

Blazer Bits

Pre-K through 3rd Grade



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

Monday, May 4:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week!**
- 1st Grade UCSwims at 11:00 (Webb), 12:00 (Law), and 1:00 (Turner) at Jaycee Park

Tuesday, May 5:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week!**
- 1st Grade UCSwims at 11:00 (Webb), 12:00 (Law), and 1:00 (Turner) at Jaycee Park

Wednesday, May 6:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week AND Happy School Nurse Day! We are blessed with the best with Nurse Shannon!!**
- 2026-2027 PreK Meet and Greet at 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00. Current Pre-K students are exempt from school today.
- Students Dismiss @ 1:00 pm

Thursday, May 7:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week!**
- 1st Grade UCSwims at 11:00 (Webb), 12:00 (Law), and 1:00 (Turner) at Jaycee Park

Friday, May 8:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week!**
- 3rd Grade Moving Up Day to UCS Smith @ 9:30-12:30 pm
- 1st Grade UCSwims at 11:00 (Webb), 12:00 (Law), and 1:00 (Turner) at Jaycee Park

We've Traveled the
WORLD
AND BACK...

BUT THERE'S NO ONE LIKE OUR AMAZING
TEACHERS & STAFF **Week of May 4-8**

University Charter Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Monday
Taste of Appreciation!
Bring your teacher their favorite snack or treat to start the week off sweet.

Tuesday
8th wonder of the world is our UCS Staff. Write a note or card telling your teacher how much they mean to you.

Wednesday
Blooming with Joy!
Bring a flower, draw a picture or share something thoughtful with your teacher.

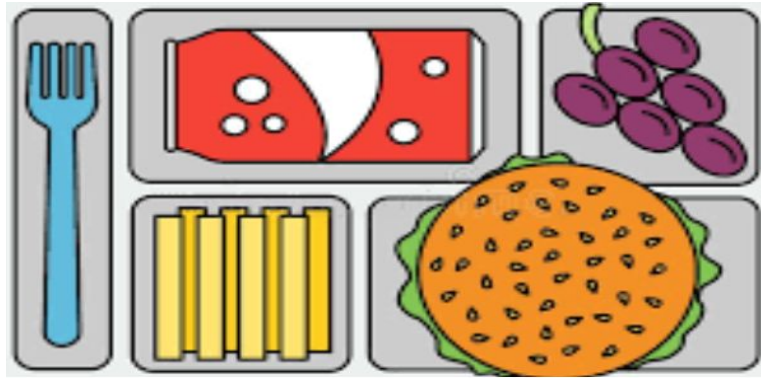
Thursday
Global Stars!
Bring a small gift to show your appreciation for all your teacher does.

Friday
Around the World
THANK YOU!
Bring your teacher a heartfelt note or special gift to wrap up their week of fun.

Participation is optional. These are simply fun suggestions and ways to show your Appreciation!

UCS LYON

Breakfast and Lunch



[MealViewer Schools](#)



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





Important Health Reminder for Parents

To help keep all of our students healthy, please remember that children must be **fever-free and/or free from vomiting for at least 24 hours before returning to school**. This means **24 hours without fever-reducing medication** and no additional episodes of vomiting.

If a student returns to school before the 24-hour period has passed, there is a higher chance they may still be contagious and could spread illness to classmates and staff.

We appreciate your help in keeping our school community healthy by allowing your child the proper time to recover before returning to school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school nurse.

Thank you for your cooperation!

APRIL 2026 | GIANT PANDA

HONOR

Letting others know
you see how valuable
they really are



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*As it's beginning to get cooler, don't forget about these items available from the House Store!
House sweatshirts are approved UCS gear!*



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*



UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

UCS's second-grade class is raising money and soliciting supply donations to provide school supplies to all K-3 students free of charge. You can help by using the QR code to donate supplies.



[MORE INFORMATION](#)



ndagostino@universitycharterschool.org



<https://a.co/00T6PmA1>

Blessing Box Items Needed

If you would like to donate to the blessing box, please bring any of the items listed below to a third grade teacher (Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. McMullen) by May 8th. Thank you for your generosity!

Top Most-Needed Non-Perishable Items

- **Proteins:** Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, spam, and peanut butter.
- **Meals:** Canned chili, stew, ravioli, and hearty soups.
- **Vegetables & Fruits:** Canned vegetables, canned fruit, and applesauce.
- **Grains & Pasta:** Pasta, rice, macaroni and cheese, and oatmeal.
- **Other Staples:** Pasta sauce, canned beans, cereal, and powdered/shelf-stable milk.

Tips for Donating

- **Choose Pop-Tops:** Items with pull-tabs are ideal for individuals without can openers or those with limited access to kitchens.
- **Avoid Glass:** Plastic jars or cans are preferred to prevent breakage.
- **Check Dates:** Only donate items that are not expired or, at most, within a few months of their "best by" date.
- **Healthy Options:** Select items labeled low-sodium, low-sugar, or no-added-salt.
- **Non-Food Items:** soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, diapers, and feminine hygiene products.

PK - 3RD

BETA CLUB PRESENTS

LYON
CAMPUS
ONLY

DRESS DOWN

DAYS

PURCHASE A \$15 WRIST BAND

TO WEAR JEANS OR SHORTS AND A UCS T-SHIRT
DURING THE LAST THREE WEEKS OF SCHOOL.

DRESS CODE RULES APPLY

MAY 4TH - MAY 22ND

WRISTBANDS WILL GO
ON PRE-SALE APRIL
23RD, AND THEY WILL
BE DISTRIBUTED OUT TO
CLASSROOM TEACHERS
BY MAY 4TH.

PARENTS, IF YOU WISH TO
PURCHASE A WRISTBAND, YOU CAN
DO SO AT FIELD DAY, THURSDAY,
APRIL 23RD. AFTER THAT, STUDENTS
WILL BRING THEIR MONEY TO
SCHOOL TO PAY FOR HIS/HER
WRISTBAND.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ALISON MYERS AT AMYERS@UNIVERSITYCHARTERSCHOOL.ORG.



**2ND GRADE SCHOOL SUPPLY
SIGNATURE PROJECT
ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER**



MAY 8 & MAY 15, 2026

\$5.00 for both days Or \$3 for one day.

**ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME MONDAY,
MAY 4 IN YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER.
MONEY IS DUE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 IN
ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE ICE
CREAM FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026 &
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026! ALL PROCEEDS WILL
BE GOING TOWARDS OUR 2ND GRADE
SIGNATURE SCHOOL SUPPLY FUNDRAISER. WE
WILL HAVE ICE CREAM SANDWICHES AND A
VARIETY OF TOPPINGS OFFERED.**





REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

THE
Find Your
Best Friend
PLACE



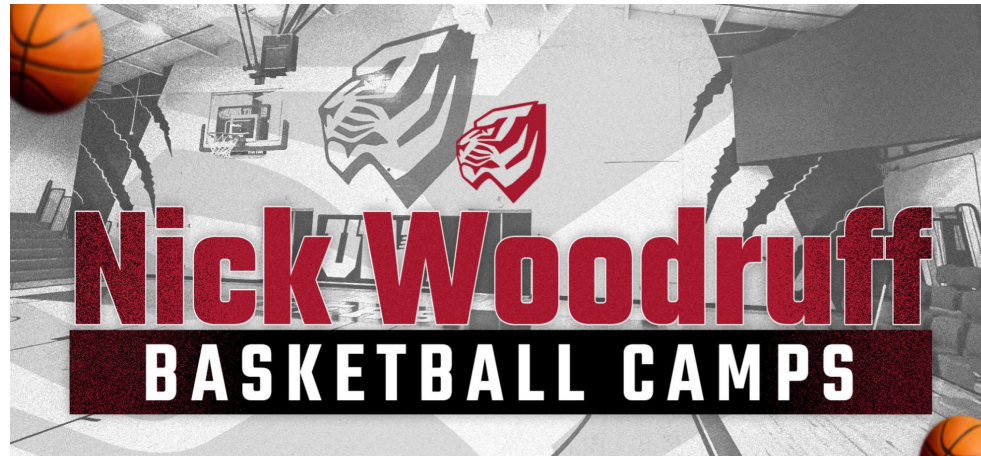
- 10 weeks, 7:00am-6:00pm
- Sports, and outdoor play
- Creative art and STEM projects
- And so much more!

Financial Assistance Available! YMCA Programs at
The University of West Alabama
Contact Jamie ► jfritch@ymcatusc.org

Registration is open for UCS Summer Camp 2026! We have partnered with the YMCA at UWA to provide summer programming this year.

Scan the QR code to learn more and to register. Summer Camp will operate the full 10 weeks of the summer!

Email Jamie Fritch at jfritch@ymcatusc.org with questions or assistance needs.



Here are the dates and cost of our camps for this summer:

Kids Camp

05/26/2026 - 05/27/2026

K - 12th

Grade as of Fall 2026

\$75.00

Elite Camp 1 (Boys Only)

05/30/2026

9th - 12th

Grade as of Fall 2026

\$80.00

Elite Camp 2 (Boys Only)

06/20/2026

9th - 12th

Grade as of Fall 2026

\$80.00

Here is also the link for the camps:

<https://www.nickwoodruffbasketballcamps.com/>

We are excited to announce that **C&J Resources** is now enrolling for our **Summer Workshops and Tutoring Program** for students in **Pre-K–12th grade!**

Our summer programs are designed to keep students engaged, build confidence, and strengthen academic skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Summer Workshop Options (June–July):

Reading & Math Workshops

9:00 AM–12:00 PM or 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

\$350 Early Bird (register by May 15) per student/per workshop | \$375 per student/per workshop

STEM Discovery Workshop

9:00 AM–3:00 PM Monday through Thursday

\$150 per student

18 hours of instruction

Hands-on learning activities

Snacks provided

Certificate of Completion

Summer Tutoring Available

Monday–Thursday

9:00 AM–5:30 PM

Small group and individualized instruction available to meet your child's needs.

NEW: Blueprint to Success – College & Career Course (for older students)

July 27–30

9:00 AM–2:00 PM

\$200 per student

Includes resume building, interview preparation, LinkedIn setup, and more!

Spots are limited, and we encourage early registration to secure your child's place.

Register today: <https://forms.gle/H2QZem6fMTP9wX6YA>

A vibrant poster for a STEM Discovery Workshop. The background is white with a purple and yellow border. It features various STEM-related icons: a laptop, a calculator, a magnifying glass, a globe, a rocket, a pencil with an astronaut, a molecular model, a network diagram, a microscope, and a gear. The text is centered and reads: "C&J Resources presents: STEM DISCOVERY WORKSHOP JUNE 15TH - 18TH 9AM - 3PM COST: \$150 PER STUDENT GRADES: K- 8TH TUSCALOOSA COUNTY". Below the text, there are two illustrations of a young boy in a white lab coat. On the left, he is looking through a magnifying glass. On the right, he is holding a molecular model. At the bottom, there is a list of workshop activities and a sign-up URL. The bottom left corner has the sponsor information.

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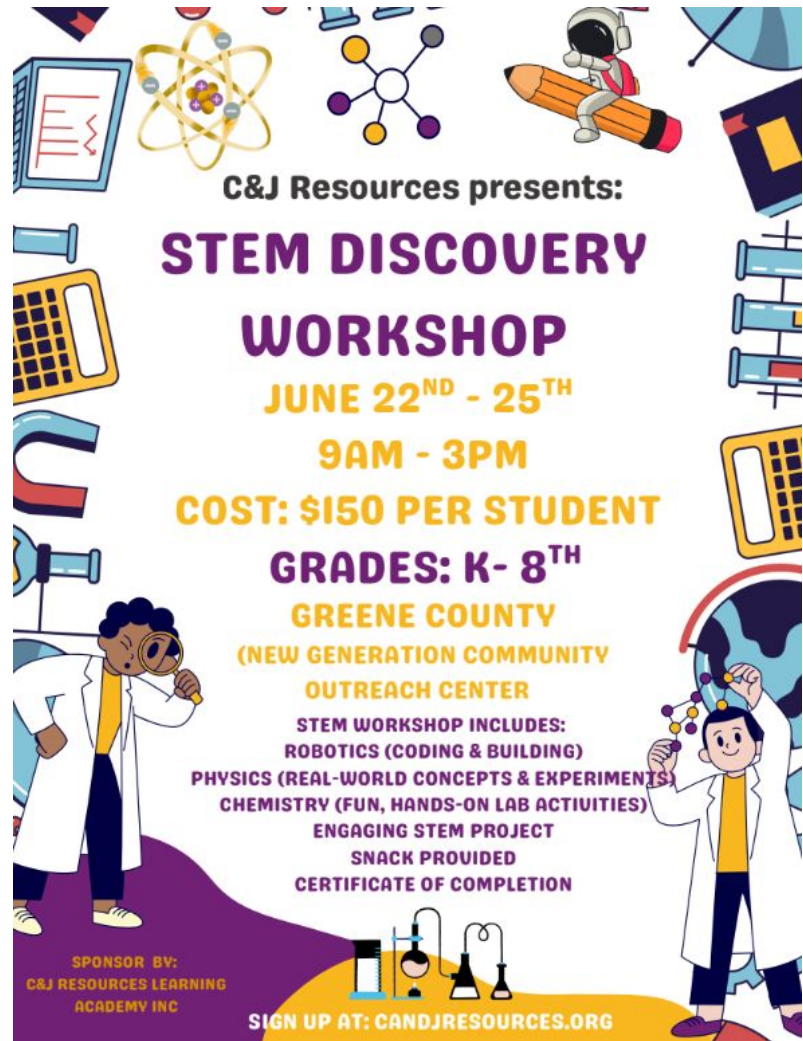
STEM DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

JUNE 15TH - 18TH
9AM - 3PM
COST: \$150 PER STUDENT
GRADES: K- 8TH
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

STEM WORKSHOP INCLUDES:
ROBOTICS (CODING & BUILDING)
PHYSICS (REAL-WORLD CONCEPTS & EXPERIMENTS)
CHEMISTRY (FUN, HANDS-ON LAB ACTIVITIES)
ENGAGING STEM PROJECT
SNACK PROVIDED
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

SPONSOR BY:
C&J RESOURCES LEARNING
ACADEMY INC

SIGN UP AT: CANDJRESOURCES.ORG

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C & J Resources Presents to you:

Splash Into Reading Workshop

June 2nd - June 11th

Grades Pre-K - 8th

July 7th - July 16th

Grades Pre-K - 8th

(Tuesday-Thursday)

Times: 9am-12pm or 1:30pm-4:30pm

Early Bird: \$350 per student

(register by May 15)

Cost: \$375 per student,

Reading Workshop Includes:

- Diagnostic Test
- Snack provided
- 18 hours of reading instruction
- Certificate of Completion

Sign up at: candjresources.org

C & J Resources Presents to you:

Splash Into Math Workshop

June 23rd - July 2nd

Grades Pre-K - 8th

(Tuesday-Thursday)

Times: 9am-12pm or 1:30pm-4:30pm

Early Bird: \$350 per student

(register by May 15)

Cost: \$375 per student,

Math Workshop Includes:

- Diagnostic Test
- Snack provided
- 18 hours of reading instruction
- Certificate of Completion

Sign up at: candjresources.org

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH EVO!

Hands-On STEM Meets Real-World Careers

Join us for **Around the Neighborhood with Evo**, a summer camp where elementary students explore community careers through coding, problem-solving, and hands-on STEM challenges using Ozobot's Evo robot.



GRADES
3-6

\$50

UWA Black Belt
STEM Education
Institute

JUNE 22-26

9 AM-2 PM

**JULIA TUTWILER
LIBRARY**

Campers Will...

- Code Evo to navigate a neighborhood map
- Solve hands-on STEM challenges inspired by real community places
- Explore how community helpers use STEM every day
- Practice problem-solving, creativity, and persistence



Scan the
QR code
to register!



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NEED MORE INFO? EMAIL CNICKLAS@UWA.EDU OR CALL 205-652-3481

LIFEWISE ACADEMY



WANT TO SEE A BIBLE EDUCATION PROGRAM STARTED FOR LOCAL STUDENTS?

LifeWise Academy offers Bible education for public school students during school hours. Almost no one knows this is possible. LifeWise provides a program that any community can implement to reach students with the gospel. LifeWise classes are held off school property, privately funded and parent-permitted.

Yes, I would like to see a
LifeWise Academy
started in my school
district!



Voice your support by scanning
the QR code and signing your
school district's list.



Join Your Local Steering Committee.
Learn more and **Apply now!**



SCAN HERE TO JOIN PTA TODAY!

\$10 PER FAMILY



UCS Spring 2026 PTA Newsletter

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



We hope you've had a wonderful year so far at UCS!

Thanks to your support, so far this year the UCS PTA was able to celebrate and support our amazing staff & students through many special ways such as:

- 🍲 Fall Staff Soup & Salad Bar
- 🍪 Milk & Cookies with Santa
- 📌 Student Incentives for attendance and ACT achievement
- 💙 Teacher-led initiatives awarded through our PTA mini grants.

Thank you for helping make our school so special!



Calling Volunteers-

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8!
The UCS PTA will be looking for volunteers to help make this a wonderful week for our incredible teachers and staff.

Mark your calendars and watch for ways to get involved or email PTA today.

We ♥ our Volunteers

2025-2026 PTA Contacts:

Kimberly Fendley (President), Jill Whitaker (Vice President)
Contact Us @ ucspta@universitycharterschool.org

Important Dates coming up at UCS

April 28-29 Secondary Programs Advising Days

May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 16 UCS Graduation

May 18 Smith Awards Day
May 19 Lyon Awards Day



Get involved!



Join the UCS PTA TODAY



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