

# November Newsletter

November 30, 2016



## Cold Weather Reminder

It is hard to believe that we are getting into the winter season and the cold weather will be all around us. We need your help to make sure your children have on appropriate clothing for outdoor recess.



Please make sure you are letting the lower school office know about afternoon transportation changes

before noon

816-412-9230

Or

816-412-9282

Please leave a voicemail if we are not able to answer

~ Thank you ~



## Annual Performance Report

Wow! What an amazing accomplishment!

We are so proud of our Lower School Students for achieving a **100%** on the Annual Performance Report

for the 2015-2016 school year.

It takes all of us working together to meet our goals and to be one of the BEST schools in Kansas City. We

look forward to many years of continued success as we learn to grow together. Thank you for working hard to get your students here on time and making sure they get their work done all the time.

	Total Pts Can Earn	Total Pts Earned	Percentage
1. Academic Achievement	48.0	48.0	100.0%
2. Subgroup Achievement	12.0	12.0	100.0%
3. Attendance	10.0	10.0	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*One Team,  
One School,  
One Family:  
UA Gryphons*

Did your 4th or 5th grader earn Advanced or Proficient on the MAP last year? If so, Friends of University Academy has provided us with funding to reward our students' accomplishments. Gift cards will be provided for each student who performed at the Advanced or Proficient levels. You will need your child's conference form to pick up their Gift Card from Becky Johnston. Becky is available from 7:15am-2:45pm, please call her at 816-412-5920 to set up a pick up time before December 15th, 2016.

## Uniform Reminder

Collared shirts need to be worn every weekday with uniform pants. On Fridays, Gryphon shirts may be worn without a collard shirt underneath, with uniform pants.

## Upcoming Events

**5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation**  
December 2nd, 1pm

**1st and 2nd Grade Winter Concert**  
December 6th, 6-7:30pm

**5th Grade Field Trip UMKC**  
December 8th, 9-1pm

**2nd Grade Field Trip Science City**  
December 8th,  
9:15-1:30pm

**3rd-5th Grade Winter Concert**  
December 13th, 6-7:30pm

**Jeans Day With Uniform Shirt**  
December 16th

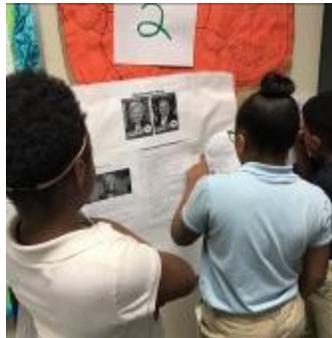
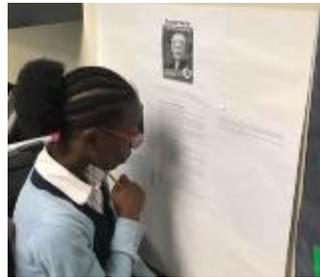
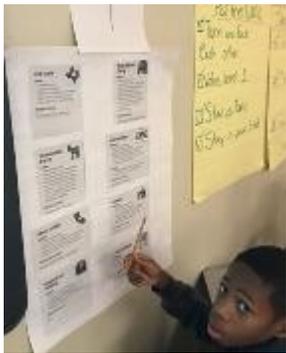
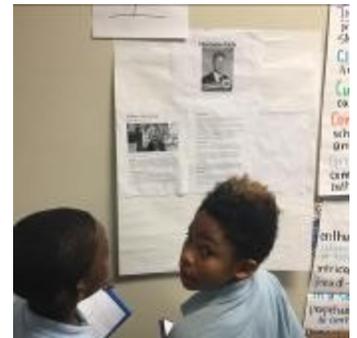
**Early Release Start Winter Break**  
December 16th, 12 pm

**NO SCHOOL Winter Break**  
December 19th-  
January 2nd, 2017  
*Happy New Year!*

**NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day**  
January 3rd, 2017

## 4th Grade Mock Election

4th Grade students have been working on close reading skills all school year. On the day before the election students applied these skills to a real life setting. Students read about all 4 presidential nominees. Then they got to cast a private ballot. Students learned the importance of making an informed decision and exercising their right to vote.



4TH GRADE VOTING results

Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Jill Stein	Gary Johnson
1111 11 (74)	1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111	1111 (52)	111 (19)

*Congratulations Mrs. President!*

## Students of the Month



- Kindergarten ~ Terrion Jones
- 1st Grade ~ JaVion Jackson
- 2nd Grade ~ Aundre Harris-Wakefield
- 3rd Grade ~ Chloe Ford
- 4th Grade ~ Ja'Lynne Johnson
- 5th Grade ~ Antoine Cutchlow



## Counselor's Corner

We talked to students about thankfulness this month. We specifically talked about all the adults who work at school that help the days go smoothly.

We created a thankfulness chain of adults in the school that the students are thankful come to work everyday! The adults will receive the chains with their name on it so

students worked hard on expressing why they are thankful for them. On December 8, 5th grade students will

visit UMKC and learn more about college. This is a great experience for students because college can be hard to comprehend in lower school. We hope your family has very happy holidays!



Lower School Counselors,

Mrs. Hagan - K, 4 & 5  
[haganc@universityacademy.org](mailto:haganc@universityacademy.org)  
 - ext. 5973

Mrs. Sanders - 1-3  
[sandersk@universityacademy.org](mailto:sandersk@universityacademy.org)  
 - ext. 9260

## Title I Tidbits

### Spend quality time reading with your child

Make reading with your child a daily routine this school year. Your child will benefit from your involvement, and you'll enjoy each other's company! You can:

- **Talk about the books you read.** Ask thought-provoking questions that will get your child thinking. "Do you agree with what the main character did?" "What do you think will happen next?"
- **Give an encore performance.** Your child may want to hear stories again and again—and that's good. The more your child listens to a story, the more she can learn from it.
- **Admire other performers.** Listen to professional storytellers or go to story hours at the library. While there, check out some audio books.
- **Find a time that works for you.** Select a time to read together when your child is most receptive. Make it a part of the day that you both look forward to.



**"EDUCATION IS A LIFE-LONG PROCESS NEVER QUIT LEARNING UNTIL IT ENDS."** Wes Fessler

### Encourage reading across genres

Not only do good readers read often, they also read widely—they read many different kinds of things. Encourage your child to read a variety of materials, including:



- **Nonfiction texts** about his hobbies and subjects that interest him.
- **Instructions**, how-to guides and recipes.
- **Magazines** and newspapers.
- **Poetry** collections.
- **Biographies** about influential people.
- **Comics** and graphic novels.

*"A capacity and taste for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others."*

—Abraham Lincoln

### Some Ideas We've Gathered:

- Try reducing TV viewing time and videogame time and increasing reading time.
- Set aside a time each day when you and your child will read
- Read aloud to your child. Reading with expression shows a child that you love books and that you enjoy reading to them. It can be a lot of fun, too!!



- Parents who read have children who read!!



## Upcoming Music Concerts



### 1st and 2nd Grade musical "A Bear-y Merry Holiday"

Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 at 6pm

- Students need to arrive between 5:30-5:45pm dressed in concert attire (listed below)
- Doors open at 5:30pm for parents/guardians and

**Students will need to wear concert attire for this performance;** please note that all students must adhere to concert attire

**Girls:** Nice shirts/blouses/sweaters (button down shirts, school uniform polo's, etc.), skirts or dress pants, dresses, and dress shoes. Tights or leggings are required underneath for girls wearing skirts or dresses. Please ask if you have questions about footwear. Absolutely NO JEANS!

**Boys:** Solid colored tops (button down shirts, sweaters, school uniform polo's, etc.), dress pants, and dress shoes. Absolutely NO JEANS!

### 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade presents, "Disney: The Movies, The Music"

Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 at 6pm

- Students need to arrive between 5:30-5:45pm dressed in concert attire (listed below)
  - If students have a Disney shirt or top, they may wear those with uniform or dress bottoms (khakis, dress pants, skirts), but jeans will not be allowed. Students may also wear Mickey/Minnie ears with their concert attire if they own any.
- Doors open at 5:30pm for parents/guardians and guests

## 5th Grade Water Cycle Project

The fifth grade class has finished their second Science unit. In this unit, the students were able to trace the steps in the Water Cycle, as well as, explain the different states water goes through in each step. The students' understanding was also evaluated in their expository essays. This project is always a fun and exciting way to "show what we know!"



## 3rd Grade Visits Old Missouri Town!

On Friday, November 4th, 3rd grade students took a trip back in time to visit Old Missouri Town 1855 in Lee's Summit. Students were able to see what a typical town in our area would look like in 1855. Students were able to experience what chores would have been like for children their age in 1855. They really enjoyed taking a turn on the 2 person saw to cut wood! They were able to visit the blacksmith shop and see the blacksmith in action. They visited the stables and all children were invited to get up close and personal with Molly and Holly the mules! This was a great experience for our students. The field trip coincides with the current unit that students are working on in Reading. It was a fun field trip that really gave students a once in a lifetime experience!



The mission of University Academy is to prepare students to succeed in an institution of higher learning and to become leaders in society.

6801 Holmes Road  
Kansas City, MO

Phone: 816-412-5900  
Fax: 816-410-0322

