Dear Metcalf Families,

Greetings from this year's Wildcat Student Council. We hope that you are having a great start to your school year and your fall season. We know that we are excited as ever to get this year going!

This letter is to inform you about this year's Spirit Week! Every year, Metcalf celebrates ISU or U-High's Homecoming by having Spirit Days where students (and faculty and staff!) get to dress up or down to fit the day's theme. This we are celebrating U-High - Go Pioneers! As always, feel free to consult our handbook pages 7 and 8 for what is considered to be school appropriate. A link to the handbook is provided for you: <u>http://goo.gl/llpzWS</u>.

This year's spirit week is from **September 22 - 26** (next week!).

This year, we are trying something a little bit different. Our lower primary grades (Pre-K - 2) and our upper grades (3-8) will have separate Spirit Days to better accommodate the learning needs of the students. As a result, do understand that older and younger siblings may have separate themed days. This may be a bit confusing and we do apologize for that - but it will be best for all involved to have separate days so that all students can fully enjoy participating in Spirit Week.

Below are the spirit days for your *<u>3rd grade through 8th grade</u>* student:

Monday 9/22 - Crazy Day: Start the week off in a fun way! Dress all crazy - do your hair in a fun way, wear mismatched clothes, different shoes, socks, you name it! Start off the week in a crazy way.

Tuesday 9/23 - Pajama day: Wear your school appropriate PJ's/comfy clothes to school to take advantage of pajama day!

Wednesday 9/24 - Character Day: Dress up as a character from your favorite book, movie, tv show, etc...! Please - no halloween costumes - use your clothes to create the look!

Thursday 9/25 - Throwback Thursday: Rock a retro look from a decade gone by, or even throw on some clothes that you maybe tried to rock a few years ago. It doesn't matter- remember to look like something you'd see from a few years (or decades) ago.

Friday 9/26 - Red/Green/Spirit Day: Have your student show their Metcalf or U-High Pride by wearing Red, Green and yellow, or Spiritwear on this day. This is U-High's homecoming!

Each day, homerooms have the chance to win the Spirit Stick from a random drawing based on their homeroom participating. Spirit stick winners will get to have the Spirit stick for the next school day. Each day that a homeroom has some participation among students (and teachers!) will get their homeroom put into a drawing for a special grand prize.

If you have any questions about Spirit Week - please let Mr. Andy Goveia know. He can be reached at (309) 438-2485 or by email at <u>agoveia@metcalf.illinoisstate.edu</u>.

We look forward to seeing our Pioneer/Wildcat Spirit at Metcalf next week! Have a great fall season. -The Wildcat Student Council