

# Blazer Bits

## Pre-K through 3rd Grade



"The time is  
always right to do  
what is right."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*  
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## Look at the Week Ahead FOR PreK-3rd Grade Parents

### Monday, January 20:

- MLK Holiday! NO SCHOOL!!
- HOME Varsity Basketball Game vs. Aliceville @ 5:00 pm (girls) and 6:30 pm (boys)

### Tuesday, January 21:

- Body Quest Program w/ Mrs. Elizabeth Allen's Class @ 11:00 am
- AWAY Varsity Basketball Game vs. AL Johnson @ 5:00 pm (girls) and 6:30 pm (boys)
- UCS Regular Board Meeting in UCS Smith Cafeteria @ 5:30 pm

### Wednesday, January 22:

- Happy Birthday, Mr. Leondre! We are so thankful for you!!
- Students Dismiss @ 1:00 pm
- CMA Dance in UCS Lyon Cafeteria
  - 12:45-1:15 Boys Tumble
  - 1:15-2:15 1st Grade ONLY
  - 2:15-3:15 Pre-K, K, 2nd and up

### Thursday, January 23:

- No New Announcements

### Friday, January 24:

- Character Ed Weekly Wrap Up in UCS Lyon Auditorium @ 2:45 pm
- AWAY Varsity Basketball Game vs. Linden @ 7:00 pm (boys)

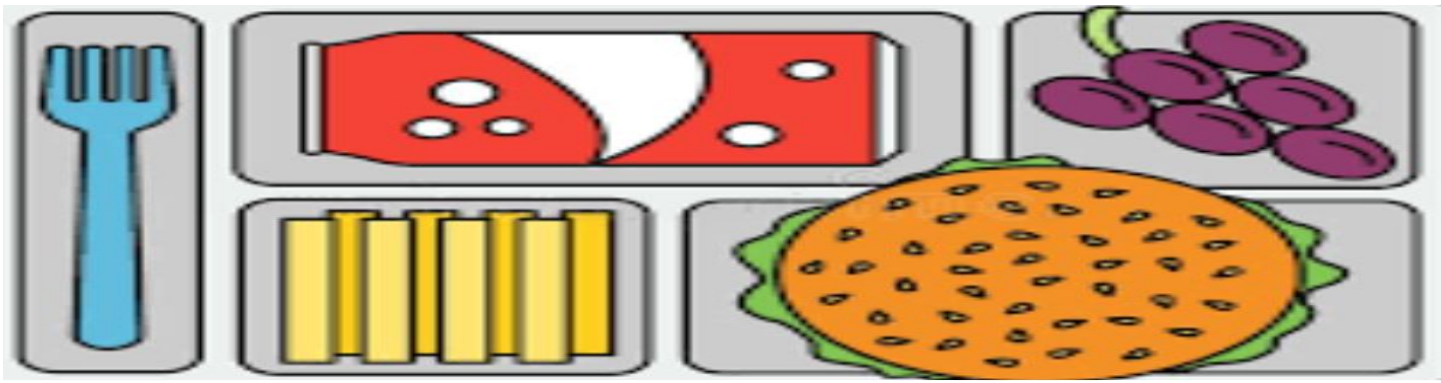
### Saturday, January 25:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Meadows, and Mrs. Hatcher! UCS could not survive without you!!



## Weather Update!

UCS will work with UWA emergency preparedness on Monday to look at data and confirm our plans for Tuesday and Wednesday. Please keep an eye on your email and UCS social media over the weekend through Monday. **BUNDLE UP!**

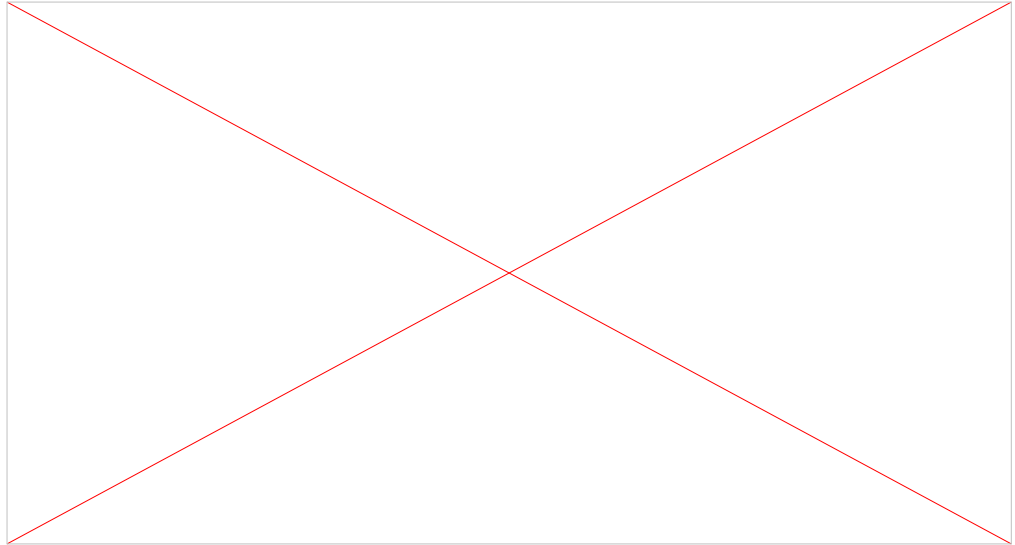


Monday 1/20	Tuesday 1/21	Wednesday 1/22	Thursday 1/23	Friday 1/24
<p><b>MLK HOLIDAY!</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL!!</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b>            Apple Strudel            Cereal            Fruit            Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>            Corn Dogs            Corn            Fruit            Milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b>            Grits            Link Sausage            Toast            Cereal            Fruit            Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>            Stuffed Crust Pizza            Carrots and Celery            Fries            Fruit            Milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b>            Chocolate Chip Waffles            Cereal            Fruit            Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>            Hamburger            Fries            Fruit            Milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast</b>            Sausage Biscuit            Cereal            Fruit            Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>            Chicken and Waffles            Black Eye Peas            Fruit            Milk</p>

# Lost & Found



If you see  
something that is  
yours, please visit  
the Lost & Found  
in the lunchroom  
front foyer.



JANUARY 2025 | MARINE IGUANA

# RESILIENCE

GETTING BACK UP WHEN  
SOMETHING GETS YOU DOWN





# SCHOOL LEADERBOARD

2<sup>ND</sup>

Kula  
4502 Pts



Ausdauer  
5564 Pts



3<sup>RD</sup>

Honesta  
3876 Pts



AM

Adavion M.  
1 Pt

SN

Sawyer N.  
1 Pt

4<sup>TH</sup>

Green House  
0 Pt

SR

Seth R.  
1 Pt

No  
Contributors

Earn Points  
For Your  
House



# UCS HOUSE STORE



EMAIL MRS. MEADOWS

[cmeadows@universitycharterschool.org](mailto:cmeadows@universitycharterschool.org)



3 Inch Stickers  
7 Points or \$2



Pens  
5 Points or \$1



Pencils  
5 Points or \$



Currently Sold Out



Bracelets  
5 Points or \$1

40 Ounce Tumblers  
20 Points or \$2



Socks  
12 points or \$15

NEW ITEMS  
COMING THIS MONTH!

# NEW ITEMS



## T-Shirts

40 points or \$20

## Sweatshirts

50 points or \$30

## Blankets

50 points or \$30

*These items will be made-to-order. Once order is placed and payment received the order will be placed with the vendor. Quick turn-around time is anticipated!*

*All items available for all house!*

*Contact Mrs. Meadows to order at  
cmeadows@universitycharterschool.org*



## FIRST CLASS PRE-K PRE-REGISTRATION

### Alabama's Voluntary Pre-K Program

- Online pre-registration for the upcoming school year begins January 15<sup>th</sup>. For assistance accessing the online application, contact a local First Class Pre-K program.
- Pre-Registration is open to all children four years of age on 9/1/25\* who are residents of Alabama. Children who are eligible to attend kindergarten are not eligible for pre-k.
- A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided. It may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to the local First Class Pre-K program.
- Proof of residence in Alabama must be provided. It may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to the local First Class Pre-K program.
- Public school system pre-k programs may have zoning requirements that determine eligibility for attending a program at a particular school. Contact the school for attendance zone information.
- There is no registration fee for First Class Pre-K programs.
- Upon enrollment, a child's immunization record must be provided to the school or program.
- No child will be denied participation on the basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

**Pre-Registration Date: January 15th – February 28th**

To pre-register, go online to:

<https://prek.alaceed.alabama.gov>



**Acceptance into a First Class Pre-K program is strictly through random selection drawing. Presence at drawing is NOT required.**

**Email notices of acceptance status will be sent.**

**Random Selection Drawing Details**

**Date: March 5th   Time: 9:00 am   Location: UCS Lyon Auditorium**

A series of concentric circles in neon colors (blue, green, yellow, orange, red) at the top of the poster.

UCS LYON PRESENTS:

# LET'S GLOW *Party!*

THERE'S GLOW WAY IT'S THE  
100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!  
LIGHT UP THE DAY WITH  
ELECTRIC NEON FUN!  
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS  
WEAR NEON!

WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 29TH





Join us to hear the story behind Walker's Mission  
and discover how you can advocate for victims of  
sextortion.

📅 Wednesday, January 29

🕒 5:30pm - 7:00pm

📍 Livingston Civic Center

101 Country Club Rd, Livingston, AL 35470

Get your tickets here:



Brian Montgomery, a father of four from Mississippi, tragically lost one of his children to suicide as a result of a sextortion scam. In response to this heartbreaking loss, he founded Walker's Mission. This foundation is dedicated to raising awareness, supporting victims, and advocating for legal reforms. Guardians must accompany children under 16. Recommended for preteens/teens with internet access.

Sponsored by:

Walker's Mission

Brewersville United Methodist Church

BlackBelt Regional Child Advocacy Center



**BlackBelt Regional**  
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

For any questions contact us

334.654.5098

bbrcac@gmail.com

blackbeltcac.org



# UCS Beauty Review



-PRE-K-5TH GRADE LADIES -  
-\$45 PER CONTESTANT -  
-BEAUTY REVIEW LOCATION; UWA MATH  
AND SCIENCE: 02/08/2025 @11:00AM-

*\*forms and money are due  
01/31/2025 by 1:00pm*



## CONTESTANT INFORMATION

First Name:

Age:

Grade:

Favorite Subject and why:

She loves UCS because:

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Contestant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday

22

4:00 PM

FEBRUARY

Mardi Gras Celebration

Best Float Trophies & Cash Prizes  
(\$75 each category winner)

Inflatables

Food & Retail Vendors

LIVE MUSIC

BY

Dillion Fisher



Crawfish Cook-off



Cash Prizes

1st - \$100

2nd- \$75

3rd - \$50



CRAWFISH COOK-OFF APPLICATION

Organization	
Contact Name	
Contact Number	

Team must provide their own supplies except tables.

Set up will start at 1:30p.m.

Crawfish will be judged between 5:30p-6:00p

Winners announced at 7:00 p.m.

Teams will have an hour after the event is over to clean their area.



Mardi Gras Parade Application

Organization	
Contact Name	
Contact Number	

Parade Fees - Optional

Items must be picked up by February 21, 2024 by 3:00 p.m.

	\$25.00	<div>BEADS</div> <div>10 Dozen - Purple, Gold, Purple 8mm 48" necklace</div>
	\$50.00	<div>MOON PIES / BEADS</div> <div>96 Moon Pies 1oz-</div> <div>10 Dozen - Purple, Gold, Purple 8mm 48" necklace</div>

Chocolate

Vanilla

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Mardi Gras

Vendor Application

BUSINESS NAME	
CONTACT NAME	
PHONE NUMBER	
DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS FOR SALE	

Vendor Fee \$25.00 by check or cash

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Business Name	
Contact Name	
Contact Number	
Mailing Address	

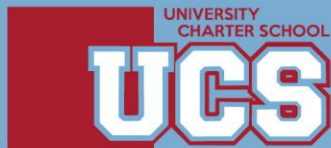
\$250.00 Sponsorship fee for recognition

Would you like your business logo on the sponsorship board during the events?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Please send logo to [kbwatts19@gmail.com](mailto:kbwatts19@gmail.com) no later than February 7th, 2025.



# 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 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.



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 Meetings   Time and Location - TBA
Oct 21 - Nov 06	Coca-Cola Fundraiser (Delivery on 11/10)
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](mailto:ucspta@universitycharterschool.org)



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](mailto:UCSboosters@universitycharterschool.org)



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

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



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State Superintendent of Education