



UNIVERSITY ACADEMY GRYPHON PARENT NEWS

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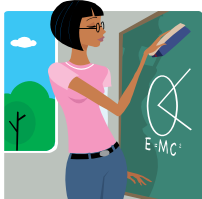


The mission of University Academy is to prepare students to succeed in an institution of higher education and to participate as leaders in society.

UA After School Program a Success

The University Academy After School Program (ASP) is receiving rave reviews from parents and students alike. Students enjoy the additional help with homework through the established Power Hour period, and the parents appreciate their children having homework finished when they pick up their child.

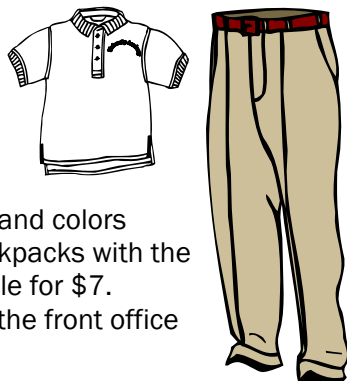
The After School Program (ASP) will have no further enrollment this school year. The hours for the ASP are from dismissal until **5:30 p.m.** each school day. Late fees are assessed and students who remain at the school beyond the 5:30 p.m. end time are subject to being withdrawn from the program.



University Academy Uniform Clothing Has Arrived!

In an effort to assist University Academy families and staff, the school is collaborating with KCUniforms to provide staff, parents and guardians the ability to purchase uniform clothing for UA staff and students at the school. As in the past, shirts are available in sizes for staff and students in all grades.

New this year are Dickies brand pants and shorts for males and females available at the school for purchase. Pants and shorts are \$13 per pair for men and \$12 for women. The shirts can be purchased for \$5 each and there are limited sizes and colors available. There are also UA backpacks with the UA logo imprinted on them for sale for \$7. Clothing can be purchased from the front office staff and from the finance office.



New UA Safety Patrol



University Academy has implemented a Safety Patrol on the school buses. The patrol is under the supervision of the UA Director of Security, Officer Leah Banks. Their presence has resulted in a dramatic drop in bus referrals compared to this month last school year. Students were selected based on academics and good character.

Check out our website!

www.universityacademy.org

Upcoming Events:

- **Friday, Sept. 3rd,**
Varsity Football Gryphons v. Northeast @ Southeast, 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 4th,**
Varsity Cross Country Meet, 8 a.m., Swope Park
- **Monday, Sept. 6th,**
NO SCHOOL—
Labor Day Holiday
- **Wednesday, Sept. 8th,**
Middle School Cross Country Meet, 4 p.m., Summit Lakes
- **Friday, Sept. 10th,**
Varsity Football Gryphons v. Washington @ Washington, 7 p.m., KCK

Meet University Academy's New School Nurse



University Academy welcomes our new school nurse, Ms. Chandra Anderson, R.N. This is Nurse Anderson's first year with UA and we are pleased to have her. Nurse Anderson loves being at UA. She can be seen sewing on buttons or rips in clothing, in addition to attending to the numerous "boo-boos" and important medical issues.

Pillar of Character Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following teachers and classrooms for receiving the Pillar of Character Award: The Lower School award was given to Ms. Boyd's 3rd grade class. The Middle School award went to Mrs. Legenza's classes and the Upper School award went to Mr. Welch. The Pillar of Character Award is a traveling trophy that is awarded to one classroom in each school that demonstrated the best character by being on time to classes and by exemplifying the character traits of the month. The character trait for August was having a positive attitude and the trait for September is honesty.

Study Tips for a Successful School Year

*From the UA Title Reading Teachers:
Mrs. King and Mrs. Birkby*

- Use your planner to stay organized and stay on top of homework and tests
- Find a consistent spot to study and do your homework
- Stay organized by designating a folder or binder for every class
- Make sure you get 7 to 8 hours of sleep every night
- If you need help in your classes, talk with your teacher or principal
- Have a designated homework time each evening
- Eliminate or reduce household noises (turn off the television, play quiet music, etc.)
- Return homework to class folder and/or backpack as soon as the assignment is completed



From the Desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Tiffany Anderson

Thank you for your support in helping us have a great start to the school year. We hope that our staff members who have acted as new parking lot and hall way greeters have made your child's drop off a safer and more pleasant experience. Staff have enjoyed greeting all families as they arrive in the morning. We congratulate our students and staff on the recent test scores which shows increases in math in all schools and it shows increases in communication arts (reading and writing) in the middle and upper school.

This year we have expanded new courses and programs. We have also placed our lunch program online and parents can pay fees online through our web page. We are implementing a new phonics based reading program called F.A.S.T. in the Lower School this year to improve literacy in Lower. We appreciate all the parent volunteers who have helped organize the phonics materials. Our new math books are online. Please check with your child's math teacher for the math text book online password. We have also extended French as another language to be offered at University Academy. We piloted French in Upper last year and this year we are offering French I and French II along with Spanish in Upper. Other new courses offerings this year are Family and Consumer Sciences (Home Economics) and Anatomy and Physiology. We are focusing on continuous improvement, as we prepare students for college, and we are looking forward to having another great school year.

Always feel free to contact UA staff at 816-412-5900 or online at www.universityacademy.org. If you have any Lower School needs you may contact the Principal, Mr. Landes or the Instructional Coordinator, Mrs. Knapp. Any questions regarding middle school may be sent to the Superintendent's office or Mrs. Gudde who is the Lead Upper Principal. Any Upper School questions may be sent to Mrs. Gudde, the Lead Upper Principal or Mr. Ukaoma, the Upper Principal.