What a Great Year!!

This year is moving fast, and here at Upward Bound we are just trying to keep up. We have experienced many new changes. Our first change was staff; allow me to introduce them. Ms. Lovelia is the new secretary, Ms. Terri is the new academic coordinator, and I am the new director. We are all thrilled for the opportunity to get to work with Upward Bound, and we are merely tools ready to serve the students and guide them in achieving their goal of being the first in their family to graduate from college. How exciting is that!

The second obstacle for their year was being moved from place to place. Now, we are back in our portable building 5. Our office numbers are as follows: Ms. Jaclyn 686-4221, Ms. Terri 686-4217, and Ms. Lovelia 686-4215. On behalf of the staff, I say wholeheartedly that we are here for the students, and their academic success is our mission. Please call us if we can be of service to you. We look forward to a great year.

Jaclyn Gaona
UB Director

What’s in store for 2007

Welcome to the New Year!! It will prove to be an informative and exciting one. All of us here at Upward Bound will do our best to assist each and every one of you to become improved learners. A variety of opportunities planned for this year will enhance this goal.

In addition to Saturday Academy and our cultural activities this year we will continue our campus trips to several of the surrounding colleges. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the campuses up close and personal. These events have provided a way to share the college’s resources and opportunities. Many experts in the education world have stated that a student involved is one that will complete his college goal. So this should be informative and FUN!!
Sounds of the Season

Hooray! Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale, once again it was a spectacular kick-off for the holiday. One of our cultural events for December was this festive show. It appeared everyone in our group and all in attendance enjoyed themselves immensely. Gary Lewis, conductor filled our holidays with beautiful music. With holiday folk songs and that special visit from Santa young and old alike were entertained. Once again MOSC orchestra was fantastic. The Brass players and specifically the trombone solo was fun to watch and hear.

Computer Lab up and Running

Upward Bound’s computer lab is up and running. We have seven computers available for students to use for research or homework assignments here at the UB offices. We encourage all our students to take advantage of this lab to learn how to use information technology as a tool for learning. There is no better time to use and improve your computer skills. Remember students you can use this lab during our regular scheduled weekly tutoring times. So take advantage of this opportunity.

Question: What do computers eat when they get hungry?
Answer: Chips!!!

Tutoring for 2007

Tutoring will resume January 9, 2007 kicking off the 2007 academic year. To receive all you can out of your tutoring session, first students must come prepared and second our classrooms need to be at their best. To make better use of your valuable time and our instructors we will be implementing a new concept in our tutoring structure. Everyone will meet in the same room with two instructors addressing all subjects.

Here are some new classroom rules:

- Must complete at least one hour
- NO Talking
- NO cell phones
- Must work the entire time in tutoring. If you have finished your work, notify Mr. Ochoa so he can assign some SAT/ACT practice exercises.
- If these rules are not followed, Mr. Ochoa may ask you to leave. You will not get tutoring credit for that evening.
- Must sit with a desk in between you and the student by you, in front of you, and in back of you.
- After you have received tutoring from Pedro, you must return to your seat immediately.
UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:
2—Holiday POPS at Midland Center
9—Manor Park Christmas Party
Dec 20—Jan 2 MISD Holiday Break

JANUARY:
9—Tutoring Begins
20—Saturday Academy
30—Sr. Meeting 6:30pm MC Davidson Lecture Hall
FEBRUARY:
3—Sul Ross Tour
17—TTU Tour Beauty and The Beast Play
24—Sat Academy

MARCH:
3—UTPB Tour
12-17 Spring Break
24—Sat Academy
27—Junior Parent Meeting 6:30pm @ Davidson Lecture Hall
31—Sat Academy

What does Frosty the Snowman take when he gets sick?
A chill pill!!

Practical reminders to all students

So much to do, so little time to get it all done. This probably sounds familiar to you as an Upward Bound student or parent; however, instead of being stressed, take responsibility to successfully tackle and complete all that is asked of you.

Students and parents need to communicate with one another regarding schedules, activities, and deadlines. Maintaining a calendar of events to be shared with the entire family will help remind each other of important events.

Time Management is most important for success. Don’t procrastinate and wait until the last minute to do a project, assignment, or application. Seek immediate help from a teacher, counselor, or the Upward Bound staff regarding all academic and personal concerns.

Prepare for the future with wise decisions. Seniors, you only have one semester before you begin college. Are you ready? Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors, as you work on your course schedules for next year, choose classes that will best prepare you for college. And to everyone, by responsibly fulfilling your commitments to Upward Bound, you will be rewarded with a most successful future.

Betty Tonde
UB Counselor

COLLEGE WATCH—DATES

Meetings:
JAN 30—Sr. Meeting 6:30pm MC @Davidson Lecture Hall
MARCH 27—Junior Parent Meeting 6:30pm @Davidson Lecture Hall

Attention Seniors!
With only one semester of high school remaining, how is your college checklist?

Have you:
• Turned in your Common Application?
• Completed your Legacy Application & community service hours? (1/2/07 preferred deadline)
• Completed the $20,000 Dell Scholarship Application? (1/15/07 submission deadline) www.dellscholars.org
• Turned in your Texas Scholar hours? (2/9/07 deadline)
• Completed the THEA requirement?
• Turned in your PIN# for the FAFSA?
• Marked the scholarships for which you are eligible from the Midland Council of PTA’s Scholarship Opportunities booklet? (Mailed home in November)
• Set up a college visit with the admissions', financial aid, and housing offices if you are not going to Midland College?

Are you:
• Maintaining your grades & attending tutorials when needed? (Remember, the second semester counts in your GPA and for final college acceptance.)
• Applying for all scholarships that are appropriate for you? (Applications in the school counselors’ offices)
• Prepared for college in less than 8 months?
Upward Bound is a federally funded program designed to encourage high school students to complete their high school education and pursue higher education. Fifty students from Midland are selected to participate in this program.

Upward Bound provides young people with opportunities and assistance to explore their potential for academic, social, and personal growth. Its purpose is to provide equal access to post-secondary education for high school students by providing them with adequate preparation to enter college. Upward Bound assists students with college selection and application, assistance in career planning, scholarships, and financial aid to attend college.

Parent/Student Involvement is Important!!

Parents, your hand in your students' tutoring is extremely valuable to your student's success. We encourage our students and families to work hand in hand on homework assignments and tutoring responsibilities.

We are here for you on Tuesday's and Thursday's!!
6:00—7:30 pm

Thomas Edison, inventor
Edison's peculiar inquisitiveness as a young child impressed nobody but his tolerant mother. His first teacher described him as 'addled'. His father almost convinced him he was a "dunce", and his headmasters warned that he "would never make a success of anything." Under his mother's tutelage, Edison became a precocious reader, and went on to patent over a thousand inventions whose value to humankind is incalculable.

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