



# JANUARY 2020 LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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### Special points of interest:

- FIX THE GLITCH!
- Funds for Shoes
- Sweetheart Dances
- Field trip fun
- MAP gift cards
- Gryphon Gear
- Get Involved!
- Parking lot safety
- And More

UA families, please be sure to update your personal information: telephone, address, email & such.

It is very important that we are able to reach you in cases of weather-related issues, school events and emergencies. Thank you for your support.

## We think we are worth it! Please read!

### Our Kids Deserve to be Treated Fairly, And We Are Working To #FixTheGlitch!

Did you know?

- In Missouri, public schools are supposed to be funded equitably?
- But, our school and ALL Missouri charter schools receive **at least \$1,100 less** each year for their education?
- It's not because of any effort to make Missouri's school funding unfair.
- It's a glitch in the charter school funding law and our Missouri elected officials can fix it!



### HELP US #FIXTHEGLITCH SO YOUR CHILD RECEIVES THE EDUCATION DOLLARS THEY DESERVE!

We aren't asking for a tax increase. We're asking for all Missouri's public schools to be funded fairly.

- Text **FIXTHEGLITCH** to **52886** to help send messages to our legislators!
- Visit **MOCharterSchools.Org** for messages you can post on your social media
- **SAVE THE DATE!** On January 22nd, join charter school parents to rally at our State Capitol (additional information to be provided)!



Interested in joining the Charter School Parent Advocacy Council? Email Edie Barnard at [ebarnard@mocharterschools.org](mailto:ebarnard@mocharterschools.org).

### Lower School Counselors Corner

**Please be sure to check out this site for information, news and important events.**

**[http://www.universityacademy.org/schools/lower\\_school/teacher\\_pages/lower\\_school\\_counselors/2019-2020\\_counselor\\_corner\\_newsletters](http://www.universityacademy.org/schools/lower_school/teacher_pages/lower_school_counselors/2019-2020_counselor_corner_newsletters)**

6th Annual  
Sweetheart  
Dances

Boys Dance with  
female role models:  
February 7th

Girls Dance with  
male role models:  
February 8th

Tickets are \$10.00 and  
\$15.00 after 1/29/20  
The last day to pay is Wed.  
Feb. 5th

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#### Important New Year Reminders...

- **\*Transportation changes MUST be made by 12 each day to ensure that information is distributed to teachers in a timely manner.**
- **\*MAP gift cards are still available IF your child scored Proficient or Advanced on 2018-19 MAP test. Cards must be signed out by an adult in 3-5 office between the hours of 7-3:30, Monday-Friday.**
- **\*Gryphon Gear is still available. Sweatshirts- \$25.00 Contact Suzie Jackson, Upper School office.**
- **\*Field trip fun is coming soon! If you have not turned in your child's permission form and/or paid field trip fees, please be sure to do so using your Schoolpay account. Forms may be given to 3-5 office.**
- **\*Get Involved! UA offers many opportunities for families, friends, alumni & community partners to get involved. Contact bradyk@universityacademy.org for details.**
- **Open to Public! Board meetings, 4th Tuesday of every month (except Dec, Mar & July), Mayerberg @ 4:00.**
- **#PTAmatters! Join in on the fun...LAST meeting of this school year...April 16th, Mayerberg @ 5:30.**
- **\*Parking Lot safety! To continue the safety and protection of our students, please abide by the drop off and pick up rules.**

### Lower School Principal's Corner

Greetings Lower School Families,

The Lower School principals would like to wish all of our University Academy families a very Happy New Year and Welcome Back into the second semester. As we celebrate this new year, 2020, we want to take the time to thank you for the support of your students education and the continued partnership of their growth and success. It is truly the community, parents, and staff partnering and working together that allows us to maintain the successes we have so long enjoyed here at UA!

As we move into the second semester, there are many things we can celebrate as we reflect back on the first semester. It is evident that students are growing and learning daily, teachers are paying attention and tracking individual student progress while making data driven decisions in the classrooms, and as a K-5 community we are fostering a safe and overall positive school culture for your students. We are proud of the academic accomplishments from the first semester and look forward to the continued growth and success of our students.

Additionally, we ask that you continue to support the forward successes into this semester by helping to ensure that your scholar is present in the classroom every day they can be. At University Academy, we want to see your child achieve and when it comes to their education, we believe that being present every day matters. Missing school for any amount of time will likely have a negative impact on your scholar's learning, achievement, and grades. Please help us to reach our attendance goal of 95% or higher.

As always, the admin team is here to provide support to you and your student. Do not hesitate to contact your administrators if you have any questions.

Thanks again,  
Mrs. Ashley Knapp - K-2 Principal  
Mrs. Aisha Smith - 3-5 Principal  
Ms. Blackstock - K-2 Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Kemp - 3-5 Assistant Principal

The Lower School would like to thank Mr. Milton Harris, the Ivanhoe Masonic Lodge No. 446 and the Masonic Home of Missouri for the generous donation they made toward our Restorative Support efforts. The funds will be put towards purchasing shoes for designated students. Thank you again for your support to our students with a necessity that would certainly help them to be happier children and hopefully better students. Mr. Harris also has a 2nd grade daughter who attends UA.

**Thank You**

