



About U.S.

Message from the Head of School

Roger Tsien, of U.C. San Diego - who at age 16 won the prestigious Westinghouse Science Talent Search; Martin Chalfie, of Columbia University, and Osamu Shimomura, a Japanese-born researcher who works at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA, were the recipients of this year's Nobel Prize for Chemistry. The work that each of these men did, which culminated in what the committee called "a guiding star for chemists, biologists, bio-chemists and other researchers" began in 1953 when Shimomura, who is now 80, discovered what made the remains of a crushed mollusk glow. Three years later, he isolated the protein responsible and during the next half century the subsequent work done by Shimomura, Tsien and Chalfie, the success of which depended upon the discoveries and thinking of each other, led to the final breakthrough for which they have been honored. While their discovery is considered the biggest breakthrough in cell research since the development of the microscope, it also serves as a perfect illustration of the power of intellectual collaboration and hence the importance of guiding children in the habits of mind that encourage an understanding of productive, creative collaboration, as well as modeling such collaboration as teachers.

The notion of intellectual collaboration, something that is commonly labeled as cooperative learning in today's classrooms, is certainly not a new idea. The Roman philosopher, Seneca, advocated cooperative learning through such statements as, Qui Docet Discet - when you

teach, you learn twice, and the Talmud clearly states that to learn you must have a learning partner. John Dewey, progressive educational philosopher of the early twentieth century and an inspiration to the parents who founded our school, promoted cooperative learning groups. However, by the late 1930's, competition became the focus in schools and by the

like those of the Nobel winners - hinge on those of their classmates.

Knowing this, I was thrilled to attend a recent presentation a few weeks ago by our second graders on how animals adapt to their habitats. From early conversations among the children, a project that began simply as one about animals and where they live slowly grew into one

about how animals have learned to adapt to their environments. Their research involved not only learning groups of children but also support from several of their teachers and older students who came together to provide the skills and information the second graders discovered they needed in order to come to their final conclusions and to present them clearly to an audience of parents and grandparents. Their classroom and sci-

ence teacher, Ms. Leavy; their art teacher, Ms. Desgranges; and our librarian, Mrs. Lietuvninkas all served as guides and resources as the second graders followed the path that their curiosity and discoveries took. And when they decided that their SmartBoard presentations would be clearer with podcasts from each of them, Mr. Mitchell and his sixth grade technology students were enlisted to teach them how to make that possible. The final result was a series of confident, individual presentations, all of which were improved by the collaborative work of students and teachers.

Here's to a happy, healthy New Year of working together.

Sharon Lauer



Second graders collaborate on ideas for their animal habitat research.

1960's individualized learning became the norm. It was not until the 1980's that educators revisited the notion of learning groups and the value they could bring to each child's learning experience. We remember ten percent of what we read, twenty percent of what we hear and thirty percent of what we see - as an individual. More impressively, we remember seventy percent of what we discuss with others and ninety-five percent of what we teach someone else. Add to those statistics the fact that well-planned learning groups that mimic the authentic collaboration we see in the adult world always stimulate higher order thinking and more sophisticated results because each child's observations and discoveries - just

Trimester I, 2008-2009

Unquowa Honors

(no grade below A and no effort grade below a 3)

Grade 5

Victoria Clarke

Grade 6

**Jennifer Godfrey
Danielle Greenawalt
Katherine Halas
Elizabeth Kremer**

Grade 7

**Peta-Gay Clayton
Bailey Cooke
Marc Thomas Greenawalt
Charles Haviland
Charles Jersey
Erica Meno
Mackenzie Murray
Tristan Schietinger**

Grade 8

Max Martone

Honor Roll

(B+ average with no grade below B and and no effort grade below a 3)

Grade 5

**Rachael Anzalone
Justin Blanchette
Caroline Guterl
Daniel Leszczynski
Sassine Makhraz
Jaeden McKenzie
Erin Reilly
Patrick Tennant**

Grade 6

**Jennee Blanco
Alexander Burdo
Vikram Chaudhuri
Andrew Godfrey
Nicole Grabe
Morgan Hansen
Tatum Hughes
Gemma Lein-McDonough
Deborah Leszczynski
Katherine Sommers
Mary Spodnick
Winston Stalowir
Christopher Taylor
Claire Tetenbaum
Jack Weiss
Abigail Winter**

Grade 7

**Andres Ayala
Davis Baer
Kai Burton
Stephen Cadoux
Grace Carapezzi
Alexis Genovese
Jeremiah Starke
Katherine Viteretto
Gregory Weiner**

Grade 8

**Rajane Brown
Nicole Derek
Joshua Knopf
Matthew Kresch
Marissa Leggiadro
Taylor Lopez-Balboa
Nadia Makhraz
Rachel McDermott
Catherine McNeela
Seth Samowitz
Jillian Thornton
Mark Watson**

Thanksgiving

Our annual Thanksgiving Banquet when we all feast together in the gym was wonderful as always! Everyone enjoyed the food and the camaraderie of the event. Lower School students were dressed as Native Americans or Pilgrims and Upper Schoolers were in their "dress up" clothes. We had two families join us this year — the Pinto and the Blanco families — who won the honor in our annual UPA Auction.

One of our long-standing traditions, as part of our Thanksgiving Feast, is to have Upper School students say a prayer of thanks in the language of their ancestors.

This year, ten languages were spoken as follows:

Filipino - Jeremiah Starke
Gaelic - Katherine Halas
German - Josh Knopf
Hebrew - Amy Greenberg, Tristan Schietinger, Greg Weiner and Jack Weiss
Italian - Alex Burdo, Jenna Godfrey, Erica Meno and Chris Taylor
Lebanese - Nadia and Sisso Makhraz
Polish - Nicole Derek, Danielle Greenawalt and Debbie Leszczynski
Ugandan - Kai and Kamau Burton
Spanish - Taylor Lopez-Balboa
Vietnamese - Elizabeth Kremer

After the feast our kindergarteners and fourth graders delivered the many items we had collected for the Connecticut Food Bank. We had a huge collection this year and the students worked hard to load it all onto the bus and then off again at the Westport Stop and Shop. After all their work students performed a song which was played the next morning on the radio! Great job! Thank you to all for your generosity this season.

Thank you, also, to the eighth graders for setting up the tables and decorating them so beautifully and to Chefs Peter and Dan for the delicious food for our feast!

Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Unquowa students and their guests had a wonderful time on this special day. Our special visitors spent time in the classrooms participating in a variety of projects from reading to math games to art projects. Students were honored to show their special guests their classroom and the school and to offer them some delicious snacks in the gym.

Everyone came together in a special all-school assembly where we were treated to a number of delightful musical performances along with birthday announcements and a speech by eighth grader, Nadia Makhraz.

Thank you to our music teachers, Anna Pelletier and Lisa Strmecki, for the wonderful performances and thank you to Chef Peter and Assistant Chef Dan for the special treats.

A special thank you also to Doug McCabe and Bob Kelley for the set up and parking that day and to the UPA Hospitality Committee - Renee Clark, Maria Hughes, Tami-Lyn Morse, Andrea Pinto, Anne Riffice, and Joan Winter. Great job!

We invite grandparents who couldn't make it that day to drop by for a visit anytime they are in town!

Abantu mu Buntu

Each year our school is visited by student performers from all over the world through the kindness of Creative Connections, an international cultural exchange program. This past November, however, we were fortunate to have a return visit from Tender Talents School of Uganda. As part of their fall tour in Westchester and Fairfield counties, the school's touring group, Abantu Mu Buntu, did a special benefit concert here at The Unquowa School on Sunday, November 8th which included a number by Tender Talents students and our Upper School chorus. It was an unusual opportunity for our chorus to perform a song with a chorus from another country after only an hour's joint rehearsal prior to the concert. Even better was the chance to reconnect with students and faculty who had visited



our school three years ago.

The concert itself, filled with singing, dancing and drumming from the Ugandan culture, was simply amazing. The energy and professionalism of the Abantu Mu Buntu troupe was matched only by their uncanny ability to connect with their audience. The audience - a packed house - clearly showed that they felt that connection, not only through their audience participation but also

through their donations following the performance that will provide tuition for these amazing kids. Tender Talents is a school that provides a home, an education and a future to children who, because of the aids epidemic that has swept the African continent, might have had little hope. Its directors, Frank and Brenda Katoora, not only work tirelessly on tour but throughout the year to provide for and to educate as many orphaned children as possible.

This concert proved to truly be "a person-to-person intercultural interaction that opens up hearts and minds." For more information on Creative Connections and Tender Talents School, visit www.creativeconnections.org.



Fall Sports Banquet

Soccer

Three undefeated teams!

It is extremely rare to have one undefeated team, never mind three. We would like to congratulate the jv, green varsity and white varsity soccer teams for representing themselves and our school so well. They were dedicated, hard working and played great team defense.

The jv soccer team was led by the defense of Justin Blanchette and Danny Leszczynski and the scoring of Sisso Makhraz.

The defensive stars of the green soccer team were Spencer Jordan, Andrew Godfrey. Winston Stalowir and Peta-Gay Clayton emerged as offensive stars.

The defense of the white soccer team was one of our strongest ever as Davis Baer, Marc Thomas Greenawalt and Mackenzie Murray led the way. Our goaltending was strong, as Kamau Burton and Bailey Cooke shared the duties. Seth Samowitz and Josh Knopf led the team in scoring.

Thanks to all for a great season and wonderful memory!

Coach B.

Field Hockey

Congratulations to the Unquowa Field Hockey team! This season the girls made many wonderful improvements. They were strong attacking the goal and were extremely supportive defensively. They continued to think quickly and make smart passes. Each of the girls placed all of their efforts into our games and practices. Their sportsmanship and positive attitudes stayed strong throughout the season. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication to the team. Go Gators!!

Ms. Becker & Ms. Donza

Awards

Most Improved

Soccer
Peta-Gay Clayton
Mackenzie Murray
Mark Watson
Field Hockey
Morgan Hansen

Outstanding Performance

Soccer
Josh Knopf
Sisso Makhraz
Catherine McNeela
Field Hockey
Nicole Derek

Good Sportsmanship

Soccer
Kamau Burton
Andrew Godfrey
Nadia Makhraz
Field Hockey
Katharine Halas

Defense

Soccer
Justin Blanchette
Bailey Cooke
Charlie Jersey
Danny Leszczynski
Field Hockey
Rajane Brown

Unquowa School Spirit

Kai Burton

Special thanks to ...

... all of our coaches for the wonderful celebratory evening: Maureen Becker, Chris Donza, LaVern Burton, Stefanie Leavy, Lloyd Mitchell, and Al Boccamazzo

... Maria Taylor for the balloons and Hospitality for the clean-up help

... Chef Peter and Chef Dan for the wonderful food ... and to Mr. Doug and Mr. Bob for everything!

Wildlife Recognition

The Unquowa School has been recognized by the National Wildlife Federation as a certified wildlife habitat. This distinction was earned for our commitment to conserving wildlife by providing food sources, water sources, places for protection and to raise young, and the use of many sustainable gardening practices to manage the landscape. Some of these include the use of native plants, mulch, and compost and the elimination of chemical pesticides and fertilizers. The Unquowa School has received a Certificate of Achievement and a Certified Wildlife Habitat sign for its commitment to wildlife in the community.

Mary Curran



Second graders Gianna & Christopher with our certification sign

Project FeederWatch

The Unquowa School is participating in a winter-long survey of birds conducted by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Volunteer students, in third through eighth grade, meet every other Monday and Tuesday to count birds at the feeding station located behind The Unquowa School. Tallies are sent to the FeederWatch database to help scientists develop a better understanding of bird populations. In the month of November we identified 9 species of birds including white breasted nuthatches, tufted titmice, black capped chickadees, and downy and red-bellied woodpeckers! We even spotted deer on two occasions visiting the bird feeders and congregating along the Horse Tavern Brook.

Students interested in participating in this program should look for the monthly sign-up in the front hall. Students may sign up for one day only or as many days as are available. Dress warmly and meet us in the hall outside of the music room at 8:00 a.m. on designated FeederWatch days. Come learn how to identify birds and help scientists study bird populations. Contact Mrs. Curran or Alex Burdo (6A) if you have any questions.

Mary Curran

Coronation

This year's Winter Festival king and queens were officially crowned at our first Assembly in December.

Queen Saoria (Grace), Queen Riona (Erica) and King Torin (Marc Thomas) received their crowns and scepters from last year's royalty, Queen Nadia and King Max.

In addition to their duties at Winter Festival, the newly crowned queens and kings wore their royal robes throughout the day.



Knighting Ceremony

The First Graders were knighted in a royal ceremony prior to Winter Festival. Our King and Queens presented the newly titled knights with their sashes. The students chose "knight" names:

- Sir Annie the Fast
- Sir Antara the Brave
- Sir Giovanni the Victorious
- Sir Karli the Quick
- Sir Lucy the Smart
- Sir Paul the Mathematician
- Sir Van the Adventurous
- Sir Zelle the Nice

First Graders created their own shields and earned different color badges for completing knightly deeds. This year's knights would like to thank all of the parents involved in making their shields and sashes look very noble. It made the performance extra special!

Ms. Becker



Partridge

Each year a second grade student is selected to become the partridge — an important part in our all-school rendition of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*. The partridge is atop a ladder with the rest of the school filling in front of him or her. After careful consideration, Ms. Leavy, our second grade teacher, made the decision and announced it at our weekly Assembly!

"And the partridge is Carson Solaz!"

Carson received a rousing round of applause as Ms. Leavy placed the special partridge headpiece on his head! Congratulations to Carson!



Winter Festival 2008



The River of Dreams



Student Docents at The Aldrich Museum

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grades students experienced the exhibits at The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield through the eyes of the Upper School Student Docents on October 29. After having trained for four sessions at the museum, the Docents, Jennee Blanco, Morgan Hansen, Jenna Godfrey, Brandon Hylton, Isabel Jordan, Spencer Jordan, Elizabeth Kremer, Seth Samowitz, Mark Watson, Jack Weiss, and Abbie Winter, lead the students in thoughtful discussion about the current exhibits and elicited unique insights and observations through their purposeful line of inquiry. The Aldrich's motto, "Look. Look Again," is exactly what the Docents encouraged their peers to do while viewing the galleries. After a few minutes, a swirl of paint suddenly become a portal to another dimension, or a random collection of nonsensical computer printouts came into view as the moon. Experiencing the Aldrich's contemporary works through the guided observation of the Student Docents was a completely unique and rewarding experience unmatched by any independent visit to the museum. No curator's detailed descriptions of artistic intent or context can create the personal sense of artistic ownership and appreciation that is felt after listening to a discussion among students taking the time to really observe what they see. Congratulations to this year's Docents for their wonderful and professional job of exposing us to the wealth of enjoyment and artistic possibility found in contemporary art. It was truly a unique experience, and one that has become an integral part of the art curriculum at Unquowa.

Krissy Sabol



Congratulations, Mrs. Burton

LaVern Burton, our P.E. teacher and department chair, was among three educators who received awards at the Horizons National Student Enrichment Program for her exemplary commitment to the program and its students. In addition to teaching P.E. and health at Unquowa, LaVern teaches students in the summer and on weekends at the Horizons program at GFA for students who are drawn from the Bridgeport public school system. She was nominated based on her innovative math program designed for eighth graders.

LaVern was honored at an awards dinner in October and was presented the award by Horizons' founder, Lyn McNaught and Lorna Smith, National Executive Director. Also on hand at the celebration was Brian Williams, NBC news anchor whose wife, Jane, is Horizon's National Board chair.

Congratulations, Mrs. Burton!



Meet our Board

This month we introduce you to board member, Robert Sires. Bob was elected to the Board in April 2006 and immediately took on the task of chairing



the Annual Fund. This year Bob also became the Chair of our Development Committee.

Bob is the owner and CEO of both Bay State Cable Ties and Screen Tech. Previously, he was President of Leach Holding Company. Bob is a graduate of Quinnipiac University and is a CPA.

He and his wife, Tara, live in Easton with their two children, Keirsten, a junior at St. Joseph's High School (2006 Unquowa graduate), and Brandon, a third grader at Unquowa.

New Arrivals!

Antara Ghai, PreK-4, has a new baby sister! Saisha was born at the end of November.



Congratulations to Antara and her mom, Priyanka Singh, and her dad, Rahul Ghai.

Brandon Hylton, Grade 8, has a new brother! Jaeden was born in December.

Congratulations to Brandon and his parents, Karlene and Don Hylton.

From the Library



Every December we start the month off with a tradition, reading the wonderful tale of the foxy cookie that outwits a sly fox. Yes, we are talking about the Gingerbread Man. Many different versions including *Gingerbread Girl* by Lisa Campbell Ernst are read to our PreK-4 students. During each tale you can hear the "Run, run as fast as you can" chant. Thanks to some parent and grandparent volunteers who baked the delicious treats, we had enough for both classes to decorate their own gingerbread men. Can you believe what happened next? Those little cookies actually ran away. Thanks to the effort of our staff and students with magnifying glasses, we were able to find them and take them home to share with our families.

Our fourth through sixth graders have been discussing the recent nominees for the Nutmeg Award. We will be voting for our favorite title in January. From ghosts, robots, the early days of the colonial settlement at Jamestown, Virginia, a homework machine and even to the mystery of dreams, there is something for everyone. Visit www.nutmegaward.org to get a list of the current titles.

All students in grades 4-8 are requested to have a library card by January 5, 2009. Students will be learning how to use their card to access iConn which is part of the Connecticut Education Network. It provides all students with online information about essential library and information resources.

Debbie Lietuvninkas



Art Teacher for a Day

When I was Art Teacher of the Day with my brother, Andrew, it was a great experience. I felt the excitement and challenge of being a teacher. The kids were very attentive. They learned that you can make sugar skulls out of plaster and decorate them. They also learned about the Day of the Dead (Dra de los muertos). It was a little messy, but it was worth the clean up!



After a day of hard work, I was a little tired. I think Ms. Sabol and Mrs. Desgranges' job is kind of tough. They have to make sure all the children are paying attention, listening, and having fun. If anyone did that job for a day, they would realize how hard and fun it is. I had a great time.

Jenna Godfrey

Art Teacher for a Day and a variety of other teacher experiences will be up for auction at our Annual Spring Fundraiser.

Watch for details from our Parents' Association!

Slow Food - Terra Madre

At a World Meeting of Food Communities in Turin, Italy — halfway around the globe, I proudly wore my Unquowa sweatshirt in this Piedmont city as it hosted the biennial international gathering of the Slow Food organization. Founded in 1989 and now consisting of over 85,000 members, this eco-gastronomic organization works to counteract fast food, fast life and the disappearance of local food traditions. From October 23 - 26, over 8,000 members from 132 countries convened to reinforce the organization's commitment to good, clean and fair. The belief that the food we eat should taste good; that it should be produced in a clean way that does not harm the environment, animal welfare or our health; and that food producers should receive fair compensation for their work.

Five thousand farmers, 1000 chefs and a multitude of passionate eaters assembled in the venues used during the 2006 Olympic Games for what many called the "Olympics of Food." Congruent to the meetings of Terra Madre, the Salone del Gusto (the largest Artisanal food show in the world) offered attendees tastings from all corners of the planet. Connecticut sent several delegates, who enjoyed such artisanal fare as Tcherni Vit - a green cheese from Bulgaria, cured charcuterie from the Italian Alps, Transylvanian preserves and - American Raw Milk Cheeses, which included our very own Cato Corner Farm Hooligan Cheese from Colchester CT.

Slow Food's acknowledgement that there is a strong connection between plate and planet is a refreshing wake-up call that life's necessities can also be life's pleasures. And back here in Fairfield, we at The Unquowa School can honestly say we are at the forefront of this belief.

John Turenne



Faculty Recognition



Patricia Bruno, our fourth grade teacher, was recognized at December's holiday dinner for being in her thirtieth year of teaching and guiding children at Unquowa. Pat

began her career here as a third grade teacher and has taught in many Lower School grades throughout her career.

Al Boccamazzo, Athletics Director, and JoAn Sabatini, Upper School Learning Skills, were also acknowledged for ten years of dedication to our school and our children.



Take-A-Look Ahead!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 7 - the day all parents are invited to join us for an "Open House." Following Assembly come tour our classrooms and learn what your children will be doing next year and beyond.

Alumni News

We are sorry to announce the passing of three of our alumni:

Betsy (Elizabeth Covell) Brett, class of '34, who passed away in November after a long illness.

Sargent Sheffield Eaton, class of '34, who died in November here in Fairfield while visiting his sister, Elizabeth Eaton Shaw, class of '30. Mr. Eaton most recently resided in Colorado Springs.

Harry W. Walker, class of '35, who passed away in November in Vero Beach, Florida. Services were also held in his memory here in Bridgeport.

Our condolences go out to each of the families.

Many Thanks



Thank you to all those who worked on our Winter Festival set-up. From the tech crew who was busy setting up the lighting to the

stained glass window hangers to the tool-wielding students and parents, thank you — you transformed the gym into a magical castle perfect for a winter festival!

The Hospitality Committee (Renee Clark, Maria Hughes, Tami-Lyn Morse, Andrea Pinto, Anne Riffice, and Joan Winter)) would like to thank all the Unquowa families who so generously provided goodies for the Winterfest reception. We would also like to send a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with setting up and cleaning afterwards. The Winterfest reception was a great success.

A special thank you to all the faculty and staff who made Winterfest such a wonderful event!

A note from the UPA ...

Greetings and Happy New Year!

The **Autumn Evening of Food and Wine** was a fantastic evening for all who attended. Held at the Connecticut Audubon Center in Fairfield, the event was a night where food, wine, jazz music and community came together for a memorable time. Many varieties of the carefully chosen wine were available for purchase. Several beautiful gift baskets adorned the room and were auctioned off. At the end of the evening goodie bags were available for all the attendees. Our gratitude and thanks go to Jessica Ryan, Mary Jean Basileo, Tami-Lyn Morse, Stephen and Gina Jones, as well as David Dworski for their invaluable help in planning this phenomenal event. Kudos go to Kim Proto for her festive pumpkins and decorating expertise. We would also like to thank Joan Winter for volunteering her time to staff the Audubon's gift shop during the event.



During December, the wonders of the annual Winterfest took place in our beautifully transformed gym. Banners and a kingdom came together, which added to the enchantment of our children's magnificent performances in *The River of Dreams*. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the many parents who volunteered their time — whether it was helping to build the actual set, sew, organize costumes decorate the gym,

inscribe the snowman mementos, or assist with props. A community event such as this, takes many dedicated people to lend a helping hand. We are very fortunate to have such an involved parent body. Special thanks goes to Mark Greenawalt for overseeing the set construction.

What is Winterfest without food? Our Hospitality Committee, chaired by Andrea Pinto, did a remarkable job in coordinating the food and desserts that were generously donated by our parents. The dining room became a venue for socializing by both new and old families, while our young actors basked in the wonder of Winterfest.

This year, for the holidays, we reached out to families from Fairfield Family Services whose celebrations would be less bright without our assistance. On December 17, the AMR (American Medical Response) ambulance stopped at Unquowa to pick up the toys we had collected. Students from each grade carried boxes full of toys to the ambulance and had the opportunity to check out the inside of the ambulance. Finally, to round out our charitable efforts, we collected gently used coats, hats and gloves for the Mercy Learning Center's clothing closet. A big thank-you goes to Cathy Leitner, Steve Morse, and the community service committee for organizing these events.

Don't miss our upcoming **Bingo Night on January 30** at 6:30 pm. It is a fun-filled activity for all. Siblings are invited and encouraged to attend. What better way to heat up a cold winter's night than hearing the call of "BINGO!"

Our next **UPA meeting is January 14**. Please join us in the dining room following assembly. We will be forming our committees for the upcoming Spring Fundraiser that will be held, for the first time, online, from April 8 to 17, 2009. Our annual Spring Fundraiser is our major fundraiser for the year. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Joan Panagos and Marcie Lapido
UPA Co-Presidents

Shopping?

Use the UPA Partnerships and link to Amazon.com from our homepage. A percentage of purchases through this link will go to Unquowa!

You can also designate Unquowa on your Big Y grocery shopping card!

Thank you for your support!

Annual Fund

Our Annual Fund appeal is off to a great start. Thank you to everyone who has given or pledged. In our next issue we will include a list of donors by grade.

As you know, our goal within the school is 100% participation. To help reach that goal Class Captains will be contacting current families who haven't yet donated or pledged to this year's fund. They will be calling not only as a reminder, but also to answer any questions you may have about the Annual Fund. They can answer questions about gift categories or how the matching gift program works. So, if you have not yet had time to pledge, you will be hearing from them.

Our faculty and board are at 100% participation. Let's make 2008-2009 the school year we can say our parents are also at 100% participation. Thank you for your support!

Bob Sires, Annual Fund Chair

Class Captains

PreK-3 — Joan Panagos
PreK-4 — Jennifer Giannino & Steve Halas
Kindergarten — Kris Hansen
Grade 1 — Laura Baytos
Grade 2 — Geoff Chapin
Grade 3 — Bob Sires
Grade 4 — Dan Solaz
Grade 5 — Bob Sires
Grade 6 — Kris Hansen
Grade 7 — Mark Greenawalt
Grade 8 — Sally McNeela & Karl Martone

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THE UNQUOWA SCHOOL



January

Check our online calendar for the complete and constantly updated schedule but dates to note in January include:

Take-A-Look Ahead Day - Wednesday, January 7

Your opportunity to “look ahead” to see what your child will be doing in future grades.

School Closed

Friday, January 16 for Teacher Professional Development and Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Academic Fair - Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Come see projects by students in grades 6 through 8

Bingo Night - Friday, January 30 at 6:30

A night of fun for Unquowa families!

**Go to www.unquowa.org
and click on “Calendar”**



The eighth grade recently visited the Fairfield History Center and Museum to view an exhibit on family heirlooms. They are working on their own exhibit about objects that are meaningful to their families and why entitled “Our Nation's Generations.”

*This exhibit will be on display at the Fairfield History Center from **January 7 to February 1.***

There will be an opening reception on January 8 at 7:00 p.m. and a Show and Tell event on Sunday, February 1.