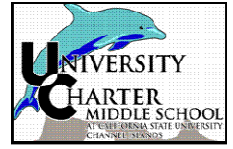




Dolphin Update-October 2015 Newsletter



UCS Directors' Message

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 19- 23
Fall Break NO
SCHOOL
- ◆ October 27 UPS
Picture Make-up
Day
- ◆ Oct 26-30 Red
Ribbon Week
- ◆ Nov 5-Dolphin
Points Dance
- ◆ November 19-
Renaissance
Rally
- ◆ Nov 5-8 Family
Photo Nights
- ◆ Nov. 11
Veterans Day NO
SCHOOL
- ◆ Nov 23-27
Thanksgiving
Holiday, SCHOOL
CLOSED
- ◆ Dec.8 PVSD
Board Meeting-
Public Hearing of
our charter.

Dear University Charter School Families,

We have enjoyed a great start to the 2015-2016 school year.

Routines are established and effective instruction and learning are happening at every turn. We have spent a good deal of time talking about expectations with students and the bar has been set high for both behavior and academics. We are encouraging students to make this their best year yet!

Many of you were able to make it to Back to School Night and at that time your child's teacher shared their plans for this school year. Also, you have had a chance to sit down one-on-one with your child's teacher and discuss your child's academic and social emotional goals for the year. A strong home-school connection is vital to the success of each and every student.

Sincerely,

Charmon Evans, Gayle Hughes, and Verónica Solórzano
UCS Administrative Team



Red Ribbon Week October 26 -30, 2015

"Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America." - imdrugfree.com
Story behind Red Ribbon Week: www.imdrugfree.com/
Additional information about the week's activities will be sent home next week.

Time Magazine for Kids into the classrooms



Thanks to PTSA, each classroom is now being supplied with authentic, expository learning materials, which supports our shift towards the new Common Core Standards.

Early Years Field Trip

Early Years students will be attending the Pumpkin, Pumpkin field trip at the UC Hansen Research and Extension Center in Santa Paula on October 27th. This a free program offered through the University of California Cooperative Extension-Ventura County. Educators and chaperones are invited to lead students through a variety of age-appropriate, self-guided agricultural centers. The focus is on the life cycle of a pumpkin and other nutritious winter squash.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

¡Gracias! Thank you!

Thanks to our amazing local sponsors for their donations to Harvest Festival! We also appreciate all of you for sending in donations of food, drinks, and other auction items! Thanks to all!

BoB



America's Battle of the Books

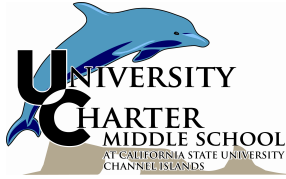
The third, fourth, and fifth grade students at UPS have already started to prepare for our June 2016 America's Battle of the Books reading competition. This is our fourth year participating in this nationwide reading program. This program provides opportunities for students who are interested in reading high quality children's literature to come together and talk about these fantastic books. Students need to read seven or more books from the Battle list and they need to attend seven or more Battle meetings in order to be eligible for the end of year, Family Feud-style competition known as the Battle. We encourage all third, fourth and fifth grade students to attend the upcoming meetings.

Meetings are during lunch on Thursdays.

Mark Your Calendar: No School on These Dates

October 19-23 - Fall Break
November 11 - Veteran's Day
November 23-27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Study Spot



“WHAT is the STUDY SPOT?”

A place to do homework and receive academic assistance after school (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

- *Students who attend may do homework, study, and receive academic assistance*
- *The Study Spot will be a quiet environment for learning*
- *It is mandatory to be working or reading a book*

WHEN is the STUDY SPOT open?

*Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
3:00pm - 3:55pm*

- *Students must arrive by 3:00pm*
- *Students leaving before 3:55pm must be cleared through the UCMS office by a parent*

WHO can attend the Study Spot?

- *Any student wishing to study, complete homework, or receive help after school*

UCMS Renaissance Program = Academic Excellence

At UCMS, we foster a community of learning that encourages and motivates students striving for growth and accomplishment in the classroom. The Renaissance program provides the opportunity to recognize and honor students for these academic successes. Details regarding the various levels of recognition and requirements for such are available on the school website. Renaissance students enjoy various privileges and fun treats throughout the year.



UCMS Spirit Day is THURSDAY!

Want to show your school pride? Wear blue and gold on Thursdays! We appreciate your support, and love the school pride. Go dolphins!

On Sale
Now!

2015-2016 UCMS/UPS YEARBOOKS

*All Yearbooks will be
Hardcover!*

*Only \$25 if ordered
before January 8th
Order forms available in the
office*



ELAC Needs You!

What is ELAC?

ELAC stands for **English Learner Advisory Committee**: This committee exists to provide the community an opportunity to give input on the educational program of English Learners.

What does ELAC do?

1. The members of ELAC have 5 main responsibilities. The committee exists to assist the principal and staff on:
2. The schools' needs assessments
3. The schools' programs for English Learners
4. The schools' annual language census
5. Efforts to make parents aware of the importance of regular school attendance
6. Advise the School Advisory Committee

Who can be on ELAC?

Any of our UPS/UCMS community members can be on ELAC, however at least **50% of the committee must be parents of English learners.**

Join us at our meeting-

When: Tuesday, October 27, 2014

Where: UPS

Time: 5:00-6:00 ELAC

Dinner and Child Care Will Be Provided

We plan to nominate officers and establish future meeting dates and times.

Please help us to guide our practices and provide quality programs for our English Learners!

We'll see you there!

Follow us on Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/UniversityCharterSchoolsAtCsuChannellIslands?ref=tn_tnmn



UCMS School Website!!!

As part of the UCS school website, the UCMS community has a section that is updated regularly with events, activities, and information happening right here on the middle school campus. This can be found from the main UCS page, at the top under programs, click on University Charter Middle School. Please bookmark our page and check us out!

UCMS Renaissance Program = Academic Excellence

Congratulations to all of our current Renaissance Members!

Monica C.	Maya G	Jordan P	Sebastián R
Brandon S	Angelina R	Megan B	Daniela D
Fabiola C	Gisselle M	Soraya M	Lucas B
Atalie W	Adrian W	Elisse W	Jade-Lynn B
Celeste V	Karina R	Celeste H	Leo C
Laurie E	Kaitlyn M	Rachel G	Leilani B
Crosby U	Kimberly B	Andres A	Valerie T
Daniella S	Madeleine C	Natalie E	Bailey L
Enzo R	Mekenzie B	Adalyn K	Arturo G
Serenity A	Adam O	Justin B	Celeste C
Arely G	Maya B	Mia V	Bradley H
Carlos Z	Andres M	Lauren S	Samuel S
Jose R	Jaden G	Gladys B	Jacinda P
Valentina P	Brisa R	Elizabeth G	Alma M
Madison B	Damien M	Isaac U	Kyara E
Makayla T	Alondra R	Diego A	Alexandra G
Sofia M	Jaycob O	Alexiah S	Emma P
Helen O	Ashlie U	Lily B	Abigail P
Umaima A	Felicia Q	Sara C	Evanny M
Julie A	Dee'Anna T	Melina R	Enrique C
Jason R	Matthew J	Gisselle R	Adrianna G
David M	Brianna P	Juan R	Angela M
Miguel G			

Students who are Renaissance members earn prizes throughout the quarter, so be sure to strut your stuff with your dog tag so that you don't miss out. All students can participate in Show Me an A day and be recognized through our Renaissance Teacher Awards, too! Keep up the great work, dolphins!

Please save the date for our 1st Quarter Renaissance Rally on Thursday, November 19th from 12:15–1:10

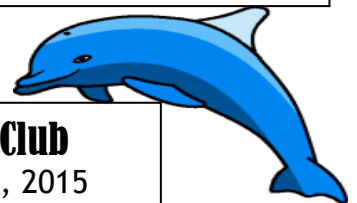


UCMS celebrated National Spirit Day on Friday, September 25th! The awesome outfits, face painting, and Fun Friday made our campus stand out. Way to go Dolphins showing your spirit and pride! Go blue and gold!

100 Point Dolphin Club

Dance on November 5, 2015

Students with 100 points are invited to a special lunch time dance to celebrate positive behavior at our UCMS campus! You don't want to miss it!



CLASS OF 2016!!!

Yay for 8th grade! Just a few reminders from your core teachers!

- This is a year full of learning and preparation for your future in high school! Stay organized, be responsible, remember that quality counts, and be your own advocate – communicate with your teachers as needed to ensure success.
- Remember that there are promotion celebration and event requirements. This includes 90+ dolphin points and a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA for your 8th grade year.
- We hope you are looking forward to the 8th grade events that have become tradition... Our Holiday Cheer Extravaganza in December, Museum of Tolerance in January, and a play in March!

Family Photo Night

Family Portraits will be on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. For a \$20.00 Donation you will receive your appointment and a professional 8" x 10" portrait. You will also have the opportunity to purchase more sizes at that time. A portion of all purchases is donated to the UPS PTSA. Please call early to get the appointment time you want.



Every Friday at UPS is school spirit day. Students, staff and volunteers are invited to wear their UPS T-shirt. Shirts are sold in the UPS

Our relationship with CSUCI

University Charter Schools has a very special relationship with California State University Channel Islands. We collaborate with CSUCI on many different projects and programs. What types of projects and programs?

- Special presentations from CI students
- Reading Tutors, UPS
- Student Teachers (here for a semester)
- Co-Teachers (here for the whole year)
- Service Learning Students – doing special projects
- Observers, future teachers who come once a week for the semester to volunteer in the classroom.

UCMS Intramural Sports
Middle school students,
Are you competitive? Do you want to join in on the fun? Come have some fun during lunch. The lunch time basketball tournament has started. More tournaments to come!!

Ballet Folklórico After-School Enrichment

The first day of Ballet Folklórico practice was Thursday, October 3rd, from 1:10-2:00. Your child’s teacher will dismiss and tell your child where to go for Ballet Folklórico. Ballet Folklórico ends at 2:00. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up on time. We are looking forward to another wonderful year of dancing!

Charter Renewal

On December 8th at 7:00 pm, Pleasant Valley School District Board will hold a Public Hearing where our charter renewal petition will be discussed. **Come and join us to show your support for our schools!**

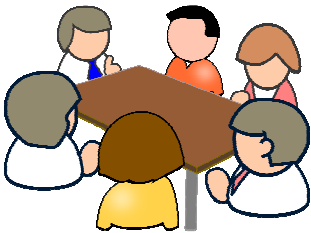
Congratulations to the 2015-2016 UCMS Leadership Team!

With over 60 applications submitted, we are happy to announce a fabulous group of students that will be working to bring spirit and community to our UCMS campus this year. These students meet three times a week during Specialists classes and not only develop their leadership skills, but plan and implement school-wide events for all UCMS students. Some of our first activities include the start of our monthly locker lottery, helping with Harvest Festival and Parent Teacher Conferences, a Fun Friday and Spirit Week, Red Ribbon Week, a conference with other middle school leaders across the county, and many, many classroom lessons that continue building these young individuals as leaders. Thank you to all those students that applied, and we encourage you to take advantage of the many other ways to be involved at school this year☺

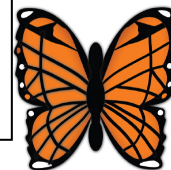
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Britain B.
Leilani B.
Gladys B.
Maya C.
Monica C.
Daniela D.
Angel D.
Citlali D
Laurie E.

Adalyn K.
Evalyn K.
Bailey L
Soraya M.
Jonathan M.
Elizabeth Z.
Juliette M.
Chantel M.
Helen O.
Abby P.

Alondra R.
Angelina R,
Celeste V
Atalie W.
Elisse W.
Josh W.
Ashlie Y.
Gissele M.
Natalie E.
Alyssa G.



At UCMS, Mr. Sanchez is the teacher advisor for our New Garden Habitat Club that will be developing a native habitat garden to attract pollinators.



Please Report Volunteer Hours

Thank you everyone that has volunteered his/her time in school activities. Your help is always appreciated. Please continue to sign in and out on the classroom clipboard when you volunteer. If you have not signed the clipboard, you can send the hours you have volunteered so far for the months of September and October to the school. Thank you for your time and dedication to the school and to the children.

PTSA Historian