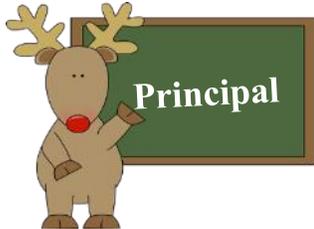




# Knightly News



## Message From The Principal: Tracy Wainwright

Happy Holidays! We are excited about the holiday season and all the fun activities that will be occurring at ULP. During the holiday festivities, we want to remind boys and girls that we must continue to be Ready, Respectful, and Responsible as we participate in fun learning activities and holiday celebrations. I would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Empty Stocking Canned Food Drive. Due to your generosity, families will have food for the holidays. We are also collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Thanks for caring about our community! I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year. The holiday break will begin on Friday, December 20, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

## Kindergarten



### Kindergarten News (Class of 2032)-

It is hard to believe that we are in the month of December. This school year is flying by. In ELA, Kindergartners are working hard on reading and writing daily. In writing, students are learning how to print their letters and using the letter sounds to write words. Students are also working hard learning their sight words. Please continue helping your child learn the new words and practice the old words. In math, we are studying measurements and comparing numbers. We are also continuing to think about our social skills and are practicing new ways to express our feelings and emotions in a more positive manner. Each day, your child has the opportunity to earn purple coins by showing ROYAL behavior. Purple coins can be saved or "spent" to buy various activities or items. The Kindergarten family of ULPS wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### First Grade News (Class of 2031)-

First graders have been very busy learning this month. In math, we are working on adding and subtracting numbers up to 20. Please continue to work on 0-120 number understanding and fact fluency. In social studies, we are finishing Unit 2: A Changing Country, in which we learned about important people in the development of our country like Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and Ruby Bridges. In science, we are starting our unit about magnets. In language, we are learning many different spelling patterns. Students are also working on adding details to a sentence and narrative writing.



### Second Grade News (Class of 2030)-

Our second graders are getting so smart. They have been learning so many different skills. In math, we are learning how to measure in inches and centimeters. In language, we are continuing to learn different spelling patterns to help us read and write. For our English Language Arts lesson, we have written an informational story about Native Americans. In social studies, we are learning about Georgia's first group of people the Cherokee and Creek Native Americans. Please remember to read every night with your child.

## December 14th

1 mile run 8:00 AM  
5K run 9:00 AM

- \* ULHS Construction class has built a handcrafted Gingerbread Family Yard Decoration. Raffle Tickets will be sold for 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00.
- \* Santa will be here for pictures. Pictures will be \$5.00 each! To help promote literacy, Santa will also be giving away a FREE book to children after they have purchased and taken their picture!
- \* We will be selling Chick-Fil-A biscuits as well as hot and cold beverages at our concession stand!



### Dates to Remember:

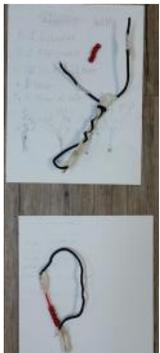
- 12/9: 1st and 2nd Grade Movie TUFAC
- 12/11: Kindergarten Movie TUFAC
- 12/13: PBIS 9wks Incentive
- 12/14: Gingerbread Jog
- 12/17: Battle of the Bookworms Schoolwide Reward
- 12/18: End of 2nd 9 week
- 12/19: Holiday Program TUFAC (Students and staff only)
- Holiday Parties
- PBIS Bus Reward
- 12/20: Professional Learning Day
- 12/21-1/5: Holiday Break
- 1/6-7: Professional Learning Days
- 1/8: Students return to school



# CAMP News

Coding-Art-Media-Media Art-Music-PE

In visual art we will continue working on Kids Kreation art pieces in second grade. In Kindergarten and first, we will do some holiday artwork using the elements of line, color and texture. In media art, we are working on seasonal projects using Chromebooks and iPads. Music is rocking on with second grade finishing up Native American instruments and Kindergarten and first grade working on learning rhythms and keeping the beat. PE will be finishing up Native American games and then learning new skills to be introduced in the Christmas games. Students are having so much fun in Media class as they are incorporating the holidays into literacy based stem lessons. After reading some favorite holiday books, students are engaging in STEM activities that require them to use the engineering design process to engage in holiday related projects. We are very busy demonstrating skills and enjoying the holiday seasons!!!



## ULPS Knights of Honor



### Kindergarten

**Back Row-** Ebony Green, Anabella Brooks, Kate Creamer, King Walker, Kyle Braswell, Ocean Fagan

**Middle Row-** Finn Smith, Dearron Marshall, Brantley Cox, Kavish Patel

**Front Row-** Jaci Zorn, Tyler Smith, Aubrey Harris



### First Grade

**Back -** Leighton Williams, JaCaden Crawford, Ayden White, Travis Nix, Gracelyn Goodman

**Middle-** Jaz Harp, Charlie Pence, Adelyn White, Emma Dunn, Eleanor Stewart

**Front -** Lennon Stinchcomb, Calleigh Waddell



### Second Grade

**Back -** Jordan Slaton, Jesslyn Boyd, Iamme Simpson, Jayda Brooks, Ryan Hay

**Middle -** Eric Johnson, Ella Creamer, Kathleen Daimé, Kayler Bailey, Mabrey Wheeler

**Front -** Natalie Marrs, Kailee Ros, Fiona Galbreath



## Resource Fair for Students with Disabilities



December 5, 2019

5:00PM - 7:30PM

Upson Lee Middle School  
101 Holstun Dr., Thomaston, GA



- Learn more information about:
- NOW/COMP Waiver Applications
  - Children's Medical Services
  - Department of Public Health
    - Local Resources
  - Day and Residential Programs
    - GVRA
    - FREE FOOD
  - Pictures with SANTA CLAUS!



**Happy Holidays from Michele Daniel, Family Engagement Coordinator**

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The holiday season is here! In the rush of the season, it's important to keep quality time with family at the top of the list. Just because school is on break, the learning doesn't have to be.

Research shows that families who spend quality time together and connect activities at home to what children are learning in school have a stronger bond and better communication. Their kids actually perform better academically.

As you are preparing for the holidays, here are some ideas to mix quality time with learning:

**Create a Budget (math)** – Encourage kids to make a list of people and gifts they want to buy, include amount to spend. Keep up with the amount of money spent and make sure they remain on budget.

**Cook Together (reading and math)** – Let your kids help with meal prep and baking. It's a great way to have fun and teach kids about nutrition.

**Make Holiday Cards (reading)** – Have your kids make cards for family and friends. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to practice their handwriting and grammar. It is also a great way to encourage creativity.

**Play Games (reading and math)** – Playing board and trivia games is a good way to enjoy quality time together. There are lots of ideas online or call Mrs. Daniel.

**Enjoy the Outdoors (PE)** – Play in the yard! A little physical activity will make everyone feel better, especially after eating a large meal.

**And Read Every Day** – Take your kids to the local library to have plenty of books to read during the holidays. Read together – this helps children develop literacy skills and builds stronger bonds.

In the busyness of the season, don't forget the most important part is spending time with the people you love. Add some learning to this special time, and your kids are sure to succeed!

