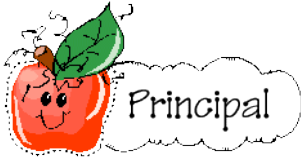




Knightly News



Message From The Principal: Tracy Wainwright

Wow! It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of the first nine weeks of school! I am so proud of our teachers, staff, parents, and students for working so hard to make sure this is the best year yet! We have had a busy start and many changes to adjust too; but I'm proud to say the level of teamwork shown has been amazing!

Parents, we continue to make adjustments to our afternoon car rider procedures. We are now dismissing all car riders in approximately 15 minutes each day. In order to accomplish this, we cut 5 minutes from our instructional day and dismissed early to have time to work through this new process. Now that we have a smooth process in place, we will soon push our car rider dismissal time back to 2:45 in order to gain back important instructional time. Be on the lookout for a flyer announcing when this change will go into effect.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the week of October 23rd. Wednesday, October 25th is designated for evening conferences from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend a conference to discuss your child's academic strengths and weaknesses of specific grade level standards, concerns or questions you may have about the curriculum, areas you would like to see improve, and/or strategies that you can use at home to support your child in meeting his/her academic goals.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Throughout the month of October, guidance counselors will provide classroom guidance sessions to discuss ways to prevent bullying. We will emphasize the importance of using kind words and actions as we educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention.

We would like to congratulate our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Stacy Patterson. Mrs. Patterson is a special education teacher at ULP and we are very proud to have such a dedicated teacher representing our staff. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Patterson!

Kindergarten



Kindergarten News (Class of 2030)-

September has been a great month for Kindergarten! We have enjoyed learning about different careers, friendships, science, and being a scientist. We will continue to work on sight words, numbers, counting objects to 30, letters and letter sounds. We have been visiting the library and learning the procedures to follow when checking out library books. During Career Day, we learned about many different careers that are in our community and how these jobs are important to our community. Thank you to all of the grandparents who attended our Grandparent's Day Breakfast. We appreciate your attendance. You made it such a special day! Please remember to read 10 minutes each night and log it on your teacher's Readers of the Round Table log sheet. We would like to have all students reach the Readers of the Round Table incentive for this first nine weeks.



First Grade News (Class of 2029)-

Please continue to review the rules and behavior with your 1st Grader. First graders are working very hard on learning how to put letters and sounds together to make words. For reading, students should be completing the fluency sheet, reading for at least 10 minutes, and reviewing sight words nightly. In math, we are beginning word problems. Continue to practice counting and understanding numbers to 120 at home, as well as addition fluency. Our first graders will begin learning about sound and how sound is made. In social studies, we are learning about historical figures in American history and their contributions to today's society.

October Events:

Bully Prevention Month

- 10/4: Coke Fundraiser begins
- 10/5: PTO Carnival
- 10/6: End of 1st 9 Weeks
 - PTO Spirit Sales
 - PBIS Bus Reward
 - PBIS Fun Friday
 - PBIS 9 wks Incentive
- 10/9-13: Fall Break
- 10/16: Student Holiday/ Professional Learning Day
- 10/20: PTO Spirit Sales
- 10/23-27: Parent/Teacher Conference Week
 - Red Ribbon Week
- 10/25: Parent/Teacher Conference 4-6 pm
- 10/27: Book Character Parade
 - PTO Spirit Sales
- 10/31: PTO Spirit Sales

CONGRATULATIONS



Pictured: Jenna Dunaway (Assistant Principal), Stacy Patterson, Tracy Wainwright (Principal), and Jason Weems (Assistant Principal).



Second Grade News (Class of 2028)-

Second grade is phenomenal! Our students are learning many new skills. The reading program is in full swing and students are learning to apply spelling patterns and word-solving skills each week. This reading instruction will help students expand their reading and writing expertise. In math, students have discovered that each digit in a number has a place as well as a value. This knowledge will become the foundation for our new unit on addition and subtraction.

In reading, we are focusing on text features in non-fiction books and parts of a story in fiction books. In social studies, we have learned about our government and are beginning to learn about the 5 regions of our state as well as the important rivers in Georgia. In science, we have learned all about the sun, moon, and Earth. We have also learned about night and day. We are beginning our unit on matter. Remember to read for Readers of the Round Table each day and record the time on your child's reading log. As always, thank you for all that you do to ensure that your child is ready and prepared for school each day!

To encourage the love of reading, visit the [BookFLIX](#) link on our school webpage under student services.

Username: **ulprimary**

Password: **bookflix**



To enjoy some great ebooks, visit [My Capstone Library](#) on our school webpage under student services.

Username: **upsonprimary**

Password: **school**



ASPIRE

Thomaston-Upson County Schools is excited to notify you about a new opportunity for your son/daughter to gain self-determination skills and be more involved in the development of his/her IEP (Individualized Education Plan) through an initiative called ASPIRE.

ASPIRE (*Active Student Participation Inspires Real Engagement*) is a student-led IEP initiative that builds self-determination in students with disabilities. The teacher guides the student in activities that develop self-advocacy and self-determination skills.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Lori McSwain, Thomaston-Upson County Schools' Parent Mentor, by email at lmcswain@upson.k12.ga.us or by phone 706-646-9470 ext 6048.



News from Title I

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What is Title I? Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts based on the number of low-income families in the schools. All of our schools are Title I since we meet this criteria. We use this money to provide extra services for at risk children, to provide more teachers to reduce classroom size, and to provide more resources for our students and parents. The focus of the Title I program is on helping **all** students meet the same high standards.

Parents have an important role in Title I and should be partners with the school in helping all students achieve. What can you do? You have the right to:

- ***BE INVOLVED** with the planning of the parent involvement program. We want your input and help. (Attend input meetings, fill out input sheets, participate in surveys, be part of the parent advisory, etc.) We implement changes based upon the results of surveys and your input.
- ***READ** your child's progress reports and attend meetings where you can see our school's progress and the data that determines our goals.
- ***REQUEST** information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher.
- *Help **DECIDE** if Title I is meeting your child's needs and offer suggestions for improvement.
- ***ATTEND** Title I parent workshops where you can learn how to better support your child's learning.
- *Help **DEVELOP** our school's plans for how parents and schools can work together.

Opportunities coming up:

CARNIVAL Family Fun – Oct. 5, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Oct. 23 – 27 You will receive a letter to make an appointment at a convenient time so no waiting in line.

Evening conferences – Oct. 25, 4:00 -6:00

Motivating Your Child to Learn – Oct. 18, Thurs., 12:00 Noon in the Parent Room – Look for the flyer going home.

Parent Advisory Committee – All parents are invited to join! Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:00 P.M., ULPS Media Center, childcare available.

We need and want your input! Look for a flyer coming your way with more information.

CAMP Greetings from the CAMP teachers!! We have been extremely busy and our routines are becoming a habit. Yay!!! In music, our second graders are working extremely hard for their upcoming PTO program, "Journey through Space," to be presented on Oct. 3rd @6:00 in the FAC. Our first graders are learning their patriotic songs for their program later in the fall. Our kindergartners are still learning the ritual and routines for CAMP classes. In art, students have been painting the town! Our kindergartners have been learning the colors of the rainbow and first and second graders have been mixing the primary colors in order to make the secondary colors. In PE, the students have learned throwing and kicking techniques and team building steps along with rules and procedures. As we know, October is Fire Prevention and Safety month. PE students have discussed fire safety and we would like to ask our parents to check smoke detectors and discuss a fire escape plan at home. So many good things to learn and do at ULPS!!!

Media Center News

The computer component of CAMP (Computer Art Music PE) is different this year. During computer time, students are coming to the media center to not only check out a book but also to be exposed to a wide variety of activities to stimulate their creativity and to develop critical thinking skills. We will still have story time and fun literature based activities, but students are also learning basic keyboarding skills, beginner computer programming skills (also known as coding), and digital citizenship. Students will also create fun and interesting media projects. Some of the centers we have done so far are listening center, building blocks, pattern blocks, floor puzzles, puppet center, and QR codes on the iPads.



Pattern Blocks



Floor Puzzles



Listening Center



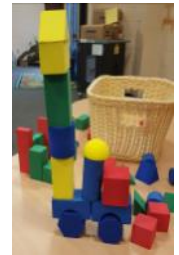
Beginning Coding



Puppets Center



Building Blocks



Building Blocks



PTO can always use more members/volunteers!! Dues are \$5 per family. If you are interested in joining and helping out, please send us an email so we can get your contact information and get you signed up!! It is very rewarding for your child to see you involved in their school!

ulsept@upson.k12.ga.us

Be on lookout for information on our Fall

Touch A Truck that will be held in November. This information will be in the November Newsletter.

Dates:

10/5 Fall Carnival

10/6 PTO Spirit Sale

10/20 PTO Spirit Sale

10/27 PTO Spirit Sale at Book Character Parade

10/31 PTO Tattoo Sales



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION will be collected again this school year. We will have an incentive for classrooms that participate! When you turn in your Box TOPS, write the teacher's name on the zip lock bag or envelope, so that we can record it for the contest. We will have parent workdays to help us sort and record BOX TOPS. The classroom with the most BOX TOPS will win a classroom party (pizza or ice cream ... majority student vote).



Storybook Character Parade

Our annual storybook character parade will be held on **October 27**. Students will be allowed to dress as their favorite storybook character and will be able to participate in the most exciting parade ever! Students should not wear masks or carry weapons. We would love for your child to carry his/her favorite book also, **but it is not required**.

ULPS Knights of Honor



Kindergarten

Back Row- Elijah Colbert, Khyree Price, Behrett Simonds, Makhiyle Walker, Jacey Bishop
 Middle Row- Isabella Creamer, Natilynn Lewis, Sam Thompson, Haley Barfield, MaKenzie Jackson
 Front Row- Tywon Davis, Emmaleigh Allen, Janiya Brazer



First Grade

Back Row- Tucker Graham, Jace Chastain, Kimari Traylor, Ethan Tidwell, Maddie Ellington, Martese Montford
 Middle Row- Paiten Basilici, Maggie Maddox, Chekayla Perry, Brodie Brunelle
 Front Row- Issac Fields, Bentley Turner, Bella Pollard



Career Day 2017



Second Grade

Back: Klayton Bridges, Peyton Walker, Jordan Colbert, Jackson Adams, Briley Jackson
 Middle: Payton Evers, Abbi Lowe, Cadence Hendon, Lillian Temples, Kyia Ellerbee
 Front: Alivia Roan, Jacob Brown, Summer Peoples