

Blazer Bits

Pre-K through 3rd Grade



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

Monday, February 24:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Hill! UCS loves art because of YOU!!
- AWAY Middle School Basketball Game vs. Demopolis @ 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 25:

- HOME Varsity Baseball Game vs. Central Tuscaloosa @ 5:30PM
- HOME Softball Games vs. Millry @ 4:30 pm (JV) and 5:30 pm (Varsity)

Wednesday, February 26:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Gaither! UCS is so thankful for you!!
- Character Ed Kick Off @ 12:30 pm
- 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, February 27:

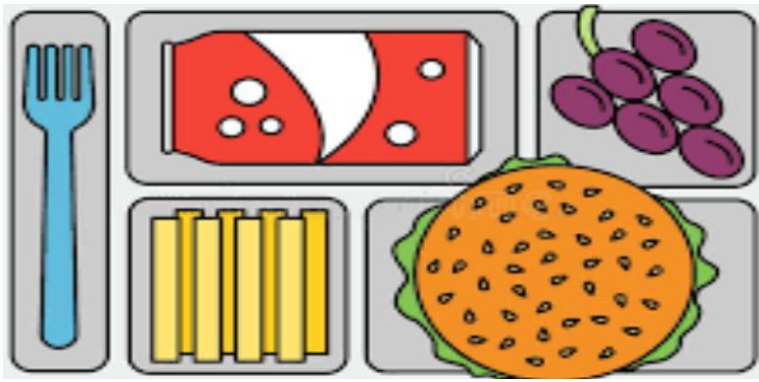
- AWAY Varsity Baseball vs. Holy Spirit @ 4:00 pm
- AWAY JV Softball Game vs. Demopolis @ 4:30 pm

Friday, February 28:

- Progress Reports GO HOME!
- AWAY JV and Varsity Softball Doubleheader vs. Pickens Academy @ 4:30 pm

Saturday, March 1:

- AWAY Varsity Baseball Game vs. Pickens County @ 11:00 am



UCS LYON

Monday 2/24	Tuesday 2/25	Wednesday 2/26	Thursday 2/27	Friday 2/28
<p>Breakfast French Toast Cereal Fruit Milk</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Nuggets Mac and Cheese Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Breakfast Biscuits and Gravy Potatoes Cereal Fruit Milk</p> <p>Lunch Hot Dogs Baked Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Breakfast Scrambled Eggs Toast Cereal Fruit Milk</p> <p>Lunch Stuffed Crust Pizza Carrots and Celery Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal Fruit Milk</p> <p>Lunch Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes Garlic Breadsticks Fruit Milk</p>	<p>Breakfast Muffins Cereal Fruit Milk</p> <p>Lunch Burritos Corn Fruit Milk</p>

Lost & Found



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



FEBRUARY 2025 | LEAFY SEA DRAGON

UNIQUENESS

LEARNING MORE ABOUT OTHERS
SO YOU CAN KNOW MORE
ABOUT YOURSELF



Golden Broom

Mrs. Webb's
Class

The Golden Broom is awarded each week to the homeroom class that best took Pride in their Place, keeping their classroom nice and clean!



UCS HOUSE STORE



EMAIL MRS. MEADOWS

cmeadows@universitycharterschool.org



3 Inch Stickers
7 Points or \$2



Pens
5 Points or \$1



Pencils
5 Points or \$



40 Ounce Tumblers
20 Points or \$2



Bracelets
5 Points or \$1



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 15th. 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



FFA

Strawberry Sale

STRAWBERRY FLAT \$27

8 one-quart packages

HALF FLAT \$15

4 one-quart packages

DELIVERY \$10

***within a 15 mile radius of UCS**

All orders are due Feb 28

Pick up or Delivery - 3rd week of March

CONTACT KATIE MANGUM:

kmangum@universitycharterschool.org

ORDER ONLINE:

<https://bit.ly/FFASTRAWBERRY>

Read Across America Week

MONDAY
March 3

Cuddle up with a Good Book

Wear your PaJamas



TUESDAY
March 4

Hats off to Dr. Seuss

Wear a hat



WEDNESDAY
March 5

Fox in Socks and Crocs

Wear Crazy Socks or Crocs



THURSDAY

March 6

Words are Everywhere

Wear a Shirt with words on it!



FRIDAY
March 7

Oh! The Places You'll Go

Wear Your Future College and Jeans



MCM-Meridian will host day camps during the week of Spring Break. These camps are perfect for parents seeking childcare as they operate from 8am-5pm. They also provide fun hands-on engaging enrichment activities for parents seeking that spring break experience for their children. Day camps can be booked by the day or week.



SPRING BREAK CAMPS

MARCH 10 - 14

Camps are from 8AM - 5PM and are appropriate for children K-4th grade.

March 10: Science Lab

March 11: Twist and Tech

March 12: Building Meridian

March 13: Art Through the Ages

March 14: Pi Day



Individual camp registration is \$50.
Register for the week at a discounted \$225!
Members receive 10% off.



**American
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

University of West Alabama *Blood Drive*

Monday March 17, 2025

10:00am-2:00pm

Bell Conference Center | Ballroom
Foust Dr., Livingston, AL 35470

Come to give in March for a \$30 Amazon.com
Gift Card by email.

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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MS Children's Museum-Meridian is hosting our spring chess tournament on Saturday, March 25, 2025. The MS Scholastic Chess Association will facilitate this event. Medals and trophies will be handed out in a variety of categories. We would love to have your students and chess teams participate.

For more information about the tournament as well as registration, please use this link.

[Spring Chess Tournament • Mississippi Children's Museum](https://mschildrensmuseum.org/event/spring-chess-tournament/)

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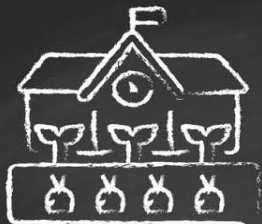


"America's 250th birthday" is running this amazing field trip essay contest for 3rd-12th graders to win a field trip to an iconic US location! If one of our students wins, the teacher gets a \$1,000 prize just for submitting! You can submit whole classes or individual essays. Visit the website below for more information:

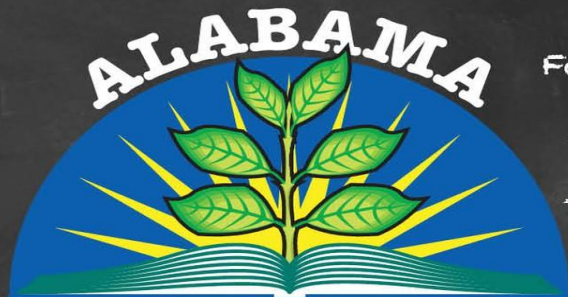
<https://america250.org/fieldtrip/>

Deadline is April 16th and submissions are at a low right now!





FREE development opportunity for
teachers and other education specialists!



Farm Tours • Workshops • Teaching Strategies
and Professional Development Hours
Toward Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Ag in the Classroom
www.AlabamaAITC.org

June 11-13, 2025
Mobile, Alabama

SUMMER
INSTITUTE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
April 15

Apply Online at AlabamaAITC.org



Visit the OnMed CareStation for:

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- Blood Pressure Checks and more!

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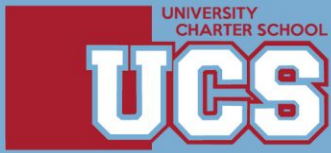
The OnMed CareStation at the Gainesville Municipal Complex is your one-stop shop for comprehensive, everyday care. No insurance? No problem! You will not be turned away from receiving healthcare at the OnMed unit. Everyone is welcome, and the unit is ready to provide healthcare at no cost.

Current hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (hours are subject to change.)

For further information contact the Sumter County Extension Office Coordinator Trenisha Mack at 205-652-9501 or 205-373-9281.

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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.



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



[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



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



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