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**MARCH 2005**

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
21 Begin 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	22 Parent / Teacher conferences	23 8:00 – Strauss Theatre (4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> graders)	24 Pastor Appreciation Day  Parent / Teacher conferences	25 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	26
 <p><b>EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 27          SPRING BREAK THIS WEEK!          RETURN TO SCHOOL ON APRIL 4.</b></p>					
4	5	6	7	8 Grandparents' Day (1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	9 9:00 – 3:00 <b>SCHOOL WORKDAY</b>
11	12	13	14	15 Teacher appreciation Breakfast (1 <sup>st</sup> grade)	16

*Please cut and post on your refrigerator!*

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NEWS**

All UCA parents and prospective parents were invited to attend the School Board meeting held Thursday, March 17, at the First Assembly of God Church.

Chuck Kinnison, President, gave an overview of the school's history during the last five years and how much we have grown and what we have accomplished in this timeframe. It is absolutely amazing! We already have 240 students enrolled for the Fall!

Mr. Ritz gave an update regarding our academics. There are three graduation plans in place: (1) general diploma, (2) college preparatory classes requiring 28 credits and (3) an honors program that will include college level classes during the Junior and Senior years.

Darrin Denney gave an athletics update. UCA is now a part of ALCAL (which is Arkansas Louisiana Christian Athletic League); there are ten schools in this program. Our sports now include 6-man football, girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track. Baseball / softball, tennis and golf will be added.

Shelley Norris updated everyone on the ministry that UCA provides our area. We are active in our local nursing home, the "Right to Life" mission and will sponsor the "Awakening" in April, which is to encourage bodies to come together. We represent all churches and denominations in this area.

Kay Hicks, Secretary, gave an update on our fundraisers. The school made approximately \$27,000 from the cookie dough, fall festival, ATV drawing, and portraits. With that money we have purchased a keyboard for the music program, a digital camera, an Accelerated Reader program, overhead projector, TV cart, dye cuts for bulletin boards, athletic equipment, made renovations of the A wing and roof, and gave gifts of appreciation to our faculty and staff.

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*School Board News continued*

Robbie Lawson, Vice President, and Stan Elkins, Treasurer, presented the plan to construct a multipurpose facility. The building will be completed in three phases and will include a gymnasium with staging, a full-service cafeteria, and high school classrooms. It will be built on 1.2 acres adjoining the school property, which is in the process of being purchased for \$50,000. Once it is completed we will have the following:

- 8.21 acres of land
- 43,181 heated square feet
- Total cost of construction \$776,000
- \$17.97 / hsf cost
- Enough room for 450+ students
- \$38.53 per month increase per student based on 235 students

All teachers and parents in attendance were given the opportunity to say if they were in favor of the board pursuing the multipurpose facility; 99% favored the plan. So our school board will immediately start pursuing the construction of the building.

This is really exciting to see the growth of our school. The Lord has truly blessed us and we are very blessed by the dedication and hard work of our school board. They work tirelessly and are committed to providing a Christian atmosphere for our children to acquire their education. We are certainly thankful for their vision they have for the future of UCA.

### ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

- Box tops
- Campbell Soup labels
- Black coke tops from 2 liter bottles
- Penny Drive

The BBQ CHICKEN PLATES have been rescheduled for Friday, April 29.

The GOLF TOURNAMENT has been scheduled for Saturday, May 14.

Remember to pray about position of Assistant Administrator. If you have a recommendation, please submit the applicant's name to one of our Board Members.

The next PTO meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks will be held after spring break. Look for the date to be announced in the next newsletter.

*A note from Mrs. King to the UCA Board, Mr. Ritz, PTO, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students, as well as the UCA teachers and staff:*

*Since somehow I missed signing the Christmas thank you letter for the School Board, I felt a special note was long overdue from me. Thank you so much for a wonderful welcome to Louisiana. I have appreciated working in a Christian school where it is safe to discuss God and Jesus plus expectations of us as Christians. Thank you for the wonderful Christmas surprises and the times to share the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts creations at the PTO meetings. I am thankful for the parental support of the students and am grateful for the times we have had to meet. The students are awesome and work hard at their learning. It is wonderful and important that they ask questions to expand their knowledge of skills. I thank you for the privilege of working with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students causing them to question, research and examine themselves, their beliefs, and I hope grow stronger as Christians.*

*It has been the most enthusiastic time of my life to work with the wonderful teachers and support staff at UCA. I have truly enjoyed the morning prayer times together. The fellowship of everyone, including the board members who visit, give moral support, serve as chauffeurs, technology experts, over and above financial organization has been precious to my soul.*

*Continuous goals for UCA's expansion are so important in the community. Christian students need the right to learn in a Christian environment and I feel everyone is working hard to achieve these goals with God's hand and guidance all along the way. Thank you for everything each one of you has done for me to make me a stronger Christian.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Charlotte King*

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*The LOST AND FOUND box contains jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes, and shoes of all shapes, sizes and colors. No names are on these items. This box is located in the cafeteria. Please look*



*to see if any of these things belong to you! Please remember to label all belongings.*

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