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## Superintendent's Message



On Saturday, October 22, 2011 juniors and seniors will be taking the ACT at University Academy. At 7 a.m. breakfast will be served to students who will be taking the test. This is the first time that University Academy has served as an official test site for the ACT.

The annual Lower School Fall Festival Parade will be held on Friday, October 28th. For students who may not have a costume to wear in the parade, there are a limited number of costumes students may *borrow* for the parade.

Please remember jeans are not allowed unless a special school spirit day is announced. Thank you for your continued support.

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## Lower School Fall Festival Parade Friday, Oct. 28th 1:30pm

On Friday, Oct. 28th K-5 students are invited to bring their costumes to school for UA's annual Fall Festival Parade (no blood, no masks, and no play weapons allowed).

In the afternoon students will change into their costumes and go for a "Safe Trick-or-Treat" in the Big Gym. If you do not want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher and other arrangements will be made.

Please contact Ms. PB by Oct. 27th if your Lower School student is in need of a costume to borrow for the parade. We will assist as needed. 412.5947

## Picture Day a Success!

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who assisted with Picture Day this month. We could not have done it without you!

Picture retakes for families wanting to purchase pictures will be in November (more information to come)

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## "BULLY FREE IS THE WAY TO BE!"

Thank you to all parents and guardians who spoke with their children about bullying, encouraging them to treat others the way they want to be treated. Teach your children to speak up on behalf of children being bullied! Together we made a difference!

## Teacher Home Visits

UA has started a new initiative with conducting home visits for our K-12 students. We want these visits to improve communication amongst our staff and families about student successes!

Congratulations to 2nd grade for being the first team to complete their home visit 1st quarter.

2nd grade's visits went well and the families were all smiles when discussing the positive changes their students have made!




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## Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 24-28, UA is Drug Free!

Students, show your pride in being drug free during Red Ribbon Week next week!

### **(NO JEANS all week)**

**Monday, Oct. 24**  
School Spirit Day  
(wear school colors or spirit wear)

**Tuesday, Oct. 25**  
College, University, Trade School & Military Day (wear your favorite college or military apparel)

**Wednesday, Oct. 26**  
Dress for Success Day  
(wear your Sunday best for success)

**Thursday, Oct. 27**  
Dream Career Day  
(wear clothing that matches your dream career)

**Friday, Oct. 28**  
Red Shirt Day  
(wear your red shirts to pledge to be drug free!)



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## Science Fair Update

Students are working very hard on their Science projects. Students work on their projects at least once a week during class and can also work after school if prearranged with their teacher. Students need to make sure that they complete all items on the Science project checklist. Judging for Science Fair projects will take place December 5th. Parents will be able to view Projects December 6th. If you have any questions, please contact the Science Department.

## Career Education

Students will begin working on creating interview questions and interviewing. Please take some time to work with your child on their interview skills.

## Homecoming Parade Scenes



## Homecoming at UA

The University Academy Upper School concluded their fall homecoming season. Students and staff participated in the daily Spirit Week themes. On Monday students and staff wore pink for Breast Cancer awareness. Tuesday was Tacky Shirt Day. Wednesday was College Shirt Day. Friday was Senior Shirt Day. At the end of the week a Homecoming parade took place on the school grounds for K-12 to enjoy. Representatives from the Homecoming Court, football team, band, administration, as well as floats designed by each Upper School class, participated in the parade. The Middle School and Lower School enjoyed treats that were distributed along the parade route. Saturday concluded the Fall Homecoming festivities with the Homecoming dance.

Congratulations to our Homecoming King and Queen Angelica Arancillo and Joseph Eveland-Pulido and to our Prince and Princess Isabelle and Jackson Beckett!



## Conferences

Thank you to all of the parents who came to conferences last week. Staff enjoyed visiting with you as we work together in ensuring that your child is successful at University Academy. If you were unable to make it to conferences, please contact your child's teacher to reschedule.

## Gryphon Football

The Gryphon Football team won big in their first District game against the Drexel Bobcats. Dominic McKinzy, Brian Smith, Bryson Winfrey and a host of other Gryphons were unstoppable as they defeated the Bobcats 48-28. Come out and support the football team as they take on Lone Jack (away game) this Friday, October 21, 2011 at 7 p.m.



## Samir Clark Dedication Day

We would like to thank all who came out and "blacked out" the stands for the Samir Ali Clark Dedication Day and the retirement of his #2 football jersey. Our students were great, the fans were supportive, and we appreciate the turn out. Thank you for a memorable Saturday!!



## ACT this Saturday, October 22

All juniors and seniors will take the ACT this Saturday, October 22 at 7:30am at University Academy. We wish students luck and know they will do well on the assessment. Thank you to all of the staff who have volunteered to administer the test this weekend.