Blazer Bits
Pre-K through 3rd Grade

Look at the Week Ahead FOR PreK-3rd Grade Parents

Monday, December 16:

- No announcements

Tuesday, December 17:

- HOME Varsity Basketball Game vs. Keith @ 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys

Wednesday, December 18:

- CMA Dance Christmas Program in UCS Lyon Auditorium @ 9:30 am
- Students Dismiss @ 1:00 pm
- NO CMA DANCE

Thursday, December 19:

- Students Dismiss @ 1:00 pm
- NO AFTER SCHOOL
- HOME Varsity Basketball Game vs. RC Hatch @ 5:30 (girls) and 6:30 (boys)

Friday, December 20:

- Progress Reports Go Home!
- Kindergarten Christmas Breakfast in UCS Lyon Cafeteria @ 9:00 am
- Character Ed Weekly Wrap-Up in UCS Lyon Auditorium @ 2:45 pm
- Students Dismiss @ 1:00 pm
- NO AFTER SCHOOL

Mrs. Dunn will send a separate email

Monday 12/16	Tuesday 12/17	Wednesday 12/18	Thursday 12/19	Friday 12/20
Breakfast Fruit Milk **Lunch** Fruit Milk	**Breakfast** Fruit Milk **Lunch** Fruit Milk	**Breakfast** Fruit Milk **Lunch** Pizza Celery and Carrots Fruit Milk	**Breakfast** Fruit Milk **Lunch** Fruit Milk	**Breakfast** Fruit Milk **Lunch** Fruit Milk

WE WISH YOU
Merry Christmas
& HAPPY
NEW YEAR
CHRISTMAS BREAK
12/23 - 1/7

Lost & Found

If you see something that is yours, email your UCS teacher!

DECEMBER 2024 | YAK

SERVICE

LENDING A HAND TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE

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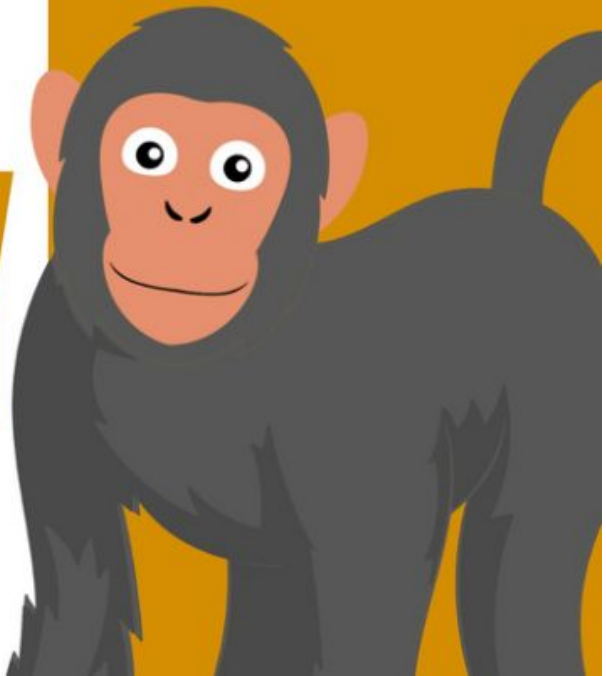
Our Big Idea for November was GENEROSITY - Making someone's day by giving something away. Each PreK - 3 teacher was asked to select a student from his or her classroom that best exemplified GENEROSITY during November to be their Character Kid of the Month.

NOVEMBER 2024 | BONOBO

GENEROSITY

MAKING SOMEONE'S DAY BY GIVING SOMETHING AWAY



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GENEROSITY

Character Kids for November

Kaci Cunningham
Ashton Eskridge
Ellis Thetford
James Lake Freeman
Mekhi Spencer
Madi Walker Briggs
Elijah Vann
Maggie Elmore
Abram Johnson
Da'Monte Tolliver
Grayson Gregg
Naturi Kirkland
Skylon Montalvo

RUBY PICKENS TARTT PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

HOLIDAY gift wrapping FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 2-20, 2024

DROP OFF ITEMS AT THE FRONT DESK AND WE WILL CALL YOU WHEN THEY ARE READY FOR PICKUP

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (205) 652-2349

Ruby Pickens Tartt Public
Library invites you to
Meet Santa
Monday, December 16
3:00 p.m.

CMA
PLEASE
JOIN US FOR
CAROL MERRILL ACADEMY'S
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
Christmas
Spectacular
WEDNESDAY
18
9:30AM
DECEMBER
UCS AUDITORIUM
PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY!
THE SHOW WILL BEGIN RIGHT AT 9:30AM

MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM MERIDIAN

EXPERIENCE A WONDERLAND ALL YEAR LONG!

Instead of toys that lose their charm by January, consider a membership to the Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian. This gift offers children year-round play and learning, exclusive access to special events, and early updates on museum happenings!

SCAN & JOIN THE YEAR-ROUND FUN!

MCM-Meridian Holiday Day Camps

Winter Day Camps are now live on the website, and spots are filling up fast! These camps can provide childcare for working parents or be an enriching experience for children while parents complete holiday preparations. Below, a description of each day camp along with the registration link is listed for your convenience.

- Day Camps operate from 8:00am-5:00pm, and are appropriate for children in Kindergarten – 4th grade
- Morning and afternoon snack provided.
- Lunch can be added to registration or brought from home
- Regular Rate: $50 | Members Rate: $45
- **IMPORTANT**: If you are a member, be sure to **SIGN IN** to your account on the registration form for a 10% discount!

Holiday Magic Camp- Unleash your creativity and curiosity at our enchanting one-day STEAM camp, “Holiday Magic!” Dive into hands-on activities that explore the science and more behind winter wonders!
Sign up here: https://29619a.blackbaudhosting.com/29619a/Holiday-Magic-Camp

Ice Ice Baby Camp- Bundle up and join us for an unforgettable winter experience at our Ice Ice Baby Winter Camp! This camp promises a fun-filled week of chilly adventures, experiments, and exploration in a magical winter setting.
Sign up here: https://29619a.blackbaudhosting.com/29619a/Ice-Ice-Baby-Camp

New Year’s Eve Around the World Camp- Kick off the new year with a bang at our exciting New Year Around the World Camp! This adventure invites young explorers to discover and celebrate the unique customs and festivities that different cultures embrace as they welcome the new year.
Sign up here: https://29619a.blackbaudhosting.com/29619a/New-Year-Around-the-World

Camp Hogwarts- Step into a world of enchantment at Camp Hogwarts, a thrilling one-day adventure for young witches and wizards! Immerse yourself in the magical universe of Harry Potter as you experience a day filled with spells, potions, and unforgettable fun.
Sign up here: https://29619a.blackbaudhosting.com/29619a/Camp-Hogwarts

If you have any questions about day camps, please contact Hope Vollm, Assistant Director of Education, at hope@mcm.ms .

UCS will host the 3rd and FINAL on-site uniform sale for the 24-25 school year on January 7th in the Smith cafeteria from 2pm-6pm.

This is an ideal time for parents to get winter uniform pieces (sweatshirts, jackets, etc.)

Please use the sign up form here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AAAE23A6F9C34-53960918-onsite
or scan the QR code.

During the sale:
A collection of student artwork from Fall 2024 will be on display in the Smith Gym Foyer and a FAFSA Workshop for Senior students and parents will be taking place in Room 132.

American Red Cross | Community of Giving

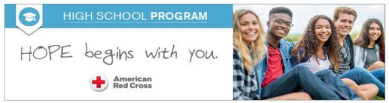
University Charter School

Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 8, 2024
12:00pm-4:00pm

University Charter School | Art Room
134 University Drive, Livingston, AL 35470

Scan QR code to make an appointment!



redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

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Book your appointment today to donate blood on January 8!

UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL
UCS

PARENT CONNECT 2024-2025 Dates

Please see highlighted changes below:

Date	Topic(s)	Relevant Audience	Location	Time
11/4/24	International Travel meeting	8th-12th	Smith Cafeteria	5:30 PM
11/14/24	Alabama Literacy Act Parent Meeting	2nd-3rd	Lyon Auditorium	6:00 PM
12/10/24	Band Holiday Showcase PTA Meeting Milk & Cookies with Santa	PreK-12th	Lyon Auditorium	5:30PM
1/7/25	On-Site Uniform Sale Art Showcase FAFSA Workshop	PreK-12th 12th	Smith Cafeteria	2:00-6:00 PM
2/10/25	CTE Month Highlight	4th-12th	Smith Cafeteria	5:30 PM
3/10/25	CNP Highlight ACAP PTA Meeting	PreK-12th 2nd-8th	Smith Cafeteria	5:30 PM
4/24/25	Secondary Programs Night	6th-12th	Smith Gymnasium	5:30 PM

UCS FALL 2024 PTA Newsletter

We are LEADERS, We are INNOVATORS, We are TRAILBLAZERS!

2023 2024 PTA Achievements

- New UCS Merchandise
- Charleston Wrap
- Fall Festival
- Teacher Mini Grants
  - Haley Richardson
  - Ashia Winston
  - Curt Todd
  - Leslie Gibbs
  - Morgan Allen
- Cookies and Milk with Santa
- Yard Signs throughout the year
- Laminator for Smith Campus
- Christmas Tree for Smith Campus
- Pumpkins for Class Submissions to the Fall Festival Contest
- Pizza for Secondary Programs Night
- Coke Sale Fundraiser
- Organized Book Fair volunteers
- Provided Inflatables for Field Day
- Teacher Appreciation Week

2024-2025 PTA ACTIVITIES

PTA recently purchased a new laminator for Lyon Campus.

Chick-fil-A

Provided faculty/staff breakfast during the Teacher In-Service days in August!

PTA Dates to Remember

Aug 12	Back to School
Sept 03 - 18	Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
Sept 12	PTA Meeting | Time and Location - TBA
Oct 21 - Nov 06	Coca-Cola Fundraiser (Delivery on 11/20)
Oct 28	Fall Festival
Dec 10	Cookies and Milk with Santa
May 5 - 9	Teacher Appreciation Week

Get involved!

If you would like to volunteer at the Fall Festival, please scan below to sign up!

https://forms.gle/FcM2EzfEYN5GVevN6

2024 - 2025 PTA Contacts:

Kimberly Fendley (Co-President), Courtney Vick (Co-President)

Contact Us @ ucspta@universitycharterschool.org

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JOIN PTA TODAY!

SCAN HERE TO JOIN!

Click here for the google form!

UCS BLAZER BOOSTER CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN

BASIC MEMBERSHIP : $20
Annual membership

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP : $100
Annual membership
All-sports pass for 1 individual

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP : $200
Annual membership
All-sports pass for family (includes individuals living in the household).

Scan or Click Here to Join

https://gofan.co/app/school/AL72789

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spirit Wear Sale at HOCO Football Game
Sept. 27th, 7-8 pm

Spirit Wear Sale at Home Volleyball Game
Oct. 10th, 4 pm

Sweatshirt Pre-order
Nov 1-15th

Fall Members Meeting
Nov. 7th, 6 pm
Smith Cafeteria

Questions:
UCSboosters@universitycharterschool.org

Alabama State Department of Education
Eric G. Mackey, Ed. D.
State Superintendent of Education

Help Child Find Locate Children with Disabilities

What Is Child Find?

Child Find is a statewide effort by the Alabama State Department of Education and the Department of Rehabilitation Services to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities from birth to age 21.

How Does Child Find Work?

Early Intervention and Special Education Services work closely with community service agencies, parents, and local school systems to locate children with disabilities. A toll-free number is provided for parents or other persons interested in information about referring a child from birth to age 21.

Why Is Child Find Important?

It helps the child, the family, and the provider to plan appropriate services and link families to services for students meeting eligibility requirements in the following disability areas:

- Hearing Impairment
- Deaf-Blindness
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Emotional Disability
- Speech and Language Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Autism
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Developmental Delay

For more information about Child Find, contact your local school system, local coordinating council, or call

(205) 652-3848
Ages 3-21

1-800-543-3098
Birth through 2