

Dolphin Update-June 2014

School and PTSA Newsletter



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Directors' Message

Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 13th- 8th grade Breakfast
- ◆ June 13-5th grade Breakfast
- ◆ June 13-Minimum Day/Last Day of School
- ◆ June 13 - 8th Grade Promotion 4:00pm
- ◆ August 15th- UCMS Orientation
- ◆ August 18th -First day of School for 2014-2015

Dear University Charter Schools Families,

Thank you for being a part of a wonderful and successful school year! The team work of staff, families, students, and parents has made this year's programs possible and we look forward to another great year in 2014-2015. This is the time of year when we wind down and celebrate the year of learning, while also looking ahead to the coming year.

Staff Changes:

We are happy to report that we currently anticipate very few staffing changes for the coming school year! Many of you have heard that Ms. Tarah Colon will be our newest Language Arts and History teacher for the middle school and we are thrilled to have her join us as a full-time faculty member! Sadly, our Speech and Language Pathologist, Mrs. Kiely Carlson, will be moving on to a new professional opportunity for next year and we will be replacing her over the summer. And, finally, most of you are aware that Mrs. Sara Ahl will be leaving us at the end of this school year and the selection process to hire a new Director is currently underway.

A note from Mrs. Ahl:

My six years with University Charter Schools have been some of the most rewarding years of my life, and for that reason this is a very bittersweet time for me. In large part I owe my incredible experience to the staff members at UPS and UCMS, who have continually demonstrated to me the true definition of commitment. I also need to thank the students and parents who have made my work here so fulfilling. Through all of the challenges, the many successes, the good times and the hard times, I have been surrounded by a community that puts the needs of children above all else. For that I am eternally grateful and will miss so many of you! Thank you for the support, the laughter, the smiles, and for the warmth. I will keep in touch and look forward to seeing the school continue its cycle of growth and continuous improvement in the coming years!

Thank you to the students, teachers, staff members, parents, PTSA, Students Leadership, School Advisory Council, Board of Directors, and other community members who have helped support our successes this year. Thank you to everyone in the community for the support you have given our administrative team this year and for all you have done for our children. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Charmon Evans, Sara Ahl, and Verónica Solórzano

Administrative Team

Summer Office
Hours for the
Month of July

UCMS Office
Closed Month of
July

UPS Office Hours-
Monday,
Wednesday and
Thursday
1pm - 4pm

Thank You from the PTSA President

Wow! How the time flies! It seems like just yesterday we were all getting to know each other at the Back to School Barbeque.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, both parents and students alike, for all of your dedication and hard work this year. Also, our teachers and staff deserve huge thanks for all of their help throughout the school year. Our organization would never be able to contribute to field trips, the science lab, sports teams, physical education, Ballet Folklórico and all of the other great programs that our PTSA helps fund. Lastly, I would like to ask all of our parents, students, and staff for your input about PTSA. We would love to hear any new program or fundraiser ideas, as well as any critiques or suggestions for next year. We will be having our budget planning meeting soon, so your input is needed. Also if you are interested in volunteering on our executive committee or chairing a program, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank all of you again for your hard work and support this year! We can't wait to see you again next year.

Deanna Grimshaw
UPS PTSA President
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8th Graders Celebrate Their Years with UCS and Say Hello to High School

The past few weeks and the days to come are filled with events, celebrations, and responsibilities that wind down and commemorate the success of our 8th grade Class of 2014. Students have been hard at work finishing projects and taking exams to demonstrate what they have learned and show the high schools what they're ready for next. They have been brainstorming and practicing how and what they will contribute to their Promotion Ceremony (to be held June 13th at 4 pm on the UCMS Stage). They planned and prepared for their class pictures, and their 8th Grade Breakfast, these last opportunities to enjoy one another's company all together. Congratulations to each and every one of the students in the Class of 2014; feel proud of the effort, pride and determination you have put forth inside and outside of the classroom to make this moment in your lives forever memorable.

Our 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony...

is Friday, June 13 at 4:00pm (gates will open at 3:15pm for guest seating)

To preserve the spirit and formality of our ceremony, we ask that all children remain seated with an adult throughout the event. Please ensure that balloons or other objects do not obstruct the view of those behind you. Please leave all sound-making devices at home. Thank you for your support!



UCMS ORIENTATION

August 2014

Each UCMS family will receive a summer packet in the mail. In addition to the dates and times below, please see the Orientation information included in your summer packet for more details on required paperwork, etc.! Orientation is mandatory for students and parents are highly encouraged to attend as well. If a student will be unable to attend, please notify the school.

Thank you. ☺



6th Grade Students: FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th 12:30 - 3:30pm

12:30pm—1:30 — Orientation assembly begins in the UCMS Gym . Students and parents should arrive promptly at 12:30pm,

1:45pm—2:30pm — Students will take picture, purchase PE clothes and locks, turn in required paperwork, and receive class schedules..

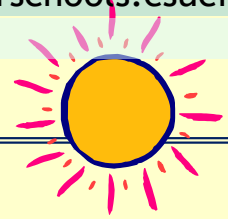
2:30pm — 3:30pm—Students will visit classrooms following their schedule.

7th - 8th Grade Students: FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th 12:30 - 2:45pm

12:30-1:45— Students must take pictures, purchase PE clothes and locks, turn in required paperwork, and receive class schedules between 12:30 and 1:45pm.

1:45pm—2:45pm — Orientation begins in the UCMS Gym promptly at 1:45pm. Please be on time!





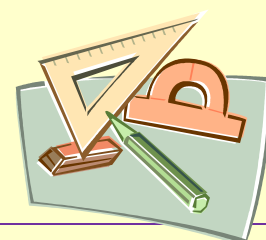
Calendar

Attached is a copy of the 2014-2015 school calendar. We know that many families like to plan ahead for family vacations. Please plan vacations during times when school is not in session. As you know our funding formula is based on attendance, so please plan carefully. We also ask that you arrange for doctor and dentist appointments after school to minimize disruption to classroom learning. Our first priority has always been student academic success. Every year our budget is very limited. Schools are still facing difficult issues with funding. We have been working to maintain our programs through these difficult times. We need and appreciate the support of the community, businesses and families this year. You will hear about opportunities to contribute supplies for the various grade levels, and while it is not a requirement to make donations of these supplies, we ask that, if you are able, you find a way to support our school. If you have ideas for other kinds of donations or would like to make a monetary donation toward larger items, that are needed, please contact the school office at 805-482-4608. We appreciate your support!

Our Wonderful PTSA

This year, PTSA has been able to provide UPS and UCMS with many things, including: a PE teacher, field trips for all classrooms, classroom supplies to teachers, after school sports and programs, and more! PTSA was able to do this with your support of fundraisers including: Harvest Festival, Coupon book, Sees Candy, Dolphin Fun Run, Dine outs, and Luau. All of these great things for our children could not be done without your support. **THANK YOU!!**

Heather Gout
VP Fundraising



Congratulations to the following students for receiving Renaissance recognition throughout all of the 2013-2014 School Year:

Joseph A.	Alexander A.	Irza A.	Serenity A.
Robert A.	Jacquelyne A.	Andres A.	Lucas B.
Gregory B.	Ammon B.	Zoe B.	Jade-Lynn B.
Cameron B.	Mekenzie B.	Chastity B.	April B.
Madison B.	Richard C.	Gloria C.	Mauricio C.
Fabiola C.	Alexandra C.	Emmalee C.	Christa C.
Madeleine C.	Tristan C.	Mariah D.	Daniela D.
Ixtzel Duran	Brandon D.	Melanie E.	Natalie E.
Jackilynn E.	Karlah E.	Sahni G.	Arturo G.
Samantha G.	Sophia G.	Addison H.	Kayla H.
Kasey H.	Monica J.	Audrey K.	Adalyn K.
Deanna L.	Martin L.	Azami L.	Brooklyn L.
Bailey L.	Tatiana L.	Tracy M.	Soraya M.
Brianna M.	Karina M.	Aurora M.	Zandt M.
Alexa M.	Isabelle M.	Ashley M.	Gisselle M.
Naomi N.	James P.	Ibrahim R.	Sophie R.
Alyssa R.	Wendy R.	Melina R.	Raul R.
Giovanni R.	Natalie R.	Mayrani R.	Aaron R.
Christina R.	Enzo R.	Daniella S.	Sebastian S.
Nouh S.	Sandy Soto	Grace T.	Valerie T.
Kylie T.	Kimberly V.	Yareli V.	Atalie W.
Cozette W.	Adrian W.	Gabriel W.	Elisse W.
Joshua W.	Victoria W.	Anaissa Z.	Alex H.
Angelina R.	David E.		

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Renaissance recognition throughout all of the 2013-2014 School Year. Our Renaissance program recognizes academic excellence and outstanding citizenship in the classroom. We had a great time at our annual Pool Party at the Pleasant Valley Aquatic Center on Tuesday, June 3rd. We hope to see all of you, and more, return to Renaissance next year!

COACHES!

We are in search of volunteer coaches for the coming school year:

Flag Football (Grades 6-8)
 Volleyball (Grades 6-8)
 Basketball (Grades 3-8)
 Rotary Track and Field (Grades 4-8)
 Soccer (Grades 6-8)



If you are interested, we would love your help! Please contact Mrs. Solórzano at 805-484-1872.

2014-2015 Suggested School Supply List

As a public charter school, UPS supplies all regularly needed school supplies. However, it is always apparent that the students enjoy going “shopping” for school supplies and then having their own pencil, etc. In light of this, we have compiled a “Suggested School Supply List” for each level. These additional items will be helpful in the class in the event you wish to purchase and donate them.

We will post our suggested school supply lists on our website at the beginning of JULY

Class Placements

The 2014-2015 class placements for UPS will be in the envelope with the End of Year Progress Reports on June 13. UCMS scheduling takes place during the summer, and class schedules will be available in August during Orientation (see enclosed information).

Summer Activities...

Please spend time working on academics with your child over the summer.

Some easy things to do are: **Practicing math facts** – addition, subtraction, multiplication, division. Knowing these facts by heart can help children to solve more complicated, multistep math problems. Below are some websites children can use to practice math over the summer.

Math Fact Cafe

<http://www.mathfactcafe.com/>

Math Practice

<http://www.math.com/students/practice.html>

Fun Brain

<http://www.funbrain.com>

Read every day! Many public libraries, including the Camarillo Library, run summer reading programs that provide incentives for children to read. The Ventura County Faire is also running a reading incentive program. Set aside a time each day for your child to relax and read. Visit the library to find books that are of interest and will motivate your child to read. With the younger students, take time to read to them. Escape into a land of fantasy and wonder with a great book! By reading to your child they learn to love reading!

Below are some websites to promote literacy and early reading skills:

Starfall Learn to Read

<http://www.starfall.com>

Book Adventure

<http://www.bookadventure.com/>

Provide your child some educational experiences.

Visit a museum, historical location, or experience nature. While on these adventures spend time talking with your child about what they are seeing, touching, smelling, and even tasting. These experiences will broaden their background knowledge and help them do better in school.

Whatever you do this summer....enjoy the time with your family!

America's Battle of the Books

2014-2015

NOW is the time to sign-up to compete in this quiz show style, reading competition.

To qualify for the competition you must:

1. Read 7 or more books from the following list
2. Have a Battle Leader sign off on your book knowledge
3. Attend at least 7 lunch time meetings during the year
4. Learn the titles and authors of all 30 books

Book List for 3rd - 5th Grades



Author

Katherine Applegate
 Betty Birney
 Judy Blume
 Bill Brittain
 Clyde Bulla
 Betsy Byars
 Matt Christopher
 Beverly Cleary
 Barbara Cohen
 Roald Dahl
 Jacqueline Davies
 Kate DiCamillo
 Frances Dowell
 Sid Fleischman
 Candace Fleming
 Valerie Flourney
 Jean Fritz
 Mary Hahn
 Valarie Hobbs
 Dick King-Smith
 Lois Lowry
 Stephen Manes
 R.J. Palacio
 Sara Pennypacker
 Louis Sachar
 Jon Scieszka
 Gertrude Warner
 Andrea Warren
 Deborah Wiles
 Elizabeth Winthrop

Title

The One and Only Ivan
The World According to Humphrey
Freckle Juice
The Wish Giver: Three Tales of Coven Tree
A Lion to Guard Us
Tornado
Ice Magic
Muggie Maggie
Molly's Pilgrim
James and the Giant Peach
Tricking the Tallyman
Because of Winn-Dixie
Phineas L. MacGuire...Erupts!
By the Great Horn Spoon!
Boxes for Katje
The Patchwork Quilt
The Great Little Madison
Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story
Sheep
Harry's Mad
Number the Stars
Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days
Wonder
Clementine
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom
Knights of the Kitchen Table
Boxcar Children
Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story
Love, Ruby Lavender
Castle in the Attic

The more books you read, the stronger your team will become!
 EVERY OTHER THURSDAY DURING LUNCH-

Mrs. Hemperly, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Lira, Mrs. Smith, & Mrs. Varela



Attention all UCS students!

Did you know that our fantastic Camarillo Library has a great series of activities and events this summer? They have special events including story games, music and science. And they have Kid events as well as teen events. Don't miss out. If you'd like more information, come to the office and pick up a flyer. Also, check out the info on our school website. We hope you take advantage of these opportunities this summer and keep up with your reading!

Visit this website for a calendar of events:

<https://librarycatalog.info/library/userdef/cplsrp2014>.

UCMS Leadership Celebrates Another Great Year

On Wednesday, May 21st, the UCMS Leadership team students spent the evening recognizing the incredible growth that the leadership students and program continue to make each year, and celebrating our accomplishments with friends, family, and staff. We had a delicious taco truck dinner, created "wordless" highlighting our strengths and attributes, and presented the infamous paper plate awards. The following students received special honors:

- 6th Grade Team Member of the Year: Gisselle Mi. and Elisse W.
- 7th Grade Team Member of the Year: Naomi Norman and Ixtzel D.
- 8th Grade Team Member of the Year: Lexi S. and Deanna L.
- Outstanding Commitment (3 years participation): Natalie R. and Kayla H.
- Most Inspirational: Kasey H.
- Extraordinary Emerging Leader: Irza A.
- Spirit of Culture: Grace T.



Huge props to these students and all of this year's leadership team members. We look forward to next year. The application process will begin right at the beginning of the school year, so stay tuned!

