



UNION ACADEMY

Charter School

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UA Points of Pride



Our Lower Campus students celebrated their month long focus on responsibility at their character assembly last Friday with a special guest, Olin Austin. Olin is a UA senior who survived cancer and is the local ambassador for the Make-A-Wish Foundation "Believe" campaign. In December, our students wrote letters for the "Believe" Campaign and Olin thanked them and gave his story to the students and how he became involved in Make-A Wish.

Our next month's character trait of optimism was introduced by Miss Union Academy, Sarah Dyer. Sarah is also a senior at UA and she spoke to the students about keeping a positive attitude through all circumstances and how that can make a difference. She encouraged the students to show optimism at all times.

The students were also delighted by a special visitor from the Union County Animal Shelter. Sargent Pauline Lucore brought in an adorable yellow lab puppy to kick off the 4th grade month long drive for supplies for the shelter. The students were also thrilled to find out through Caleb Barnhart, our Kiwanis Club ambassador, that their efforts in bringing in food for the food drive, combined with others, was used to assist 172 families during the Christmas season.



What a difference UA
makes with character AND
community!

Friday, January 16 - Friday, January 23

Jan 16	- Dress Down to Build Up - 3rd Grade in-house-"Let it Shine: The American Civil Rights Movement" - ASVAB Testing - MLK, Jr. Day of Service-7th & 8th Grade
Jan 19	- No School, Martin Luther King Day
Jan 20	- MLK, Jr. Day of Service-5th & 6th Grade - Mrs. Rushing Advisory to Autumn Care
Jan 21	- 2nd Grade in-house Mad Scientist - Alternative schedule for the HS Meeting
Jan 22	- Regional Spelling Bee - Alternative schedule for the HS Meeting
Jan 23	- Mrs. Brewer's Class to LC Library - MS Social
Jan 24	- SAT
Jan 30	- Dress Down to Build Up - Sadie Hawkins Dance
Feb 6 & 7	- UA Dinner Theater



Building for tomorrow's leaders...

Dear Friends and Families of Union Academy,
 If you would like a tax letter for your
 2014 donation(s),
 please contact **Kara Ulloa** by emailing
kulloa@unionacademy.org by
 January 31st.

Thank you for your support of the UA Foundation!

Important Information



Please join the High School administrative team in a conversation about alternative schedules for the High School next year.

Wednesday, January 21 at 5:45 pm or

Thursday, January 22 at 8:05 am

in the Multi Purpose Room.

Please see Page 5 for more information.



**Mandatory Disney
Parent & Student Traveler Meeting
on Wednesday, January 21 @ 6:00 pm
at the Upper Campus.
The February 11-14 itinerary and
expectations will be reviewed.**

Spirit Shirts are still
on sale! Purchase in
the Accounting
Department.

**DON'T
ruffle
OUR
feathers**



School Lunch

**The February Lunch Menu
is now open to place orders.
All balances need to be paid in
advance before any new
order is placed.
The February Menu will close
10 pm on
Sunday, January 25th.**

LOTTERY INFORMATION

Applications and information for the
2015-2016 Sibling Lottery and
General Admission Lottery
are available on the Union Academy website.
The online application process will close at 9:00 am on
March 2, 2015.

The public lottery will be held on
Sunday, March 8, 2015, at 3:00 pm.

www.unionacademy.org

**Mark you calendar for the
remaining
Dress Down to Build Up Days!**

**January 16th and 30th
February 12th and 27th
March 6th and 18th
April 2nd and 24th
May 8th and 22nd
June 2nd**



 [UACHarterSchool](https://twitter.com/UACHarterSchool)

Parents Volunteer Connection/Activities

Volunteer Opportunities

* We are looking for lunch volunteers to help serve the catered lunch food. Please contact Michelle Baucom, mibaucom@unionacademy.org if you can help.

* 6th grade Library Day volunteer opportunity. Please [Click Here](#) to sign up!
Questions: Beth Rushing, brushing@unionacademy.org

* JV Basketball & Varsity Basketball admissions/concessions
Please [Click Here](#) for JV Game Volunteers

* Health Room supplies needed. Please [Click Here](#) to help!

*Volunteers for the LC and UC Talent Show needed.
Please contact Mrs. Steele, asteele@unionacademy.org if interested or [Click Here](#).

* We are looking for parents to lead honor society students in a Roadside Cleanup. Please contact Mrs. Hagler, chagler@unionacademy.org if you can help.

* Community Carnival Meeting on Monday, January 26 @ 6:00 pm. Any parent volunteer who wants to serve on the Community Carnival Committee is welcome.
The February meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24 @ 6:00 pm.

* Fleece Project with Second Grade: Please contact Brenda Grigston at the Lower Campus. She needs help with cutting the fleece, and volunteers to help the 2nd graders tie the blankets on January 23rd from 8:00 am to 10:30 am.

Parent Volunteer Hours & Reporting Forms

Parents are encouraged to engage in volunteer activities early and throughout the year to support our school.
Please consider turning in your volunteer forms monthly.

These Family Volunteer forms can be found on our UA website. Parents, please be advised you still need to submit volunteer hours if you have signed up via Sign Up Genius link.

Questions: Sherry Killion, skillion@unionacademy.org

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

Please see pages 4 & 5 for Additional Volunteer Information



Family Service Hours—January reporting

Parent Service Hours Year-to-Date Recap

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU !!!!

As we are at our half way mark in our 2014-2015 school year, we wanted to **applaud and celebrate** ALL the efforts from our parent/family volunteers for their commitment to our school. As outlined in our partnership agreement, each UA Family commits to serving a minimum of 60 hours per year, per family. This is truly what makes our school unique and truly allows us to bring our school to another level. Listed below are two bench marks, that list parents already achieving their 60 + hour commitment and those who have completed 30 hours+ or a minimum of ½ their commitment (1/2 way mark in the school year) for the year. As a reminder, we encourage you to report your service hours monthly. You may use our Family Volunteer Hours Reporting form (found on our UA website) and email skillion@unionacademy.org or you can submit hours on line at our UA website. To do so, go to our UA website. Once on the website go to the tabs at the top and click on About UA, go to parents, and then volunteer reporting form. Once that is filled out and submitted, it goes directly into a master spread sheet. Hours can be submitted with a block of hours over a range of months, without a heavy descriptive of dates, etc.



60 + Family Service Hours

Cheryl Austin
Heather Barbee
Lisa Barringer
Rick/Becky Baucom
Michelle/David Baucom
Elizabeth Beardsley
Dawn/Christopher Brooks
Charlie/Dawna Carothers
Jay Counts
Julie Daughety
Maryann/Steve DiDonato
Emily/Stephen Dodge
Michael/Kathryn Dyer
Eckersley/Edwards Family
Yolanda/Arte/Mario Elliott
Stacy/Joel Ferguson
Tina Galliher
Elizabeth Gill
Amanda Griffin
Chris/Corinne/Kevin Hagler
Kristy/Donnie Hagler
Michelle Hardesty
Jack/Carrie Hargett

THANK YOU UNION ACADEMY FAMILIES!

Susan Henn
Brandie Hill
Veronica Hillebrand
Lisa Hoffman
Chip/Chris Hope
Steve/Melissa House
Alison/Frank Howey
Jamie/Robert Hunter
Dana/James Kerr
Erika Kleber
Kim Laney
Karen Little
Julie/Tom Linn
Tara Malone
Jo Anne Manley
Yasmine Manriquez
Donald/Renee Melton
Sarah Mills
Stephanie/Terrance Missick
Beth Moore
Eric Nash
Bob/Lisa Noblet
Julie O'Connor
Lauren Pardue
Jeff/Shannon Parsons
Dana Patti
Michelle/Carolyn Phiifer
Amy Plyler
Lori/Thomas Ross
Cindy Russell

Carlos/Dali Santiago
Shirley Secrest
Laura/Kevin Sells
Lisa Shores
Ray/Jennifer Smith
Beverly Smith
Shelli/Brad Smith
Tommy/Denise Stegall
Mavelis Swinney
Sandra Torres/Alberto Botero Family
Nadene Tracy
Sheila Treadaway
Amanda Turcotte
Maxine Turner
Susanne Ungerer
Greg Walsh
Amanda/Michael Watkins
Linnea Watt
David/Cresta Weissenburger
Holly White
Donna Young
Michelle Youngerman

Family Service Hours continued...

30+ Family Service Hours

Sue Additon
 Marlena Arguello
 Bobbi Baucom
 Valerie Belk
 Heather Benedict
 Lisa Blewitt
 Martina/Robert Blunk
 Kelly Bovi
 Cassie Bowlin
 Amy/Kevin Boyce
 Cheryl Brakefield
 Christi Bramhall
 Shelly Brannan
 Jennifer Bratchie
 Cissy/Buddy Brewer
 Samantha Brodt
 Amanda Brooks
 Kendra Brucke
 Missy Buckalew
 Kelly Byrum
 Susie Calkins
 Kari/Derek Carpenter
 Traci Carpenter
 Christy/Steven Carter
 Kathy/Blake Carter

Cherie/Jason Carter
 Crystal Chambers-Robertson
 Keesha Coan
 Vicky/David Coble
 Beverly/Rex Colvard
 Monique/Ernest Collins
 Adrienne/Thomas Cooper
 Scott Crump
 Wendy Cunningham
 Sara/Charles Czagas
 Gwen/Shawn DeWaele
 Anne Dudas
 Meredith Edwards
 Laura/Mickey Elkins
 Sandy Esteves-Reyes
 Justin/Erin Frashier
 Lisa/Erving Fraticelli
 Beth Frye
 Mark Gilliland
 Tammy/Roulpherd Goodson
 Shannon/Mike Gray
 Pam Griffin
 Charla Grisham
 Patty Gruber

Paige Harriott
 DiAnn Harrison
 Christy/Brad Hartis
 Deanna Haydel
 Julie/James Haywood
 Tara Jo/Jon Helms
 Jana/Chris Helms
 Carrie Hodges
 Patrick Holland
 Deana/Andy Honeycutt
 Jennie Hopper
 Traci/Bob Hord
 Amanda Housand
 Joy Huber
 Melissa Ingram
 Nicola James
 Charlie Jarvis
 Stacey Johnson
 Alison Jones
 Nick/Jennifer Jones
 Susan/Matthew Kalisz
 Donna Keziah
 Sherry/Chris Killion
 Zulmira/Vinc. Kobera
 Lynn Kroeger
 Christy Lassiter
 Elizabeth/Mathias Lee
 Michelle Lindley
 Maura MacKinnon
 Anthony Maltese
 Katrina Martin
 Kristyn Martin
 Janet Massey
 Jim/Kristin Mattison
 Lisha Maxwell

Lisa McCallister
 Lyvette McClain
 Rhonda McClanahan
 Kristin McCoy
 Teresa McFadden
 Mike McGinnis
 Deanna McKelvy
 Michelle/Brian McLaughlin
 Lydia Medlin
 Mary Meier
 Rochelle Mekus
 Dolly Menis-Ross
 Katina Morales
 Christy Moore
 Darrell/Cathy Morris
 Kim Myers
 Raina/Dan Newman
 Linda O'Grady
 Cynthia Outen
 Shawn Parler
 Monica Perlono
 Erika Platnick
 Ashley/Jason Privette
 Lori Pucket
 Jennifer/Rob Pyrock
 Traci Raine
 Kerry Rathmell
 Roberts/William Fam.
 Ta-Keeta Rodgers
 Sandy Roy
 Beth Rushing
 Nataliya Schaff
 Terry/Wes Shaw
 Robin Short

Jeff/Carolyn Small
 Renee Stevens
 Alan/Kim Sumrell
 Ashley Swinney
 Dan/Sandy Tabolt
 Jamie/Kelly Thompson
 Donald/Vicki Thompson
 Candace Tillman
 Courtney Townsend
 Diana Valdes
 Wesley VanHoy
 Ila VanMilligan
 Cathrine Walsh
 Leigh Watts
 Renee Wetherbee
 Jack/Melanie Wilkey
 Lisa Willams
 Rodney/Beth Williams
 Noelle/Darrell Williams
 Erik/Beth Willis
 Lauren/Marshall Wilson
 Jennifer Wood
 Becca Yanacsek
 Maryann/Scott Zambrotta
 Mandy Zelakowski
 Carrie Zohn

As a reminder:



UAA (Union Academy Athletics)

volunteer activities can only contribute a maximum of 20 hours to your total Family Service hours.

We have many, many volunteer opportunities to help our school and complete our required family service hours.

- 1) Check out our weekly newsletter, under volunteer opportunities
- 2) Visit our website, on the left hand side there is a quick link called "Parent Opportunities" that list current volunteer opportunities
- 3) **SAVE THE DATE !!!! - March 28!** This is a very BIG day at Union Academy! We will be running THREE (3) events that day! Our annual 5K, Spring Carnival, and our newest event, Battle of the Bands! WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP AND THEN SOME! Be looking for a Sign Up Genius link in the newsletter, coming soon!
- 4) Check with your child's teacher for ways to assist them.
- 5) Consider joining a Parent Service Team. Go to our UA website, go to about UA, Parents, Parent Service Team.
- 6) As you're visiting campus, look around, if you identify something that needs done, JUMP IN! We can always use another pair of hands!

****The hours listed are complete through Jan 12, 2015. We have done our best to accurately report all current hours to the 60/30 hour thresholds. Many families are just an hour or two from jumping to the next threshold.*

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sherry Killion, Skillion@unionacademy.org

UA Athletics



ATTENTION!

Spring sports will begin on February 16th.

Please visit www.uaathletics.com for updated information. All students must have a physical and insurance form to tryout. No exceptions!

Middle School Athletics

1/22 - MS Wrestling Cuthbertson @ UA



include all the details needed for spring workouts, as well as the schedule for spring and summer workouts. All students in grades 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th that want or are thinking about being a part of the Union Academy Football Team need to attend.

High School Athletics

1/17 - V Wrestling @ Monroe (Monroe Duals)

1/20 - JV Basketball @ Queens Grant(Boys Only)

V Basketball @ Queens Grant(Boys Only)

V Swim Meet @ Pfeiffer

1/21 - V Wrestling @ North Stanly

1/23 - JV Basketball South Stanly @ UA(Boys Only)

V Basketball South Stanly @ UA

1/24 -V Wrestling @ Parkwood(Parkwood Duals)

Winter Sports Information

Please check our UA Athletic website for additional information and for sport times and schedules.

[Click Here](#)

There will be an interest meeting for all football players for the upcoming season on Thursday January 22nd, at 3:15 in the weight room. This meeting will be short and will

Our Winter Sports are in full swing!

Congratulations to our JV Girls, JV Boys and Varsity Boys Basketball teams for beating CATA and Grey Stone last week. The Men's and Women's Swimming Team finished second at their last meet and our Wrestling Team beat North Stanly.

Keep up the great work!

High School - Upper Campus News

High School Administration is proposing a new class schedule for next year, changing from 7 academic periods to 6; this will result in a change to the credits needed for graduation.

Please join us for conversations on this topic January 21st at 5:45 pm and January 22nd at 8:05 am in the MPR.

The Board of Directors will vote on this proposal at the February 5, 2015 meeting. Below is a link to the presentation shared with the Board.

[Click Here](#)

Recent Counseling Newsletters

Freshmen/Sophomores

[CLICK HERE](#)

Juniors **[CLICK HERE](#)**

Seniors **[CLICK HERE](#)**



Congratulations to Jordan Rushing who has received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy!



NC State University Shelton Leadership Center

One-week summer adventure.

Shelton's cornerstones of values-based leadership, honesty, integrity, compassion, diversity, and social responsibility are the foundations of the experience.

The core curriculum focuses on Leadership Roles and Accountability, Team Building, Leadership Styles and Situations, Social Responsibility, Integrity as a Leader, Public Speaking, Changing Behaviors, and Goal Setting. Requirements for participants:

Need to be a rising 9th to 12th grade student; GPA of 3.0 or better.

Please see the following link to apply:

<http://sheltonleadership.ncsu.edu/>

College Financial Planning/Financial Aid Workshop.

Families, thank you for attending the workshop and for your questions! Please [click here](#) to view a copy of Ms. Timeka Ruffin's presentation (expanded version). Additionally, in this week's Charlotte Observer, Lee Bierer shares how [to Save Big Bucks with these FAFSA Tips.](#)

Middle School - Upper Campus News

Movies with the Middle School!



The Middle School Student Council will be holding the 2nd MS Social on Friday, January 23rd, from 3:30- 5:30 pm.

We will be offering 4 different movie choices in 8 different rooms.

Please join us for a day at the movies. Admission is FREE but limited snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Contact Mrs. Malone regarding any questions.



Taylor's Wish

Mrs. Rushing's 6th Grade Advisory Class wrote Macy's Make-A-Wish letters last month. Student Taylor Brewer's wish was that no family would have to go hungry.

Mrs. Rushing's class decided to make her wish a community class service project. They placed boxes during lunch for students to donate lunch items they do not eat for lunch or do not want. UA students have filled up boxes and boxes of unwanted food for needy community members.

Lower Campus News

"At Union Academy, we do the right thing even when no one is looking."

On Friday, January 9th, our students attended our Responsibility Character Assembly. They were treated to our skit by our new LEAD team consisting of team members: Jake Additon, Samantha Fronczak, Caroline Archer, Kaitlyn Acoven, Mia Matthews, Gracie Williams, Carl Albanese, and Seth Norwood.

Congratulations to our Responsibility Award Winners: Kyle Roy, Nina Fraticelli, Dylan Lucas, Amaia Garnett, Kole Casto, Savannah McLaughlin, Erin Collins, Katie Bowlin, Katie Tohill, Katie Roy, Kendall Stegall, Coby Manivanh, Annie Miller, Cameron Turcotte, Zoe Figuero, Haley Holland, Yug Shah, Noah Mitchell, Cami Smith, Bennett Mercurio. Staff Winner was Mrs. Rachel Tohill.

Congratulations to all our winners!



- Last Friday our Lower Campus Students celebrated the 100th day of school with special activities in the classrooms, balloons and cupcakes during lunch, and created a bulletin board of "Thumb" Body is 100 Days Smarter with something they've learned during 100 days of school! Thank you to the volunteers who came in to help to make this day special!
- The Sweetheart of a Winter Camp planned for After School on February 16th - 20th has been CANCELLED due to low sign ups!
- Kim Wolfe, with Alliance for Children, presented Union Academy Lower Campus a \$300.00 check for Best Parade Entry for the 2014 Union County Christmas Parade.

CALENDAR CORNER

1/19	NO SCHOOL Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
1/21	2nd grade In-house Science Program "Sonic Sounds"	Varies
1/23	2nd grade will be making blankets for Ronald McDonald House	
1/28	1st grade In-House Science Program "Ecosystems"	
1/30	Dress Down to Build Up	\$1.00
2/4	2nd grade to Discovery Place	8:10 AM to 2:30 PM
2/4	Lower Campus Talent Auditions	3:00 to 4:00 PM
2/6	Optimism/Trustworthiness Character Assembly	1:20 PM
2/10	4th grade Hargett 1/2 class to Union County Animal Shelter	9:15 AM to 11:00 AM
2/11	4th grade Hargett 1/2 class to Union County Animal Shelter	9:15 AM to 11:00 AM

COMMUNITY SERVICE FEATURED FOR THE MONTH:

UNION COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

4th grade is hosting a drive for our Union County Animal Shelter.

They need:

Dog food
Cat food
Dog/cat toys
Grooming supplies
Old Towels (must not be frayed)

Please send in to the Lower Campus.



Lower Campus News

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LOWER CAMPUS NOTES CONTINUED

- Need Volunteer Hours? Help is still needed with tutoring with reading. Signup at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4BADAC2D6-rara1/1044708
- CMC Union **has cancelled the January 29th Kindergarten trip** to the Health Fair due to the intense flu season and restrictions placed on anyone under 18 years of age visiting the hospital. This community service trip will not be rescheduled.
- Upcoming COLE Book Club Meetings Schedule: 3rd and 4th Grade: **January 20th** in the LC Media
- Health Room supplies are needed. If you can help with any supplies, signup at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4EADA6229-health/1044708
- 2nd grade parents are needed to chaperone the 2nd grade trip to Discovery Place on February 4th. Contact bgrigston@unionacademy.org if you are interested.
- Our 3rd grade students viewed a powerful show this past Friday. It brought to life pivotal moments of the American struggle for Civil Rights. The presentation included Freedom Riders, "Bombingham" and the Montgomery bus boycott as just a few of the key events that transpired during this challenging time in our nation's past.
- Lower Campus is branching off from the Talent Show this year and having a separate **Talent Showcase** at the Lower Campus. Auditions will be Wednesday, February 4th.

Can you Sing? Dance? Play an Instrument?

LOWER CAMPUS TALENT SHOWCASE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th @ 5:45pm in LC GYM

AUDITIONS: Wednesday, February 4th 3:00-4:00pm

Lower Campus SPUSIC Room

Sign Up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4DADAE22A1F94-lower/>

Admission: \$6 per person

let the world know!

**TALENT
SHOW**

PosterMyWall.com

Union Academy Presents this year's dinner theater

HARVEY



by Mary Chase

Where: Bethlehem United Methodist Church Waxhaw, NC

When: Full Dinner Service Feb. 6th & 7th 6:00 PM

Student Show Feb. 7th 12:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$30 for full dinner service ticket

\$160 for a table of six

\$10 for student show (students only please)

Catered by Stone Table

Donations for Mercy House will be collected at each show.
Please bring your donations of children's vitamins, band aids,
Neosporin, small baby powders, shampoo,
conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, coloring books, baby Aspirin, etc.
to help impoverished children in the Philippines.

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.
This project is supported by the Union County Arts Council Arts in the School Grant.

Ticket Order Form
Union Academy presents:
"Harvey"
Dinner Theater

Located at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church Waxhaw, NC

On February 6th & 7th 6:00 PM

Cost: \$30.00 for single seats

Table of 6 for \$160

Special Student Show Feb. 7th 12:00 PM Tickets \$10.00

All tickets will be available for pick-up at Will Call. If you have any questions about your order please contact Todd Ford at Tford@unionacademy.org or Agilliard@unionacademy.org

Will Call open at 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner by Stone Table Cafe will be served at 6:00 pm

No tickets will be distributed prior to performance.

Please complete this form and return to Union Academy's Business Office:

(Make checks payable to Union Academy)

Union Academy

Attn: Business Office

675 North M. L. King Jr. Blvd.

Monroe, NC 28110

Guest Name: _____ Phone number _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Performance Night: (please circle one) *Friday, February 6 / Saturday, February 7 / Student Show February 7*

Number of single tickets _____ @ \$30 each Amount \$ _____

Number of tables of 6 _____ @ \$160 Amount \$ _____

Number of Student Tickets _____ @ \$10 each Amount \$ _____

Total amount included \$ _____

*****PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH MONEY BY January 30, 2015*****