

**There is a remarkable story unfolding here at Ubly Community Schools. I am proud of our new website and encourage you to view the pages within. Our accomplishments, progress, teamwork, and plans for our future are found in these pages.**

**As you view the site, I am hopeful that you'll see our progress and share our pride. Pride of what we accomplish every day because of our combined efforts as parents, community, support staff and teachers.**

**Ubly is a special place and I am dedicated to serve in this community. I am looking forward to what lies ahead as we continue to work together. As you know, this is a serious economical time for our State and our nation. These critical times demand serious leadership and hard decisions. I encourage you to be involved by attending regular scheduled School Board Meetings. I invite you to share your concerns, suggestions with me via email, phone calls or personal visits.**

**Currently, we are diligently working on the 2010-2011 budget. Student enrollment is expected to decline, State aid will decrease, and retirement and insurance cost will increase. As we work through this budgeting process, I want to insure you that programs that benefit students is a priority. I welcome your suggestions if you are aware of cost savings that need to be explored.**

**I encourage you, as parents, to be involved in your child's academic progress. Here are a few suggestions:**

- 1. *Be interested.* Make sure your child knows their progress is important to you. Attend Parent Conferences. Do not assume someone will call if there is a problem. If you have a concern, call the school and talk with the teachers.**
- 2. *Discuss classes and set goals.* Sit down with your child at the beginning of each marking period and set realistic goals. At the end of a marking period, you can, of course, offer rewards if goals are met and/or consequences if they're not.**
- 3. *Offer to help.* Offer to help with homework, but don't give more help than is wanted. Keep in mind that it is your child's responsibility to be organized, to get the homework done, and to prepare for test.**
- 4. *Listen.* Talk to your child about what's happening in school and be a good listener.**
- 5. *Encourage involvement.* Students who are involved in school-related activities seem to enjoy school more and they generally have greater academic success. Encourage your child to be involved in one or more activities at school.**

6. ***Monitor activities.*** Make sure your child is not spending too much time watching TV, playing computer games, or talking on the phone.
7. ***Avoid these “Don’ts”.***
  - **Don’t nag about school or grades. Your child will tune you out.**
  - **Don’t allow your child to miss school unless he/she is really ill. You’re sending a message that school is not important.**
  - **Don’t criticize a teacher in front of your child. He/she will only lose respect for that teacher.**
  - **Don’t make your child’s failures (or successes) your own. Your child may see getting poor grades as a way to rebel.**
8. ***Work with the school.*** Know that we are here to help your child get the best education possible. If you have a question or concern that relates to a specific teacher or class, call the teacher. For other concerns or questions, call the counselor, principal or myself.

***“The tragedy of life doesn’t lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach.” Benjamin Mays***

**I hope some suggestions listed will assist you in dealing with the awesome responsibility all of us have in the pursuit of offering the best educational experience we owe to our students. Please do not hesitate to call if there is something I can do.**

**Rocky Aldrich  
Superintendent**

