



University Heights Academy

Academy Action

January

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The school seeks to provide educational opportunities that will allow every student to achieve to the best of his/her ability and to develop as a "whole person."

Academic Team Triumphs

UHA's Middle school academic team consisting of Tyler Pratt, Brady Rublee, Kelsee Freeman, Brynn Greene, Deeya Patel, Hemangi Patel, and Taylor Rogers competed in the 6th grade showcase on December 6th at Muhlenburg South Middle School. This is a one day event hosted by the Kentucky Colonels through the Governors Cup organization. It is only for 6th graders as a transition into middle school Governors Cup competition.

Deeya placed 1st in Language Arts, Hemangi placed 2nd in Math, and Tyler placed 5th in Science.



On Saturday, November 12, the University Heights Academy junior varsity academic team competed in the annual KAAC JV Challenge Competition. UHA received first place overall out of six competing teams, finishing with a total of 62 points. Ten UHA students competed in various written

assessment exams and quick recall. Students participating were: Drew Burman, Fenil Chavda, Kloe Freeman, Kassy Harris, Trey Lachance, Bailey Morales, Johanna Naimoli, Emily Pape, Vir Patel, and Gretchen Powell. Drew placed 5th in Language Arts, Fenil placed 1st in Science and 2nd in Math, Kloe placed 2nd in Arts and Humanities, Kassy placed 5th in Arts and humanities, Trey placed 1st in Math, Vir placed 2nd in Social Studies and 5th in Math, Gretchen placed 1st in English Composition and 3rd in Arts and Humanities, Johanna placed 6th in Social Studies, and the Quick Recall Team placed 2nd.

Other Exciting Academic News

The Duke Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) is a gifted education program based at Duke University. Its purpose is to identify gifted children and provide them and their parents resources for gifted students. Students scoring in the 95% on a standardized test either in an individual subject area or composite score are eligible. For the 2011-1012 4th & 5th Grade Program the following students have been selected: Emerson Barlow, Brady Bilyeu, Lainey Burman, Ian Calvert, Jackson Cotthoff, Roma Desai, Sabrina Hall, Noah Helphenstine, Lily Hendricks, Alex Juckett, Marissa Kopacz, Cutter Madison, Drew McGowan, Jakob Moore, Allyson Morgan, Zachary Naylor, Victoria Pratt, Chase Reed, Mason Rye, Lauren Shaner, Kevli Sheth, Lilly Strader, and Hunter Traugher.



Creative & Talented

On November 7, 2011 Mayor Kemp presented a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the City of Hopkinsville to a group of UHA Students. The certificate was "In recognition of outstanding contribution to the beautification of downtown Hopkinsville by the painting of banners to be displayed at Founders Square and Little River Park."



Students Tyler Williams, Haley Rublee, Demetria Snorton, Connor East, Allyson Parker, Chandler Unfried, Bailey Johnson, Raegan Taylor, Ally Wilson, Taten Frerichs, Dannika Prater, Savannah West, Evie Allen, Carson Bryant, and Hendley Traugher took part in this project.



A number of UHA students, parents, alumni, and staff participated in the Campanile Production of Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" at the Alhambra Theatre December 1st-4th. The production was well received and producers plan to have an encore run again next year. The company is currently running auditions for a March showing of "Once Upon A Mattress." UHA talent is sure to be well represented again.

2011 Quad State High School Honor Choir:

- Garrett Fowler - Bass
- Taylor Byrum - Bass
- Blake Cowan - Bass
- Joseph Daniel - Tenor
- Haji Wisdom - Tenor
- Elisabeth Mauldin - Alto
- Kassy Harris - Alto
- Susanna Starling - Soprano
- Meg Starling - Soprano

Quad State
Quad State



Beautiful Sounds



In Harmony

The UHA Choir has been busy since the school year began. They have taken part in Austin Peay State University's Choir-fest and Murray State University's Quad State Honor Choir Competition. The choir also presented a December concert at the Alhambra Theatre. Thanks to Mrs. Jill Bressler for her dedication to helping our students grow their talents.

Amazing Acts of Kindness



Inspired by the November Rachel's Challenge Event hosted at UHA, acts of kindness are happening throughout the school. We have over 400 recorded acts of kindness linked together and hanging in our hallways. Mrs. Hendricks' Studio Art class made the bulletin board (pictured left) which serves as a revolving poetry wall, where students can submit quotes and thoughts about spreading kindness. Read the stories below to learn about more inspiring events.

Inspiring People Across America

UHA Students released green and gold balloons carrying acts of kindness papers to inspire others who might find them. We have received reports that the balloons went as far as Big Stone Gap, Virginia, but most inspiring was the following letter the students received from a man who wished to inspire them as well:



Dear Children,

The balloon that you sent out traveled a long way and I can only imagine everything that it must have seen as it traversed along the beautiful Kentucky landscape. Its journey ended at a special place in Adair County at an old spring on my grandparents farm where I lived as a child. My brother and I found it when we walked down to get a drink as we were reminiscing about old times and how much we loved being there as children.

Someday, you will become young adults, and much like your balloon, you will go out into the world not knowing for sure where the winds of life may carry you. There will be perils, the winds may gust, and storms may blow you off course, but with faith, hope, and perseverance, you can and will make the journey and find your own beautiful place in life.

Perhaps your balloon was carried to a special place strictly by chance, or perhaps it was because I had this message for you we may never know for sure. However, few good things in life happen strictly by chance. Always hold on to the good things that you are being taught by your parents, teachers and the other positive influences in your life, and your life will be blessed.

Best Wishes - Steve

Saving Lives In Africa



Piper Hancock and Sarah Davis, both 2nd graders, recently decided to celebrate their birthdays in an extraordinary way!! Piper and Sarah chose NOT to get presents for their birthdays, but instead asked all of their friends to JOIN THEM in being **ORDINARY HEROES** and they collected money for the orphans in Ethiopia!! They collected \$370 to be exact!!

These kids should be in their normal birthday mode and excited and expecting to receive their gifts from their party like any child would. BUT instead they were excited to get all their friends together and see what a big difference they can make in the lives of others. These girls took Rachel's Challenge to heart and they have caused quite a chain reaction!!! We are so proud of you, Piper and Sarah!!

For more information on Ordinary Hero go to www.ordinaryhero.org

Blazer Athletics




VARSITY WRESTLING SCHEDULE:



- January 10 Paducah Tilghman & Graves Co. @ UHA
- January 14 Sycamore Invitational @ Pleasant View, TN
- January 16 UHA Blazer Duals @ UHA
- January 20-21 Southeastern Prep School Slam @ Atlanta, GA
- January 26 Trigg Co., Calloway Co. & Hopkinsville @ Trigg Co
- January 28 Calloway County Invitational Tournament
- January 31 Christian County and Hopkinsville @ UHA
- February 4 North Oldham Mustang Invitational
- February 11 Varsity Regionals @ Caldwell County
- February 16-18 State Tournament – Lexington

The varsity team did a great job over winter break in 2 separate tournaments with Wade Willen placing 3rd & 2nd, Dalton Putty placing 4th & 4th, Chance Collins placing 7th & 1st, and Colton Hall placing 2nd & 1st with a "Most Outstanding Wrestler" award at the Christian County Invitational.

LITTLEST WRESTLER EARNS BIG PRAISE:



Gavin Brown is in the third grade at University Heights Academy, and he is on the middle school wrestling squad. Weighing in at a mere 70 pounds, he is undoubtedly our smallest wrestler, but don't think that challenge will hold him back. At a recent assembly, Mrs. Bradley announced that Gavin had competed at a match coming home with a hard fought 2nd place. More impressive than that was the fact that he was named "Most Outstanding Wrestler" for the match. We are very likely to see a lot more from this little Blazer in the years to come.



The Lady Blazers took part in the Kentucky Country Day Invitational over winter break. Coach Sparks said, "This was a new tournament for us, playing teams we don't usually play, so we didn't know what we were up against, but it turned out that they didn't know what they were up against!" The girls presented Mrs. Nunn with the Championship trophy at an assembly after break. The girl's team stands at the top of the KHSAA rankings with a 11-1 record.

Boys Schedule: All games are JV and Varsity unless otherwise noted.

- Jan. 10 6/7:30 AWAY vs. Hopkins Central
- Jan. 13 6/7:30 HOME vs. Ft. Campbell
- Jan. 17 7:00 Varsity Region 2 All "A" HOME vs. Lyon
- Feb. 3-4 TBA Varsity Riverside Christian Classic at Jackson
- Feb. 10 6/7:30 AWAY vs. Shelby County
- Feb. 14 7:30 Varsity Senior Night HOME vs. Logan County
- Feb. 16 6/7:30 AWAY vs. Bowling Green
- Feb. 17 6/7:30 HOME vs. Crittenden County

Girls Schedule: All games are JV and Varsity unless otherwise noted.

- Dec. 27-29 TBA Varsity Kentucky Country Day Invitational
- Jan. 10 6/7:30 AWAY vs. Hopkins Central
- Jan. 12 6/7:30 HOME vs. Caldwell County
- Jan. 14 6/7:30 AWAY vs. Christian County
- Jan. 16 7:00 Varsity Class "A" Region HOME vs. Trigg
- Jan. 21 6/7:30 HOME vs. Union County
- Jan. 24 6/7:30 HOME vs. Russellville
- Jan. 30 6/7:30 HOME vs. Christian County
- Feb. 04 6/7:30 AWAY vs. Lyon County
- Feb. 07 6/7:30 HOME vs. Hopkinsville
- Feb. 10 6/7:30 HOME vs. Dawson Springs
- Feb. 11 1/2:30 AWAY vs. Madisonville
- Feb. 14 6:00 Varsity Senior Night HOME vs. Logan
- Feb. 17 6/7:00 AWAY vs. Union County



Alumni Honors

The University Heights Academy 1992 KHSAA State Championship basketball team was honored on December 10th in the Blazer Gym . The half-time event was part of a 20th anniversary celebration for the team. Those team members able to attend included: Assistant Coach Phil Keller, Doug Colburn, Otis Duiguid, Derrick Quarles, Marty Cline, Manager Brian Rains, Jameron Brown, Coach Jeff Jackson, Tim Flynn, Tom Flynn, and Jonathon Warren.



UHA Family News



Congratulations to

Chris and Tara Staley Thomas, '03,
on the birth of Jackson Wade Thomas.
He was born on October 21st weighing
7 lbs. 9.25 oz. and 19.75 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ed and Tammy Staley.



Congratulations to Ms. Tilley; She has a new granddaughter!
Caroline Tilley was born at 1:15 p.m. on January 4th.
She weighed 6 lbs 11 oz and measured 19in long.



Charles O. McGuire
1937 ~ 2011
Husband of Nancy McGuire

Sam W. Davis
1932 ~ 2011
Grandfather of
Savannah & Cody Peck,
and Sarah & Emily Davis

Dr. Arthur N. Anderson Jr.
1926 ~ 2011
Grandfather of Brynn,
Kalleb & David Greene

Edward Major
1938 ~ 2011
Great Grandfather of
Will & Ellie Covington

**OUR CONDOLENCES
TO UHA FAMILIES
GRIEVING THE LOSS
OF LOVED ONES.**

Herbert Claude P'Pool, Jr.
1928 ~ 2011
Grandfather of Reese P'Pool

Thank You!

More Secure & More Beautiful

There were a number of projects to help improve the facilities at UHA this year: new heat/air, much needed upgrading of student bathrooms, and most noticeably, new administrative offices. Thanks to your facility fees and generous donations, the offices are now at the entrance of the building. This not only is more convenient for parents and visitors, but it is also much safer for the students. Guests and delivery persons are now greeted immediately upon entering the building and can be escorted to their destination after being signed in. The office windows also allow staff to see vehicles entering and leaving the school grounds.

Mrs. Nunn, Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Williams, and Ms. Brown are happily benefitting from the light through those windows as well as the more spacious layout. They have each expressed their gratefulness to all who helped make this upgrade possible.



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

From the faculty and staff of UHA.

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2011 ~ 2012 National Honor Society Inductees:

Thomas Folz, Vivek Shah, Joseph Daniel, Timothy Cook, Will Howard, Trey Lachance, Kloe Freeman, Savannah West, Kassy Harris, Madeline Bonning, Gabrielle Kaye, Brooklyn Gardner, Emily Pape, Gretchen Powell, Dannika Prater, Clayton Joyce, Fenil Chavda, Alex Keys, Chandler Hall, Sally Smith, & Sally Morse.

Important Dates

January:

16~ MLK Day/No School

16~ UHA Blazer Duals Wretling

February:

3 ~ Progress Reports

11~ Dreamstakes

20 ~ President's Day/No School

March:

8~ Lower School Conference

16 ~ Staff Work Day/No School

23 ~ Spring Fling

