

Blazer Bits

Pre-K through 3rd Grade



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

Monday, May 26:

- UCS Offices Closed
- Happy Birthday Mrs. Tara McKinney! UCS loves you!!
- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Whitney Mosley! UCS appreciates you!!

Tuesday, May 27:

- UCS Offices Closed

Wednesday, May 28:

- UCS Offices Closed

Thursday, May 29:

- UCs Offices Closed

Friday, May 30:

- UCS Offices Closed

Saturday, May 31:

- No announcements

Sunday, June 1:

- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Anna Law! We hope you have the best day!!

Uniform Updates

For the 2025-2026 school year, we have the following changes for UCS Uniforms:

New website:

<https://www.halesuniforms.com/collections/university-charter-school>

- Must create an account to shop online.
- Store password is still “ucstrailblazers”

Boys Everyday Attire Update:

- Upgraded performance shorts available
- Upgraded performance pants available



Girls Everyday Attire Update:

- Addition of a navy knit skort available for Girls in all grades (PreK-12)



On-Site Uniform Sales for the 2025-2026 School Year:

July 18 - 12:00PM - 6:00PM Shop Tax Free!

Oct. 8 - 2:00PM - 6:00PM Perfect time to buy dress uniforms!

Jan. 5 - 2:00PM - 6:00PM Stock up on cold weather gear and restock for 2nd semester!

***Signup Genius will be sent approximately 1 month before each sale. Signing up for a specific time is encouraged to avoid large crowds, however you are allowed to come anytime.**

Lost & Found

UCS Jackets



Uniform Shirts



Miscellaneous



Water Bottles



Non-UCS Jackets



Glasses



Our Big Idea for May was INITIATIVE -
seeing what needs to be done and doing it.
Each PreK - 3 teacher was asked to select a student from his or her
classroom that best exemplified INITIATIVE during May
to be their Character Kid of the Month.

MAY 2025 | BEAVER

INITIATIVE

SEEING WHAT NEEDS TO BE
DONE AND DOING IT



INITIATIVE

Character Kids for April



Catherine Vaughan, Bonnie Truelove, Lotte Dunn, Grier Allen,
McKenzie Jordan, Ziming Hua, Jumarius Vickers

Not pictured: Chip Dial, Tucker Ozment, Ladarrius Martin, Amaurrean Bell



Congratulations

2025-2026 Junior Peer Helpers

Ava Brown
Karsyn Brown
Braxton Coby
Lotte Dunn
Peyton Fox
Annie Guin
Hudson Hembree
Abram Johnson
Morgan Lawson
Sheffield McKinney
Tucker Ozment
Kinsley Simonds
Parker Triplett
Ariana Waters
Lenni Whitaker



2024-2025

**House
Final
Standings**



Ausdauer

7175

Kula

5515

Honestä

4685

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 \$



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*



Registration
\$100

UWA SOCCER CAMP

Grades 1st - 9th
Boys & Girls

Why this camp?

- Technical Soccer
- Competitive Games
- Qualified Coaches
- Fun
- Challenging
- Rewarding

Address:

UWA Soccer & Track
Complex

Date:

3 DAYS!

06/02 - 06/04

8:30am - 12:00pm

Register below:

Westalabamasoccercamps.com



Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library Summer Reading Program

This year's theme is Color Our World, and we have a whole month of free activities, creative crafts, and reading fun planned for all ages.

JUNE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Color Your Summer Kickoff (1:00 PM)	Bluey Paint & Plant (1:00 PM) Creation Station: Art Journals	Bluey's Paw-traits of Pets (1:30 PM)	Sunglass Style Station (10:30 AM)	Bluey's Backyard Bash (1:00 PM)	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Ghost Stories with Dr. Alan Brown (10:30 AM)	Creation Station: Coloring Pages	Health News for Seniors @ Nutrition Center (12:00 PM) Sidewalk Art Crafternoon (1:30 PM)	Vet Talk: The Art of Animal Care (1:00 PM)	Color Our World Nature Hunt (1:30 PM)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Piggy Bank Theater (10:30 AM)	Pinkalicious So Delicious (1:00 PM) Creation Station: DIY Bookmarks	Digging into History with Dr. Ashley Dumas (10:30 AM)		DIY Dye Day (2:00 PM)	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Storytime Magic with Mrs. Barbara (10:00 AM)	Knot Just Yarn: Crochet & Beyond (1:00 PM) Creation Station: Picture Frames	The Art of Eric Carle (1:00 PM)	Twist & POP!: Balloon Art (1:30 PM)	Color Pop Bingo (2:00 PM)	
29	30					
	Color Our World Awards & Recognition Day (2:00 PM)					

Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library Summer Reading Program

STORYTIME

Our regular Tuesday Storytime at 3:30 PM is still going strong all summer! Kids will enjoy a new story each week, followed by a themed craft that brings the book to life.



REGISTRATION

No registration is needed to attend individual programs. Just come and enjoy the fun!

However, if you'd like to participate in the **Reading Challenge** and earn prizes, you'll need to register.

Registration forms are available at the front desk, on our website, or by scanning the QR code.



For more information, visit www.rptlibrary.org/srp

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025



JUNE 2 - JUNE 30



Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library Summer Reading Program

READING CHALLENGE

BIRTH TO PRE-K

Read 10 books per week and log them on your reading tracker

CHILDREN

Read 90 minutes per week and log them on your reading tracker

TEENS

Read 120 minutes per week and log them on your reading tracker

ADULTS

Read 180 minutes per week and log them on your reading tracker

WEEKLY PRIZES

Earn weekly prizes by logging your reading!

Children & Teens

Stop by the library after you meet your weekly goal to claim your prize!

Adults

Stop by the library after you meet your weekly goal to be entered into the weekly prize drawing!

SUMMER READING PASSPORT

Pick up a Summer Reading Passport at the front desk, earn stickers each week, and turn in your completed passport at the end of the month for a prize! Ways to earn stickers:

- Check out 3 books
- Attend a library program
- Bring a friend to the library
- Meet your reading goal



CREATION STATION

Drop by any time on Tuesdays for a fun, self-guided craft at our Creation Station! Supplies are available all day. Just stop in and get creative!

- June 3rd: Art Journals
- June 10th: Coloring Pages
- June 17th: DIY Bookmarks
- June 24th: Picture Frames



PROGRAM CALENDAR

For a full calendar of events, please visit www.rptlibrary.org/srp or scan the QR code below.



UWA is partnering with the YMCA of Tuscaloosa to bring day camps to Livingston for local youth. YMCA Summer Camps offer activities, group games, hands-on science, arts & crafts, and more!

If you'd like assistance with registering your kids for summer camp, in-person registration sessions will be available May 20, 21, 27, 28 from 1-3 PM in Hughes Gymnasium. For more information contact Jamie Fritch at jfritch@uwa.edu or (205) 652-5452.

Camps will be held at Lyon Hall on the UWA campus for ages 4–14, June 2 to August 1, from 6:30 AM to 6 PM, for just \$125/week with financial assistance available. If you'd like to register online for Summer Camp, you can do so here

https://operations.daxko.com/Online/2017/ProgramsV2/Search.mvc?keywords=&program_id=CMP22536228&expanded=categories%2Clocations&coming_soon=False&category_ids=CAT1672753&all_categories=false&location_ids=B51&all_locations=false&date_ranges%5B0%5D.start=&date_ranges%5B0%5D.end=&birth_dates=



the Y

**FIND YOUR FRIENDS
FIND YOUR Y**

YMCA SUMMER CAMP

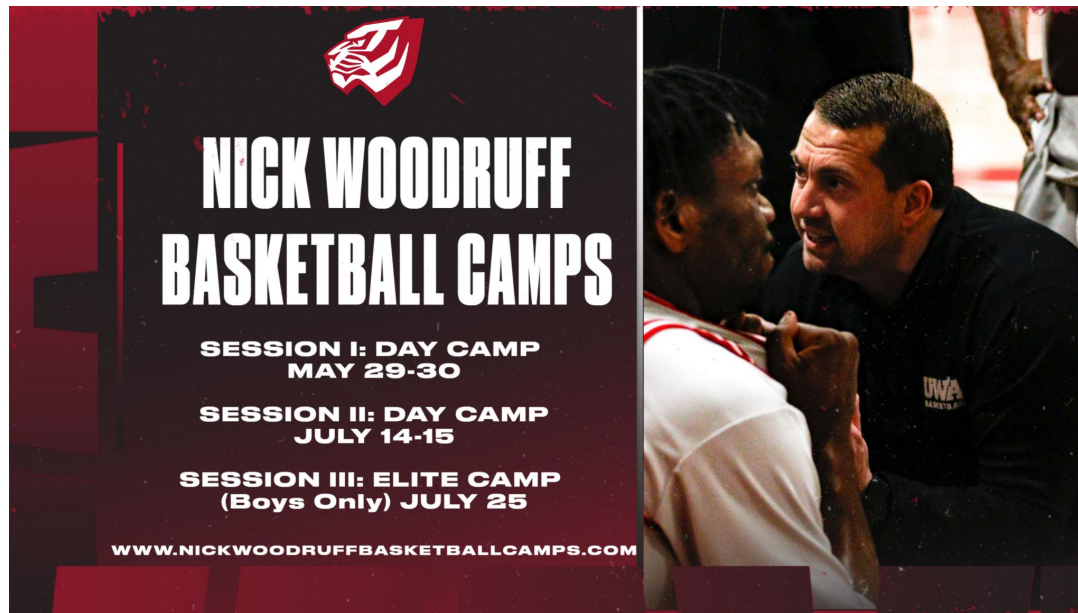
At the Y, there are no strangers—only friends you haven't met yet. While your family improves their health and well-being through our many programs, they'll also make new friends along the way.

LYON HALL ON THE CAMPUS OF UWA
AGES 4–14
JUNE 2ND–AUGUST 1ST | 6:30 AM–6PM
\$125/WEEK (Financial Assistance Available)

Questions? Contact:
Jamie Fritch
205-652-5452 | jfritch@uwa.edu

**In-Person Registration
and Q&A Sessions**
May 20, 21, 27, 28 | 1-3PM
Hughes Gymnasium

For a better us.®



The website to register is www.nickwoodruffbasketballcamps.com

Day Camps: Boys and Girls/ Discount offered for registering for both at the same time

Session I May 29th- 30th (8 AM – 2 PM)

Session II July 14th – 15th (8 AM – 2 PM)

Elite Camp: Boys only (9th – 12th)

July 25th (1 PM – 5 PM)

NASA's Race to the Moon

Learn the background coding skills and use a remote rover to compete in the Artemis Rover Challenge moving through obstacles on the moon's surface.

Thursday, June 12th



[NASA Registration](#)
[Click Here](#)

Summer STEM Camp

June 16 – upcoming students in K-4 | [Sign Up Here](#)

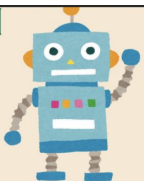

June 17 – upcoming students in 5-8 | [Sign Up Here](#)

June 18 – upcoming students in 9-12 | [Sign Up Here](#)



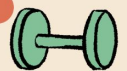



Time: 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM (Lunch provided)

SUMMER STEM CAMP

NURSING, MATH, EXERCISE
SCIENCE, ANATOMY,
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE,
ROBOTICS, VR



Rotation 1	Rotation 2
8:15-8:55	9-9:40
Rotation 3	Rotation 4
9:45-10:25	10:30-11:10
Lunch	
11:15-11:55	
Rotation 5	Rotation 6
12:00-12:40	12:45-1:25
Rotation 7	
1:30-2:10	



WHERE?
UWA - LYON HALL

DATES:
UPCOMING K-4: JUNE 16
UPCOMING 5-8: JUNE 17
UPCOMING 9-12: JUNE 18



CAREERS IN STEM CAMP

WHO: 3RD - 6TH Graders
WHERE: UWA Black Belt STEM Education Institute
WHEN: July 21 - 24
TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM CST

COST: \$50
Lunch is Provided

This exciting career-oriented camp introduces learners to the world of STEM through hands-on activities and exploration. We're sparking interest in STEM fields and showcasing career paths by connecting campers with activities centered around real-world workforce opportunities.

TO REGISTER, SCAN QR CODE AND SUBMIT PAYMENT.

NEED MORE INFO? EMAIL US AT cnicklas@uwa.edu

Careers in STEM
[Click Here](#)



Email cnicklas@uwa.edu for more information on any of these opportunities.

MCM-Meridian will have 6 weeks of educational and engaging summer camps for children completing grade K-4th. These are wonderful for families who need childcare or are looking for enrichment opportunities for their children.



DATES & THEMES

June 16 - 20: Spy Camp

June 23 - 27: Super STEAM Camp

July 7 - 11: A World of Adventure: Fairy Tales & Dragons

July 14 - 18: NASA ASTRO Camp®

July 21 - 25: Camp Hogwarts

July 28 - August 1: Silly Summer STEAM Camp

Sign up for individual days or full weeks!

Learn more at

MCMMERIDIAN.ORG



**ORDER
NOW!**



**Go to www.edukitinc.com to order
your EduKit by June 18, 2025!**

University Charter School offers the EduKit program as a convenient option for busy families to order school supplies for the 2025/2026 year. EduKits include the supplies approved by our school.

Your students' order will be in the classroom on the first day of school.

Kits and Items	Price*
Kindergarten Kit	\$92.00
Grade 1 Kit	\$77.00
Support Our Grade 1 Classroom Kit	\$24.00
Grade 2 Kit	\$69.00
Support Our Grade 2 Classroom Kit	\$39.00
Grade 3 Kit	\$82.00
SPED Self-Contained Classroom Kit	\$51.00
Support Our SPED Self-Contained Classroom Kit	\$33.00
*Sales tax, if applicable, will be added at check out.	

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



JOIN PTA TODAY!
SCAN HERE TO JOIN!



[Click here for the google form!](#)



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:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ■ 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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