Kleenex (To Share)
- Boys: Ziploc Quart-Size Baggies
- Girls: Ziploc Gallon-Size Baggies

Donations:

- Ziploc-Snack Size Baggies
- Container of Clorox Wipes (To Share)

Third Grade Supply List

- Sharpened Pencils (Box of 24/More Needed Later)
- Crayola Classic Markers (8 Count)
- 4 Wide-Lined Spiral Notebooks (Green, Red, Blue, & Yellow)
- 4 Pocket Folders (Green, Red, Blue, and Yellow)
- 2 Highlighters
- 24 Count Crayons
- 12 Glue Sticks
- Small Scissors
- 2 Black or Blue Expo Dry Erase Markers w/ Eraser
- 2 Four-Packs of Pink Pearl Erasers
- 3 Ring Binder (1 inch with Pockets)
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- Personal Set of Headphones or Earbuds
- Last Names from A-F: Large Box of Kleenex
- Last Names from G-L: Ziploc Quart-Size Bags (20 Count)
- Last Names from M-Z: Lysol or Clorox Wipes (225 Count)

Fourth Grade Supply List

- 1 Sturdy Folder
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 1 Container of Clorox Wipes
- \$10 to Cover the Rest of the Supplies





Fifth Grade Supply List

- 1 Binder (1 ½ inch)
- Box of 48 Pencils (No Mechanical-More Needed Throughout the Year)
- Crayola Colored Pencils (Box of 12)
- Crayola Classic Markers (Box of 10)
- Crayola Crayons (Box of 24)
- Small Pack Pencil Top Erasers
- 4 Highlighters (Different Colors)
- Binder Pouch
- Wired Headphones
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes (Leave at School)
- Keener (To Share with Class)
- Clorox Wipes (To Share with Class)
- Optional: Basic Calculator



Sixth Grade Supply List

- 1 Binder (1 ½ inch)
- 48 Pencils (No Mechanical-More Needed Throughout the Year)
- Binder Pouch
- Wired Headphones
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes (Leave at School)
- Kleenex (To Share with Class)
- Clorox Wipes (To Share with Class)
- Optional Items
 - Crayola Colored Pencils (12 Pack)
 - Crayola Classic Markers (10 Pack)
 - Crayola Crayons (24 Pack)
 - Small Pack of Pencil Top Erasers
 - 4 Highlighters (Different Colors)
 - Scientific Calculator (TI-30XS)

Music Class Supply List (Only for 4th, 5th & 6th)

- Two Pocket Folder
- #2 Pencils (No Mechanical)

