



UNIVERSITY YES ACADEMY

WEEK OF
SEPT. 14

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 to another great week at UYA! This week marks an important transition as we move from establishing our routines, procedures, and cultural norms into **full instruction**. Now it is time for our scholars to **LEVEL UP** academically and put those routines and expectations into action each and every day.

This week also begins **NWEA testing**. We need your partnership in making sure scholars **SHOW UP every day, on time, well-rested, and ready to do their absolute best**. Our attendance goal is **95%**, and every day matters. Last week, our building attendance was **93.42%**, so we have an opportunity to be **1% better this week!**

Finally, we invite all UYA families to join us for our **Annual Title I Ice Cream Social this Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**. Come out, connect with our UYA team, enjoy some ice cream, and learn more about how we can work together to support our scholars.

Remember, we are **One Team, One Mission**, and **Consistency Creates Excellence**. When school, scholars, and families work together consistently, we create the conditions for our scholars to succeed.

Let's **SHOW UP, SHOW OUT, and LEVEL UP!**

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 9/8 coded attendance: 93.42%

Class Attendance Celebration: Comer 6a and Vinluan 6b 100%

Attendance last week

Family Challenge: Have your scholar in school Monday, 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

- Breakfast ends at 7:55am
- Doors open at 7:30am daily
- 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 Five days this week — Monday, 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 class-list attendance entries for 8/31, 9/1, 9/2, and 9/3 contain EN/P with no UE.



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