



Knightly News

Message From The Principal: Tracy Wainwright



I have enjoyed welcoming each and every student, parent, and faculty/staff member to Upson-Lee Primary School for the 2017-2018 school year. During the first month of school, our students have been learning classroom and school routines, procedures, and the ROYAL rules. We appreciate the efforts students are making to be "READY, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE" each day. As a faculty/staff, we are making every effort to build positive relationships with students and to create a learning environment in which students feel safe.

During the month of August, students participated in beginning of the year assessments that are used to make instructional decisions that promote our school's mission- "Teaching, Learning, Challenging... Everyone, Every Day." We will show our commitment to this mission by providing rigorous and relevant instruction to all students. We ask that you help us ensure that all students receive instruction each day by making sure your child is at school on time every day. When students arrive after 7:50 a.m. or leave before 2:40 p.m., they miss valuable instructional time. When possible, avoid scheduling doctor appointments, dental appointments, etc. during the school day.

Also, please assist us with transportation changes. If your child's transportation needs change, please submit the change in writing. For the safety of the students, bus transportation changes cannot be made over the telephone. If you need to change your child from a bus rider to a car rider, we ask that you please notify us before 2:15 so that we have enough time to deliver the message to the student and teacher.

Finally, we look forward to working with you this school year. We have an "open door" policy at Upson-Lee Primary, and you are always welcome at school. We realize that one of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents, who work together for the best interest of children. A close partnership between home and school can be developed when teachers and parents communicate regularly regarding student progress. ULPS provides opportunities throughout the school year to foster partnerships between home and school.

Parents may volunteer to be a VIP Reader, join the PTO, volunteer in the classroom, help during the career caravan, attend school meetings, and help in many other ways. Getting involved in school lets your child know you think his or her education is important.

Thank you for sharing your child with us! We are looking forward to a great school year!



Kindergarten News (Class of 2030)-

We have had a fabulous start to our Kindergarten year! We have been working hard on learning our ROYAL Behavior and our daily routines. We have enjoyed learning about our new friends and teachers. We also enjoyed bringing in a bag "All About Me" and telling our class about ourselves. We have received our August Fry words and will soon begin our Kindergarten leveled readers. Thank you, parents, for helping with a smooth start to the school year! We look forward to teaching your child this year!



First Grade News (Class of 2029)- We are off to a great and busy start in first grade! Please review the rules and behavior with your 1st grade student. We encourage parents to read with students every night and practice sight words. In math, have students count to 120 nightly. We will also count pennies and dimes and tally three different categories. In social studies, we will be learning about our national heritage. We will study patriotism and geography. Students will learn about finding their city, county, state, nation, and continent on a map or globe. In science, we will begin to learn about the weather and seasons. We are excited to welcome the following teachers to our first grade team: Shelby Dawson and Lisa Nelson. We also welcome Kattie Rohling as a new paraprofessional in first grade.



Events this month:

- 9/6 -12: Book Fair
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- 9/7: Grandparent's Day
Breakfast & Book Fair
Kindergarten
- 9/8: Grandparent's Day
Breakfast & Book Fair
First and Second Grade

PTO Spirit Sales
- 9/14: PTO Carnival
Fundraiser 5 - 7 PM
- 9/15: PTO Spirit Sales
- 9/21: VIP Reception
7:30 AM Media
Center
- 9/22: PTO Sales

Homecoming
- 9/25: Student Holiday /
Professional Learning
Day
- 9/27: K-2 Career Caravan
- 9/28: School Council Mtg.
7:30 AM

PIE Meeting
11:30 AM
- 9/29: Fall Pictures Make-Up
Day



Second Grade

Second Grade News (Class of 2028)-

Welcome to second grade! We have had a fabulous beginning to our year! We have been excited to meet all of our new staff members. We have already started teaching our first units. In math, we are learning all about the friendly number 10. We are also learning about bundles of 10s and bundles of 100s. In science, we are learning about stars. In social studies, we have been learning about rules and laws. We are also learning about the compass rose and learning map skills. In reading, we are working on short and long vowels. Please remember to read at least 10 minutes every night with your child. We are looking forward to an exciting year in second grade!



Learning Knows No Bounds

The Thomaston-Upson School System has a new Parent Mentor for Students with Disabilities. We would like to welcome Lori McSwain, a retired teacher from our system. Mrs. McSwain is the mother of a young man who attended our schools and is currently receiving post-secondary services in Upson County.

The Parent Mentor works with families of students with disabilities to help provide tools, resources, and support for success at home, school, and in the community. If you have questions, concerns, or need assistance, please contact her by email at lmcswain@upson.k12.ga.us or by phone 706-646-9470 ext 6048.

CAMP

Greetings from the CAMP teachers!

We hope that your summer was lots of fun and that you are ready for an exciting school year! The CAMP teachers have been working to prepare a great year for you!! Our computer lab has changed somewhat as Mrs. Boyt is working with students who need extra support using the Fast For-Word educational software in the computer lab. Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Barrow, and Mrs. Johnson are in the media center teaching our Media Arts program to our students. This is new and exciting for students as they will be learning how to use the computer for presentations and productions. Mrs. Gardner is teaching the visual arts, and Coach Miller, Coach Foy, and Mrs. Napier are planning a great year in physical education! We are looking forward to a super 2017-2018 school year here at ULPS!

CAMP is great at ULPS!!!

Media Center News



Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, reading is the one you can influence the most.

Your child recently visited the media center to learn about proper book care and how to locate a book. Second grade students were introduced to the fiction section where they can check out chapter books and to the nonfiction section where they can find books with facts and information.



Ask your first grade students about the naughty pigeon who is not allowed to check out library books, because he doesn't take care of them. Through a short video and games, students learned the proper way to care for their library books and how to locate a book in the media center.

Kindergarten students went on a "book hunt" to find a really good book! They started with the book We're Going on a Bear Hunt. Students put on their binoculars and found signs to guide them through the media center to locate their first library book! Students will also play a memory game to reinforce proper book care.



All students will check out their library book(s) and return them each week when they are scheduled to come to computer/media CAMP class.



September 6-12, 2017, we invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a uni-

versal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.* Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And, like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they will get. Hope to see you there!

Book Fair Dates: September 6-12, 2017

Shopping Hours: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



To listen to or read some great books together, visit the [BookFLIX](#) link on our school webpage under student services.

Username: **ulprimary**

Password: **bookflix**



To access our school subscription, go to www.mycapstonelibrary.com or access the site from our school home page under STUDENT SERVICES. Click on My Capstone Library or do a "Media Center Book Search."

Login: **upsonprimary**

Password: **school**

PARENT TIPS FOR SUCCESS at ULPS

From DeAnn Hopkins, Parent Coordinator
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Welcome parents! We want your child to have a great year, but we need your help! What can you do to support your child's success at ULPS? Be sure that you are doing the following:

- ***Be sure that your child is at school and on time.** No learning takes place when your child misses school.
- ***Be a role model.** Your kids should see you reading, working through problems, learning from mistakes, etc. ... Be enthusiastic about learning! Talk to your child everyday about what he/she has learned.
- ***Keep on reading.** Read every night with your child. Good reading is the greatest predictor of school success. We work hard to ensure that your child gets good instruction and help at school, but all children need reading practice at home.
- ***Be involved.** Know what's going on in the school and classroom – support it, enrich it.
- ***Applaud the effort.** Praise hard work and persistence –not just outcomes. Make praise specific. “Way to go! You learned one more word than you did last week.”
- ***Communicate.** Stay in touch with the teacher. Write a note in the agenda, e-mail, text, or call for a conference, etc. Teachers want to hear from parents!
- ***Never give your child an excuse NOT to do well.** Regardless of how you feel, always talk positively about the school and teacher in front of your child.
- ***Be sure your child does his homework, but DO NOT do it for him.** Try to set a specific time and place for homework every day. Stay close to help your child, if needed. Homework is a review; so, if it takes too much time and your child is really struggling, let the teacher know.

Look at these ways for you to be involved and learn what is going on in our school:

SCHOOL COUNCIL – This is a group that meets at least every other month with the principal to be part of school decisions and to give input. It is also a great opportunity to hear about all the things going on in our school. There are business and parent participants. Contact Mrs. Wainwright, principal, if you are interested in running for a position.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Anyone can join this exciting group! They have met one time, but new meeting dates and times will be forthcoming. This group will afford you the opportunity to give your opinions and suggestions to help make ULPS the best it can be. Be a part of the voice for ULPS.

PARENT/PRINCIPAL RECEPTION – Come meet our new principal and administrators. This is an opportunity to ask questions of our staff and learn about our curriculum, assessments, and other important information. Date forthcoming.

READERS ARE LEADERS – Free Parent Workshop – Come learn ways to help your child at home with reading and make a reading game. **Wednesday, Sept. 27, 12:00 p.m.** in the parent room on the kindergarten side of the building. 12:00 p.m. – Same workshop **Thurs., Sept. 28, 6:00 p.m.** – childcare available.



•**PTO dues are \$5.** Parent sign-up information packets went home. Please join the PTO and send back your contact info.

•**Knights Spirit T-Shirt sales** - \$10 for youth sizes - adult XL; \$15 adult 2XL-5XL. Sales start now and continue through the end of September.

•We are so excited about our “**Carnival**” fall PTO fundraiser that will be Thursday, September 14, from 5-7 p.m. Entrance will be \$5 per child or \$15 cap for family (families of 3+ children). Adults and children under the age of one are free. We would really appreciate it if you can donate a bag of candy or a box of Little Debbie Cakes.



•**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). We will have 2 contests this school year.



ULP Knights of Honor



Kindergarten

Back: Aubree Huff, Maddox Howard, Peyton Collins, Angel Reviere, Alivia Scogin
 Middle: Lachlan Evers, Adalyn Rowe, Jackson McDaniel, D'Mario Perry, Asher Wilson
 Front: Colton Ponder, Addison Teal, Caden Ragsdale



First Grade

Back: Ja'Kobe Carriker, Khloe Pence, Haylynn Stoll, Alexis White, Aidan McDaniel
 Middle: Madelynn Hand, Emmie Kate Hayes, Kaylee Howard, Arael Wilkens
 Front: Addy Clark, Arieonna Harper, Bentley Hennen
 Not Pictured: Jordyn Carthon



Second Grade

Back: Diasy Molina, A'Journey Kendrick, Kemari Ross, Anthony Cochran, Ethan Evans
 Middle: Brianna Neal, Khloe Peacock, Hunter Skelton, Kamden Kinney, Cooper Harris
 Front: Ta'niya Smith, Chelsey Chambley, Wil Harrell



Congratulations to the following teachers for receiving Ecolab Grant funds:

Misty Crews (2nd Grade)	\$1606.00
Melody Gaskins (Challenge)	\$1921.00
Lisa Nelson (1st Grade)	\$2949.00
Lauren Hall (Kindergarten)	\$1800.00
Olivia Ellis (Special Ed.)	\$1195.00
Katelyn Gaskins (2nd Grade)	\$1300.00