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Wow! How time flies! First trimester is nearly over! We have had an amazing start of the year—from Mrs. Birchell’s Utah Teacher of the Year award all the way to our excellent showing at State athletic competitions. We have our first musical under our belt, a State championship FFA Agronomy team, and amazing homecoming memories. We are looking forward to the great things that the rest of the year holds.

As we start a new trimester, now may be a good time to remind our students and parents of the opportunities Uintah has in place to help students be successful. Here is a quick reminder:

- Golden Time—held every Monday from 8 am to 9 am to help students get extra help from teachers.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences—held EVERY Monday after school from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm in teachers’ classrooms. Parents can come in, call, or email during that time. We also have our traditional Parent/Teacher conferences in the evening once a trimester at about midterm.
- Plus Period—we offer a short period of time at the end of a different class each day to allow teachers to work with a smaller amount of students. Students are able to review, redo, or catch up on assignments.
- Administration/Counselor Weekly Meetings—administration and counselors meet every week to identify students who are not performing well in classes. We discuss ways we can help students be successful. We also contact parents and/or students to make a plan to get the student back on track.
- Low Achievement Report—each week a report of students failing multiple classes is sent to teachers, counselors, and administration. All have been diligent in contacting either the student or parent or both to give information on what is necessary to pass the class.
- Attendance—phone calls go out daily for any unexcused absence. Our vice principals are also tracking attendance. It is simply a fact: *students who attend school on a regular basis are more successful in school than those who do not.*

As you can see, Uintah has many interventions in place to help students be successful. We appreciate the support of parents making sure their student is here and ready to learn. We do not want any student “slipping through the cracks.” With everyone working together—teachers, parents, counselors, support staff, administration, and students—we know all students will experience success at Uintah!

Sincerely,

Sharon Shipton, Principal