



UNIVERSITY YES ACADEMY

WEEK OF
SEPT. 8

THE LION'S WEEKLY • 2026–27

ONE TEAM • ONE MISSION • CONSISTENCY CREATES EXCELLENCE

WELCOME BACK, UYA FAMILIES!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK MR. HINES

Welcome back, parents, to UYA! Tuesday, September 8, is our first full day of school. Our theme for this year is One Team, One Mission — Consistency Creates Excellence. We are asking our families to help us be consistent with scholars coming to school every day, completing their homework every night, and doing the absolute best they can each and every day. We all share the same goal: student achievement for our scholars.

This week we will continue focusing on routines, procedures, and cultural norms. We worked on these expectations last week and will continue during the week of September 8 so that scholars and all stakeholders understand the environment we expect at UYA and the why behind our expectations.

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER DATES

SEPT. 8 First Full Day Breakfast & lunch begin	SEPT. 9 Preschool First full day	SEPT. 15–30 NWEA Testing Testing window	SEPT. 19 Ice Cream Social 10:00 AM–12:00 Noon
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THIS WEEK AT UYA — ATTENDANCE & DATA

ATTENDANCE MATTERS — SHOW UP

UYA Attendance Goal: 95% ADA

Week of 8/31 coded attendance: 89.6%

Class Attendance Celebration: Room 111 Ms. Butio 2nd grade 91.8% across the four half-days

Family Challenge: Have your scholar in school Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for 100% attendance this week.

NWEA TESTING

September 15–30

Our NWEA testing window begins September 15 and continues through September 30. Daily attendance is especially important so scholars are present and ready to do their best.

CULTURE CORNER — CHARACTER CAMP

WHAT SHOULD IT LOOK LIKE, FEEL LIKE & SOUND LIKE?

This week's focus is Character Camp: routines, procedures, and cultural norms.

LOOKS LIKE: Modeling • Practicing • Reteaching

FEELS LIKE: Consistency • Clear expectations • Everyone learning the same expectations

SOUNDS LIKE: Scholars explaining the cultural norm, routine, or procedure and the WHY behind it.

Family conversation: Ask your scholar, “What are the cultural norms and why are they in place?” and “What is a routine or procedure at UYA, and why is it in place?”



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FAMILY CONNECTIONS & WEEKLY ACTIONS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- School resumes Tuesday, September 8 our first full week.
- Breakfast and lunch begin September 8.
- Tuesday and Wednesday: all scholars enter through the gymnasium doors.
- Thursday and moving forward: scholars use their regular entry doors.
- Uniform expectations remain the same; shoes must be solid black.
- CurbSmart dismissal will be followed. Returning families will use the same process as last year; new families reviewed the process during orientation.
- If you do not know your scholar's CurbSmart number, you will learn it when you pick up your scholar.

HOMEWORK & LEARNING

No assigned homework this first full week.

READ 20 MINUTES EACH NIGHT

Have your scholar read the same passage for 20 minutes each night. If they finish before the 20 minutes is up, have them read it again and again until time is up. Have your scholar read aloud to you, then ask a question about what they read.

This repeated reading practice builds fluency, comprehension, and inferencing skills.

CONNECTIONS CORNER

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, September 19

10:00 AM–12:00 Noon

Join the UYA community for our Ice Cream Social.

SAVE THE DATE — MATH-O-WEEN

October 29 • 5:00–7:00 PM

More information will be shared as the event gets closer.

FAMILY CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

100% ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

The challenge is simple: make sure your scholar is at school all four days this week — Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Our goal is for your scholar to finish Friday with 100% attendance for the week.



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TRIPLE CROWN OF EXCELLENCE

SHOW UP • SHOW OUT • LEVEL UP

This week's SHOW UP recognition includes only scholars whose attendance entries for 8/31, 9/1, 9/2, and 9/3 contain EN/P with no UE.

Room 130

Anderson, Ai'liyah Ava
Culver, Blake Ryan
Drew, Dream
Dykes, Shaheem
Eades-Vasser, Christain Kyan
Irvin, Londyn Nova
Parker, Ayden
Payne, Joshua Jashawn
Smith, Averi Lynn La'trice
Sowell, Jamir
Ward, Jayda A'mani

Room 114

Downing-Carroll, Tori Faye
Lee, Kyng Josiah

Room 111

Dilworth, Logan
Dirrell, Aaliyah
Dunn, Jerard Allain
McCoy, Tamera Nicole
Perry, Marsean Gionni Xhaleid
Robinson, Jacen Martin
Whigham, Quad'mer Reginald
Williams, Carter Josiah Nairobi

Room 140

Culver, Bella Rose
Daniels, Madalyn Denise
Jones, Autumn Rose
Lowery, Jace Bryant
Nichols, Ky'Sir DeShawn Zebuion
Small, Samir
Ward, Frances Irene
Wilkes, Briley Marie

Room 113

Dawkins, De'Von Alexander
Jordan, Ki'aja Janaee'
Leverett, Khlo'e Renee'
Watson, David

Room 141

Crosby, Kobe Romell Jermaine
Hicks, Paige Alexis
Hokes, Journie Adore
Josey, Journeii Char'Lee Idella
Parker, Chloe Joy
Powe, Karter E.
Sowell, Aniyah
Watson, Malachi



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TRIPLE CROWN — SHOW UP CONTINUED

Room 142 Layne, Juwan Ariel Miles, X'amone Mckinzie Mosby, Nasir Josiah Rogan, River O'Shay Marie Ward, Ivan Le-Fredrick Whigham, Marceon Lamont Williams, Damoni Anthony	Room 144 Davis, Wesley Lloyd Evans, Z'ryiah Mckenzie Glaspie, Amir Jemeir Jones, Alijah Xavier McCain, Aaliyah Unique Snodgrass, Kaylie Thornton, Ava West, Lyric Mone't Wilson III, Dewell	Room 143 Jones, Antoine Anthony Fields, Matthew Goodwin, Carlee Laraye-Courtney Irvin, Brooklyn Dior McCain, Darrius Jacob Moore, Lundyn Terrin Danielle Nettles, Duroderick Fredrick Parker, Abigail Noel Pattilo, Kayden Trae'Von Patton, Carter Rayne Taylor, Peyton Lashun Whetstone, Mekhi
Room 104 Barnes, Caden Ryan-McGhee Davis, Brandon Parte Lamar Glaspie, Reginald Jocko Jackson, Makayla Aylse Johnson, Autumn Janelle-Renai Jones, Brandon Anthony Snodgrass, Logan	Room 241 Brown, D'laysha Shawntae Jackson, Olivia Jean McCary, Brandon Lee Edward Smith, Mi'Son Lovell	Room 242 Crosby, Khloee Mone' Rocquel Fields, Nyla McGhee, Paris Deshawn
Room 240 Ambrose, Nevaeh Aryanna Cross, Syn'Cere Sanford, De'Angelo De'mir 8a	Room 243 Hokes, Ja'Kiah Angel Jackson, Tre'von Allen McAllister, Nevaeh Renee Spiller, Elias Artez-Tristen Cross, Syaïre	