Blazer Bits
Pre-K through 3rd Grade
Monday, April 1:
- PreK-3rd Grade Character Education Kickoff in UCS Lyon Auditorium @ 8:00 am
- HOME Middle School Baseball Double Header vs. Demopolis @ 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 2:
- Happy Birthday, Mr. Watson! UCS is so thankful for you!!

Wednesday, April 3:
- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day! UCS HAS THE BEST INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES AND PARAPROFESSIONALS!
- Attendance Court
- Students Dismiss @ 1:00/1:10 pm
- CMA Dance
  - 1:00-1:30 Boys Tumble
  - 1:30-2:30 PreK and K Girls
  - 2:30-3:30 1st-4th Grade Girls

Thursday, April 4:
- FIELD TRIP - Kindergarten to the Birmingham Zoo @ 8:00-2:30 pm
- AWAY JV Tennis Match vs. Demopolis @ 4:00 pm

Friday, April 5:
- FCA in Mr. McRae’s Classroom (UCS Smith) @ 7:15 am
- Kindergarten Cap and Gown Pictures in UCS Lyon Front Foyer (Kindergarten students are allowed to be out of uniform for their pictures. Kindergarten teachers will announce the attire.)
- Cheer Uniform Fitting in Empty Classroom on 300 Hall @ 9:00-1:00 pm
- AWAY Softball Game vs. Millry @ 4:30 pm

Saturday, April 6:
- Happy Birthday, Mrs. Robinson! UCS is so happy you are ours!!
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APRIL 2024 | KOI FISH

PATIENCE
Waiting until later for what you want now
Whether it’s recess, lunch, math class or spring break, we are all looking forward to something. And we just can’t wait! But this month, we are slowing down and learning to do just that—wait. We are looking forward to joining you at home as we learn together about how to wait until later for what we want NOW!

**PATIENCE:**
Waiting until later for what you want now
Patience
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SAY IT:
Hold a contest with your family members to see who can say the definition the fastest.

Patience: Waiting until later for what you want now

KNOW IT:
ASK A GROWN-UP:
• Can you think of a time in your life when you had to wait a long time to get what you wanted? When you finally got it, was it worth the wait?

ASK A KID:
• What’s something you really want right now, but you know you have to wait for it? Is it difficult to wait patiently?

SEE IT:
There’s a popular psychology experiment that demonstrates the difficult task of having patience. The concept is simple. A child is given a marshmallow and told that they can eat the marshmallow now, but if they wait ten minutes they would get to eat two marshmallows. The reactions of the children are often quite amusing as they face the challenge of delayed gratification. Check out this video and see some funny reactions as some kids struggle to have patience: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7fNUpUAQ. As many of us know from experience, sometimes it is hard to have patience. As an ancient proverb reminds us, “Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.”

BE IT:
Let’s try a little challenge of our own. Find a quarter and put it in a cup or bowl of water and put it in the freezer. Once the cup of water is completely frozen, take it out and get ready to let it thaw. Here’s the catch- you have to watch the contents of the cup the entire time while it is melting. Once it has melted, you get to spend the quarter. Some other variations could be to freeze some Kool-Aid, Coca-Cola, or other favorite drink and the challenge is to watch it melt before you get to drink it. Be creative and come up with some other experiments to practice patience.

PHASE
Patience
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It may seem like there is never enough time to get everything done.

Consider using the rhythm of your daily life to shape the values in your home – take advantage of the time you already have:

Morning Time:
Be a coach. Help them find purpose by starting the day with encouraging words.

Drive Time:
Be a friend. Talk about life during informal conversations as you travel.

Meal Time:
Be a teacher. Have conversation while you eat together.

Bed Time:
Be a counselor. Strengthen your relationship at the end of every day with heartfelt conversations about feelings.

So don’t miss it. Use the time you have (without technology or distractions) to deepen relationships and encourage values in your home.
HOUSE LEADERBOARD
as of 1:12 pm Friday, March 15

2nd
Honesta
2507 Pts

3rd
Kula
2491 Pts

EB
Ella B.
1 Pts

LB
Luke B.
1 Pts

4th
Green House
0 Pts

EP
Elijah P.
1 Pts

No Contributors
Earn Points For Your House
NOW OPEN: CHARACTER HOUSE STORE!

Students should email Mrs. Meadows to purchase items or spend house points. All items in the store can be purchased with house points or cash.

NEW ITEM COMING SOON!
3 Inch Stickers
7 Points or $2

40 Ounce Cups
20 Points or $25

Pens
5 Points or $1

Pencils
5 Points or $1

Bracelets
5 Points or $1

NOW OPEN!!!
If you would like to purchase with points, email Mrs. Meadows to find out how many you have.

ORDER HERE!
Need a teacher gift? Purchase a BrewCS gift card where they can order a specialty coffee delivered to their room!
AND

READ ACROSS AMERICA

UCS

Grades 3-12
March-May

House Competition!
Students have details on their Bingo cards!
UPCOMING HOUSE COMPETITIONS!

Thursday, March 21 - Varsity Baseball
Monday, April 1 - MS Baseball
Tuesday, April 9 - Tennis
Friday, April 19 - Softball

Each person attending gets 1 House Point. The House with the most people attending gets 100 points!
Saturday, April 20, 2024

SUCARNOCHEE FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL
Courthouse Square - Livingston, AL
9 AM - 3 PM

Step into the art and culture of the Black Belt
5K Run, Pottery, Storytelling, Painting,
Live Music, Food, Metal Work, Woodcarving,
Games, Quilting, Poetry Reading, Basket Weaving,
Homesteading, Homemade Soaps, Plants and more...

For more information, call the University of West Alabama's Center for the Study of the Black Belt at (205) 652-3828 or email centerforblackbelt@uwa.edu
Sneaker Ball

Saturday, April 20, 2024
1:00-2:30 p.m.

Pre-K through 5th
Mother and Son Dance

The purpose of this dance is to celebrate those special bonds between our young men and their "someone special."
SAVE THE DATE

BALL DROP
UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL

APRIL 27th @6:00PM
LIVINGSTON CIVIC CENTER

$100 TICKET INCLUDES
• Chance to win $5,000
• Live Music
• Drinks & dinner for two

This event is organized by the Blazer Booster Club to raise funds for UCS athletic programs.

BALL DROP
UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

$250 BIRDIE
Admission for 2, one golf ball, and the company’s logo on signage at event.

$500 EAGLE
Admission for 4, two golf balls, and the company’s logo on signage at event.

$1000 ALBATROSS
Admission for 8, four golf balls, the company’s logo on signage at the event, and their logo on the UCS website.

*For more information contact ucsboosters@universitycharterschool.org
May 13-14, 2024 at

A dynamic and exciting live competition that rallies leaders and role models in a school’s community together to teach students in grades 4-8 about professional skills for success.

Manners    Discipline    Respect    Professional Conduct
Summer Programming
June 3rd-June 28th
Location: UCS Smith

- Summer Literacy Camp for K-3 students
- Summer Numeracy Camp for 4th-5th grade students
- Remediation Camp for 1st-6th grade students not demonstrating proficiency in an academic course
- Credit Recovery for 7th-12th grade students
- STREAM Camp for any UCS student needing summer fun!
- Driver’s Ed
- ACT Prep
- And MORE!

Registration Information Coming Soon!

205-754-3440 ext. 1111
lgibbs@universitycharterschool.org
IT'S TIME TO JOIN
BLAZER BOOSTERS!

Membership Options:
- Basic Blazer Booster Membership: $20
- Family Membership: $200
  - Includes an all-sports pass for parents and children living in the same household
- Individual Membership: $100
  - Includes an all-sports pass for one individual
- Corporate Sponsorship: $500
  - Includes all-sports passes for one family and sponsor recognition at home sporting events
*Corporate Sponsors please email the Blazer Booster Club for more information!

Updated Information for 2023-2024:
Individual & Family Memberships may be purchased via GoFan.
All-Sports Passes provide admission into all regular season home athletic events.

Contact us at
ucsboosters@universitycharterschool.org
Help Child Find
Locate Children with Disabilities

What Is Child Find?
Child Find is a statewide effort by the Alabama State Department of Education and the Department of Rehabilitation Services to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities from birth to age 21.

How Does Child Find Work?
Early Intervention and Special Education Services work closely with community service agencies, parents, and local school systems to locate children with disabilities. A toll-free number is provided for parents or other persons interested in information about referring a child from birth to age 21.

Why Is Child Find Important?
It helps the child, the family, and the provider to plan appropriate services and link families to services for students meeting eligibility requirements in the following disability areas:

- Hearing Impairment
- Deaf-Blindness
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Emotional Impairment
- Speech and Language Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Autism
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Developmental Delay

For more information about Child Find, contact your local school system, local coordinating council, or call

(205) 652-3848
Ages 3-21
1-800-543-3098
Birth through 2

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