



THE GRYPHON GAZETTE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF UNITY CLASSICAL
CHARTER SCHOOL

YOU ONLY GET ONE FIRST DAY

One of the most exciting moments of being a principal for me is welcoming all my new Kindergarteners, new students, and returning students to school on their first day. It is such a joy for me to put on those Mickey gloves and share a welcoming wave on that first day and seeing big smiles and waves being returned back. I hope your first day of school was every bit as wonderful you hoped it would be. We are all thrilled to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with positive energy and bright smiles. It is our mission to help every one of our students feel welcomed and know that they are an integral part of the Unity Classical Family and community. We have really been enjoying watching the students stream out of the bus and out of cars, and to have our school once again filled with the hustle and bustle that has been absent all summer. Old friendships are being quickly rekindled and new friendships are being made. Students have been swapping stories about summer and sharing the joy of new backpacks and school supplies with their friends, new and old. With this spirit in mind, I extend a special welcome to our incoming Kindergarten, new students and families who are new to our school. Know that you are all a welcome addition to our community. As you settle in, you will be receiving newsletters from the school office every weekend. In addition, the classroom teachers will send home important information every Thursday in our "Thursday folders". Furthermore, reminders and "fun" moments are shared on our Facebook page and Instagram accounts so please like and follow us on those platforms. It is an honor to serve again this year as principal of this fantastic school. What a true privilege it is to serve where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build excellence through rigorous academics, social growth, positive relationships, and community building. Once again, welcome back — here's to making this year at Unity our best year yet!



Respectfully, Mrs. Goad

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Starting Monday, August 26, all parents are required to utilize the carpool line for morning drop off and afternoon pickup. As a measure of safety, parents will not be allowed to walk their students into the building or utilize the front door unless it is past 8 am or they have an on-campus appointment. Early dismissal ends at 2:30 pm. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure the safety of all students.



Dates to Remember

August 26: First Day For All Kindergarten students

Sept. 2: School Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 6: PTC Grandparents Day Lunch

Sept. 9: Curriculum Night 6:30 pm - 8 pm
and Panera Bread Spirit Night 4 pm - 8 pm

Sept. 26: Volunteer Training 4:30 pm and
PTC Meeting 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Sept. 27: Early Release Day; PTC School
Dance and Fall Book Fair Kick-Off

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



PTC (Parent Teacher Connection) Update
Calling all Unity Classical Parents (new and old) . . . we need committee members and volunteers! Our PTC is hard at work planning events for the upcoming school year. In order for these events to be successful, we need helping hands from our parents.

- Grandparents Day, Sept. 6.

- School Dance and Fall Book Fair

Volunteers are needed to decorate, setup and tear down for both of these events.

If you are available to volunteer, please email ptc@unityclassical.org.



STATE FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

THE FIRST
20
DAYS!

NC state funding for Charter Schools is determined by the number of students in attendance for the first 20 days of school. Please help us ensure we get the funding we have budgeted for by having your student in school every day! The first 20 days are crucial so **A BIG THANK YOU** to all parents for choosing Unity Classical and helping us achieve 100% attendance for the first 20 days!

#weareunity

SCHOOL WIDE POLICY REMINDERS

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Eagle Bus provides transportation services for Unity Classical in the form of cluster stops. For your student to be eligible to ride the bus, you must register your child through the transportation link on our website @ <http://www.theeaglebus.com/ucparentportal>. Eagle Bus Service requires 48 hours to process your student's transportation request. Your student will not be allowed to ride the bus on the same day of registration. Students must re-register for the bus every school year. Thank you for partnering with us to keep your students safe.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please help us keep our children safe by not sending ANY NUTS or NUT containing products to school lunches or snacks. This includes all NUTS (tree nuts, vine nuts and peanuts. There are alternative NUT FREE peanut butters available. If you are using the special peanut butter, please let the teacher know to prevent any confusion or worry. If you have any questions, please email your child's teacher.

BECOMING A UCCLS VOLUNTEER

What is required to become a volunteer at UCCLS? All volunteers must complete a background check and attend a short training session. You can find all of the information at the following link:

<https://unityclassical.teamcfa.school/about/volunteers-partnerships/>
The background check is \$12 and is good for two years. As a reminder, our founding families will need to complete a new background check and attend another training session. Our next volunteer training will be Thursday, Sept. 26 at 4:30 pm. You can register for the volunteer training session by emailing info@unityclassical.org.



STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Your child's teacher will be a significant person in his or her life this year. Thus, it's helpful for the two of you to build a strong bond. In this way, you can work together, share information and head off any problems that may come up before they occur. To make a connection:

- Attend Curriculum night. While this isn't the time or place for a long one-on-one talk, it will help each of you put a face to a name.
- Share information. Changes at home, such as the birth of a baby, loss of a job or pending divorce, can affect a child at school. Write a note, send an email or ask if the teacher can call you to talk. The more she knows about your child, the more she'll be able to support his learning.
- Let your child know you respect his or her teacher. Your attitude will affect your child's behavior in class.

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FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE . . .

Spread the Word and Share the Love for your school! Unity Classical has a few open seats remaining in all grade levels with the exception of first grade. Let your friends know about our awesome school and let's fill those seats for 2019-2020! New families must complete a registration application ONLINE at www.unityclassical.org. If you have questions, you can email enrollment@unityclassical.org #weareunity

