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Welcome Back

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Mark Your Calendar

- ⇒ Thursday, August 17
Dismissal at 1:10 pm
- ⇒ Friday, August 18
Dismissal at 2:00pm
- ⇒ Thursday, August 24
Back to School Night
- ⇒ Tuesday, August 29 -
Middle School Picture
Day
- ⇒ Monday, September 4
Labor Day—No School
- ⇒ Thursday, September 11
Patriot's Day Assembly
8am
- ⇒ Tuesday, September 26
Picture Day Elementary
Site
- ⇒ October 5-13
Fall Parent -Teacher
Conferences—11:45
Dismissal
- ⇒ October 16- 20
FALL BREAK—No
School

Dear University Preparation Charter School (UPCS) Families,
Welcome Back!

We are off and rolling with our 2017-2018 school year! As we begin the new school year, we will work with students to help them develop good habits that will lead to success. To support them in doing so, please help them create home routines that include good nutrition, adequate sleep, and time management. Please help them allocate adequate time for homework, family time and outside activities; while still being able to arrive to school on time and attend regularly. These habits will pay off, but will require dedication of the whole family to ensure student success.

During this school year there will be many opportunities for families to participate in parent education classes and enrichment opportunities. We hope you will take advantage of these and that they will contribute to your child's success in school and career. If you have a request for a specific topic for parent education nights, please let any of our school Directors know. One of the great opportunities planned for parent education this year includes language classes both in Spanish and English.

We are pleased to continue to offer students some of their favorite enrichment specialist classes, and added some new ones. This year our classes include: Art, Coding, Keyboarding, Leadership, Lego Robotics, Minecraft, Music, Reader's Theater, Ukulele and Peer Tutoring (at the middle school). We look forward to sharing many exciting learning opportunities and welcome you to fully participate as our partners throughout the new school year.

Let's make the 17-18 school year our best yet!!!

Charmon Evans
Executive Director

Darlene Hale
Director, Elementary School

Verónica Solórzano
Director, Middle School



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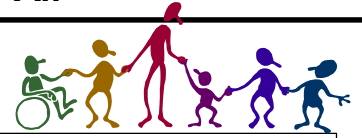
We are excited to welcome some new staff members to our UPCS family....

- ◆ **Andrea Masterson** will be joining the Primary Years team with Sra. Cachú. Ms. Masterson has worked with us in several capacities and we are very excited to have her working on the PY team.
- ◆ **Silvia Mata** will be joining the Intermediate Years team as a dual immersion teacher. Ms. Mata comes to us with several years of teaching experience in dual immersion programs. She most recently taught in Texas.
- ◆ **Evelyn Herrera** is also joining the Intermediate Years dual immersion team. Evelyn has been with us for several years and we are thrilled to have her on the IY team.
- ◆ **Ryan McCurdy** is also joining the Intermediate Years language enrichment team. Mr. McCurdy was most recently our PE teacher. Mr. McCurdy also worked on the PY team and has worked in our learning center. It is exciting to have him now working on the IY team.
- ◆ **Marisela Vara** will now be working on the Intermediate Years Language Enrichment team. Mrs. Vara was most recently our push-in Spanish teacher and on the Early Years team.
- ◆ **Len Bullicer** has made a shift from the Primary Years team to the Early Years Language Enrichment team.
- ◆ **Kimberly Matthes** will be joining the Middle School team teaching English Language Arts and Social Studies. Ms. Matthes was most recently with a charter school in Santa Clarita. Ms. Matthes has worked with students in grades K-12 and also spent several years working in school administration.
- ◆ **Ray Clayton** will be joining the Middle School team teaching Math and Science. Mr. Clayton worked with our school last year as a long term sub. We are happy to have him onboard fulltime.
- ◆ **Hannah Davidson** will be joining our Middle School Math and Science team. Miss Davidson most recently taught 6th grade in Lompoc.
- ◆ **Roann Bender** is joining the Middle School Math and Science team. She will be missed at the elementary school but we are thrilled to have her working on the Middle School team.
- ◆ **Cody Durkee** is our new PE teacher at the elementary school.
- ◆ **Darlene Hale** was recently brought on as the new Elementary Director.
- ◆ **Veronica Solorzano** has changed roles from the UPCS Assistant Director to the Middle School Director.
- ◆ **Charmon Evans** is now the Executive Director for UPCS.
- ◆ **Kathleen Donlon** has taken on the role of the Elementary Office Manager.
- ◆ **Sonia Tapia** is now the Middle School Office Manager.
- ◆ **Robyn ElZarif** has moved over to the middle school as the Office Assistant.
- ◆ **Sandy Sontag** will be taking on the role of Student Support Services at the elementary site.



Student Safety, Our Priority

Traffic & Parking Lot Procedures: A Must for All



Safety is our priority! In an effort to keep our school site safe for all students, **the elementary school site parking lot is closed during drop off and pick up times.** It is prohibited to pull into the elementary school parking lot from 7:30 to 8:15 am and 1:30 to 3:15 pm. Your support is greatly appreciated. On rainy days, the elementary site parking lot will open for drop-off and pick-up.

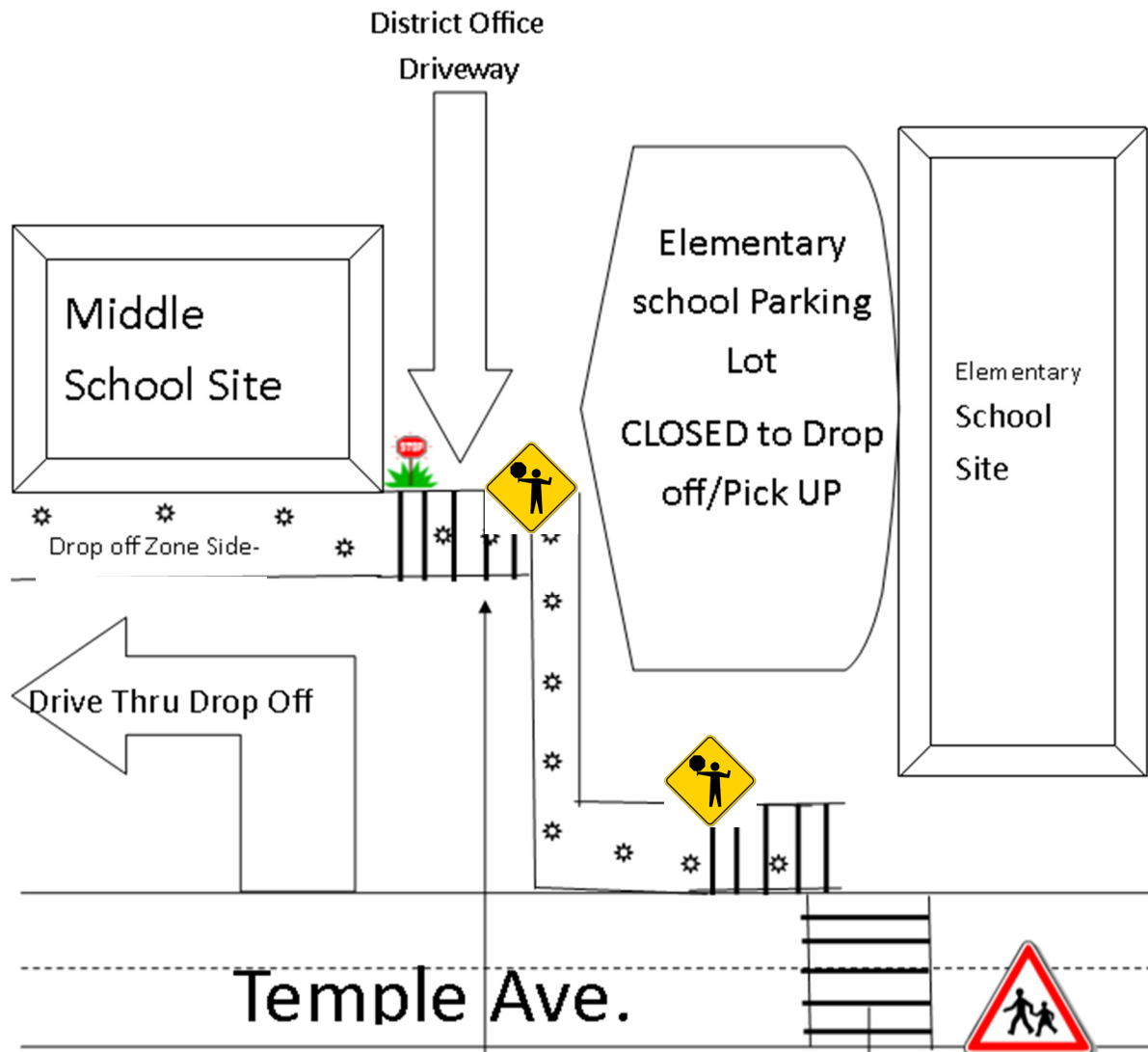
We have a drop-off zone at the middle school parking lot for both elementary and middle school students and families to use. Help us protect our children by making plans for drop-off and pick-up procedures. Some ideas include:

- Carpool with neighbors.
- Park on Hartnell or the west side of Temple and have your child walk across with the crossing guard. You can enjoy the walk with them too.
- Walk your child to school if you live nearby.
- Make arrangements for your child to walk or ride bikes with a group of students.

Elementary school: K-1, Early Years, students should be picked up at their classrooms. 2nd - 5th grade, Primary and Intermediate Years, teachers walk their students to the front of the school at the end of each day. You can park on a nearby street and walk to the campus to greet your child.

SEE MAP ON FOLLOWING PAGE





We have a brand new SAFE crosswalk for students going between the middle school and elementary site. We will be asking students to following the marked path above ***** on the map when going between the two campuses and at drop off

Cross walk with city crossing guard

The elementary school site has three walk-in entry points:

1. Through the front gates
2. Through the Temple Ave. gate near the fields
3. Through the back gate off Eston.



Crosswalk with staff crossing guard

Plan Ahead for Walking, Skating or Biking

If your child will be walking, skating, or riding a bike home from school, please communicate the plan to your child's teacher. It is best to put the plan in writing. Bike riders and skaters must wear a helmet (It is the law!).



Key Experience Trips: A UCPS Tradition

Primary Years (2nd and 3rd Grades)

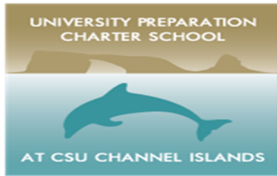
The Primary Years Key Experience Trip to Santa Cruz Island has been a great success. Because we travel every other year, our 2nd and 3rd graders will have the opportunity to participate next school year 2018-2019. Please stay tuned for more information this school year.

Intermediate Years (4th and 5th Grades)

The Intermediate Years students attended the Catalina Island Marine Institute for the second time last year. It was a 3 day, 2 night trip. We had great participation and it was a wonderful learning experience. Intermediate Years students will be traveling to Catalina Island Marine Institute again in the 2017-2018 year.

8th Grade Students

Our tradition will continue this year with an 8th grade trip to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C.! Please stay tuned for an informational meeting in September and get ready to register as a participant! Like last year, we will travel to Washington, D.C. during spring break again this year.



Wellness Policy

Dear Families:

In an effort to support good health and habits, the Board of Directors of University Preparation Charter School recently adopted a new Wellness Policy to help guide these school-wide efforts. The following information summarizes the school board policy, and will help families and school staff maintain a healthy learning environment and support the well-being of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support!

INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors of University Preparation Charter School (UPCS) recognizes the link between student health and academic achievement. It is the goal of UPCS to promote the health of its students by supporting wellness, good nutrition and regular physical activity as vital components of the complete learning environment. In furtherance of this goal, the University Preparation Charter School Board of Directors adopts this School Wellness Policy.

SNACKS

Food served during the school day or in after-school care or enrichment programs should make a positive contribution to student's diets and health, with an emphasis on serving fruits and vegetables as the primary snacks and beverages that are within the nutritional standards.

CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

UPCS encourage the consumption of healthy foods and beverages at school celebrations and events (including classroom parties). Teachers will limit celebrations that involve food during the school day to no more than one party per class per month. It is strongly recommended that any type of classroom or school sponsored activity which will serve food or beverages take place after the lunch meal period, in order to avoid interference with the lunch program. University Preparation Charter School teachers and staff ask students and parents to refrain from providing sugary, high calorie or high fat foods for group or class celebrations. We ask that families not send foods with added sugar to school for consumption by groups of students or classes.

SHARING OF FOODS AND BEVERAGES:

The elementary school site shall discourage students from sharing their food or beverages with one another during meal or snack times, given concerns about allergies and other restrictions on some children's diets.

Please join us for
Back to School Night
Thursday, August 24th

All Families

5:30- 8:00 pm.....Leadership fundraiser

5:45 - 6:15pm.....PTSA General Meeting - Please join us!
(On the grass area adjacent to Middle School parking lot)

5:30 – 6:45 pm.....Science Lab Open (on Middle School campus)

Elementary School Classrooms

6:20-6:50pm.....Presentation Session 1

7:00-7:30pm.....Presentation Session 2 (Repeat of Session 1)

Middle School Classrooms

5:00-5:40 pm.....Session 1: Grade Specific Parent Curriculum Information Meetings
6th grade - D-3; 7th grade- D-4; 8th grade-D-1.

6:20-7:00 pm.....Session 2: Grade Specific Parent Curriculum Information Meetings
(Repeat of Session 1)
6th grade - D-3; 7th grade- D-4; 8th grade-D-1.

7:05-8:06 pm.....Classroom Rotations (Learn of specific teacher expectations)

During the presentations you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear about the goals for the year. The teachers will share information about curriculum, expectations, and procedures that will benefit your child and family.

The Middle School Back to School Night schedule combines both grade level parent night and the traditional Back to School Night rotations. The first part, 5:00-7:00 pm, will be Grade Level-Specific curriculum and program information. During the second part of the evening, you are invited to follow your child's schedule, meet each teacher, and learn of specific classroom procedures and expectations. We look forward to having parents participate in all parts of the program. Your student's schedule will be handed to you when you arrive.

Back to School Night is an information evening for parents only. If children attend, we ask that they please stay with their parents. Playgrounds will be closed for safety reasons. Thank you for your help with this!

Emergency Contact Info - Keep it up to Date

Emergency Contact Information is updated regularly, but we count on you to supply us with current information.

Please remember to always call or come to the school to update your child's emergency information if you move or change phone numbers (home, work, or cell). It is very important for the school to be able to reach you in case of emergency. Only those individuals listed on the emergency card are allowed to pick up your child from school. People you list on the card should be local and willing to serve in an emergency. If your child is injured or becomes sick at school, or in the event of a disaster, we can release him or her only to you or someone you have listed on the emergency card. Please keep your emergency cards up to date.



Communication

Our goal is to keep you as informed as possible about upcoming events. Ways you will receive information are through phone calls, school fliers, and newsletters.

Watch for your invite to join Parent Square our home parent communication application. We will send you and email to join or you can stop by the office and sign-up. You can choose how you want to get your information; phone calls, text messages, or both!

Also, please visit our website: <http://univeristycharterschools.scudi.edu>

Great Ways to Get Involved

UPCS is an exciting community for our parents and students.. There are many ways you can get involved beyond the excellent classroom opportunities. Below is a list of some of the activities that will be available during the school year. This is just a preview list of things to come. Keep your eyes open for further information about the opportunities for involvement in our schools

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| • Art Club | • PTSA—Parent Teacher Student Association |
| • Student Leadership—Spirit Days, Movie Nights, and More | • Dolphin Read-a-thon |
| • Volunteering in the Classroom | • Instrumental Music— Beginners and Concert Band |
| • Community Events—Dine Out Nights | • Dolphin Fun Run |
| • Book Fair | • School Advisory Committee (SAC) |
| • Dolphin Read-a-thon | • Spanish and English Classes for Adults |
| • Harvest Festival and Luau | • Robotics Teams |
| • Ballet Folklorico | • Peaceful Playground Activities |
| • Sports Teams of all Sorts! | • Dolphin Lunch Club |
| • Science Fair | • Spelling Bees |
| • Camarillo Academic Olympics | • More to Come! |

