

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Families,

April is the Month of the Military Child, dedicated to recognizing the resilience and sacrifices of children from military families. These young individuals face unique challenges, from navigating frequent relocations to dealing with the complexities of having a parent deployed. To show our support and appreciation, we mark April 17th as "Purple Up! For Military Kids Day". On this day, we encourage everyone—students, staff, and parents—to wear purple as a visible sign of gratitude and solidarity with our military families.

Please note that our schools will be on Spring Break from April 19-26. April 19 has been designated as an emergency day giveback, allowing us to extend our Spring Break and offer our students and staff a well-deserved respite. We hope you use this time to relax, rejuvenate, and spend quality time with your loved ones.

During this break, we also look forward to celebrating several key environmental and cultural observances, including Earth Day (4/22) and Arbor Day (4/26), which remind us of our collective responsibility to protect and cherish our planet. Additionally, we will be welcoming the start of Passover (4/22), a time of reflection and celebration for many in our community.

Wishing everyone a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kathleen Davis
Interim Superintendent

SOLAR ECLIPSE

The UCSD Staff participated in the solar eclipse. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and Earth, casting the moon's shadow on Earth. The totality only happened for about 3 minutes.

PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS

Military members and military-connected families make many sacrifices for the security and safety of our nation, including military-connected children during their K-12 experiences. Wednesday, April 17th has been designated as "Purple Up! For Military Kids Day" across the state. The UCSD encourages all faculty, staff and students to wear purple. We also encourage schools to engage in an activity of their design during the month of April to honor and support our military-connected students.

ELEMENTARY NEWS:
PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

Discover and learn with us! Join our Parent Education Series on April 18, 2024, at 6 PM, hosted at Hugh R. Jones Elementary. This month, we'll delve into the critical topic of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). Open to all Utica City School District parents

and guardians; this event offers food, gift cards, the Mobile Museum, and more—all at no cost. No registration necessary—come and engage!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:
UPD VS. DONOVAN VOLLEYBALL

On March 28th, Team Donovan was victorious over UPD in our annual sporting competition. Thank you UPD for participating!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:
PROCTOR SENIORS! SAVE THE DATE: FAFSA WORKSHOPS!

OnPoint for College will be hosting two FAFSA workshops at Proctor on Wednesday, April 17th and May 1st from 4-7PM on the 2nd floor cafeteria. Come join us if you need help completing FAFSA or correcting your FAFSA! Students that attend the workshop will receive a \$10 gift card. Please bring the following items with you: FSA ID username and password, student's and parent's social security numbers, parent's drivers license or photo ID, parent's 2022 tax return, and student's green card or A# if not a US citizen. If you have any questions, please reach out to KuSay Paw at kusaypaw@onpointforcollege.org, or at 315-937-6440.

2ND ANNUAL COPS AND RAIDERS BASKETBALL GAME

Come see our class of 2024 seniors take on our local police officers in a friendly basketball game on Friday, April 12th at 6:00 pm in the Proctor gymnasium. Admission price is \$2.00 – students / \$3.00 – adults. We will be selling event merch! All proceeds will go towards the class of 2024 end of the year events.



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