



September 30, 2011

Superintendent's Message



We have celebrated many outstanding achievements increased in all areas.

This week we were on the news being recognized for our award from the State for Distinction in Performance. We met all 14 state standards are have maintained national accreditation.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be October 13th and 15th.

Please remember jeans are not allowed unless a special school spirit day is announced.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Reminders:

October 28, 2011 – Fall Festival Lower School Costume Parade

October 14, 2011—Homecoming Parade

October 17, 2011– Fall Picture Day

Lower School recently completed their first round of student assessments. K-2 grades completed the SAT-10 test and 3rd-5th grades completed Acuity, which predicts how students may perform on the MAP test in April.

K-2nd grades will be retaking the SAT-10 in May. 3rd-5th grades will be retaking the Acuity test in November and February in order to check student academic progress.

During Parent Teacher Conferences in October your student's teacher will discuss assessment scores, where your child is performing academically, and what we can do to help your student succeed. Our goal is 100% parent participation for Fall Conferences!

Dear Guardians,
In October I will be going into K-5 classrooms for lessons on my role as school counselor. We will also do a team building activities showing the importance for students to know how I can support them as their school counselor.

October is Bullying Prevention Month. This year the theme will be "BULLY FREE IS THE WAY TO BE!" We will be celebrating this month's theme with classroom lessons, poster contests and announcements. Please talk with your child about bullying and encourage them to treat others how they want to be treated. Teach your children to speak up on behalf of children being bullied. Together we CAN make a difference. Please let me know if you have any school or home student concerns, 412.5947 or Probascol@universityacademy.org.
– Mrs. PB, Lower School Counselor

I have a question, who do I ask?

Ms. Knapp, Lower School Instructional Coordinator
412.5965

Ms. PB, Lower School Counselor
412.5947

Ms. Kneeshaw, Social Worker
412.5956

Ms. Foster, Lower School Administrative Assistant,
412.9230

Ms. Bowland, Transportation,
412.5934

Ms. Eskridge, Lunch Balances,
412.5997

Attendance Line 412.5905

Congratulations to Ms. Yount and Ms. Cordt's Kindergarten class; the first recipient of the Gryphon Wing Compliment Award!



The Giving Gryphon

The Giving Gryphon (the food and clothing pantry) is officially open and accepting appointments. Appointments can be made for Tuesday afternoons or Friday mornings.

Various clothing items are available for families

that are in need of assistance as we enter the Fall and Winter months (jackets, coats, gloves, hats, pants, etc.). Food items are also available.

Please schedule an appointment with Ms. Kneeshaw (412.5956) or your school counselor.

Nursing News

Health Kids will be at the school October 10th-12th for grades K-6, to perform an in-depth screening (height, weight, vision, hearing, etc.) for your student. **If you completed one of the purple parent/guardian permission forms that was sent home, your student will be included in these screenings.* If you would like another form, please contact Ms. Williams, school nurse, at 412. 5979



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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Our students have adjusted very well in getting back into the swing of things. In the High School English Department the students have begun reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Crucible*, and the *Canterbury Tales*. In the Middle School the students are working on Reading Strategies and have read the book *Monster*. The Seniors are working hard on their first major essay of the semester.



MATH DEPARTMENT

The Math Department has been working on Solving Linear Equations, slope, and the conversion of metric units.

ACUITY

The Middle and Upper Algebra School Students took the Acuity Assessment the week of September 13. The Acuity Assessment is a predictive assessment. This assessment allows the teachers to see where kids are and work on the students areas of weaknesses.

Mrs. Galvin's Computer Technology Class

Students in Middle School Computer Technology classes began an online keyboarding course at www.edutyping.com. EduTyping student software provides students with a comprehensive keyboarding textbook to use all times—school, home, library – anywhere students have an internet connection. Course work began with lessons and reinforcement drills that are aligned with National keyboarding standards. Students can track their progress through completed lessons by viewing their words per minute (wpm) and accuracy percentage for each lesson. By viewing 'My Problem Keys' students see real-time results of which keys are causing the most problems. Please ask your middle school computer tech student to show you their account. At the navigation bar, go to My History and choose My Progress. Go to Course Lessons and watch your student type a lesson and try out a keyboarding game. We are excited to see UA students work to become proficient at this life-long skill!!

RECOGNITION

We would like to recognize Dominic McKenzie who was recognized on television this week for being player of the year. He is an outstanding football player and a member of the UA Men of Distinction group that teaches 4-5th grade character lessons monthly.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Middle School Science Team has been working on lab safety, measurement, and significant digits. The students have also been getting ideas together and approved for the Science Fair, and will be judged on Monday, December 5th, 2011.



Dedication Day Saturday, Oct. 15th

Please come out on Saturday October 15th at 2p.m. for the Homecoming game at Center High School at 8715 Holmes Rd.

Wear your Samir t-shirts (still on sale while supplies lasts, \$14) or wear a black t-shirt.

A Homecoming tailgate party begins at 12:00. Staff will be selling hot dogs and other food items along with school spirit wear.

Samir Clark's jersey retirement ceremony, will be held at half time. Thank you for supporting us in paying Samir's funeral. Your generosity helped us raise 16,000.

MARCHING BAND

The Marching Band Students did an Outstanding job on their American Royal Performance. Please come out and support the UA Band on Saturday, October 1st, 2011 as they perform during the half-time show of the Football game against.

