

IB Trait of the Month

This month we are highlighting the trait “Reflective.” To be reflective means to thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas. It means to understand our own strengths and weaknesses as we continue to grow academically and socially. Every Friday, scholars are completing Flashback Friday where they track their performance in class, reflect on their successes, identify areas they are struggling, set new goals, and create a plan to meet them. Scholars have been enthusiastic and invested in this work, and we’re seeing increased performance as a result. Ask your scholar what they are learning about themselves from their Flashback Friday!

STAAR Saturdays

Saturday tutorials for STAAR will begin by the end of the month. These tutorials are designed for scholars who need additional support outside of class in order to be successful and meet their goals. Identified scholars will receive individual invitations from their teachers. Look out for more information from your scholars’ teachers in the coming weeks.

Gradebook updates

You’ve spoken and we’ve listened. Beginning this semester, you can expect that your scholars’ gradebooks will be updated every week by the following Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). Our teachers have been working diligently to ensure that you have the most accurate information about how your scholars are progressing. Feel free to contact teachers directly with questions about your scholar’s grades. If you’ve forgotten your login information, please reach out to Ms. Alfaro, the middle school Office Manager.

Summit Scholar News Show

Did you know our scholars have created their very own news channel? Check it out this completely scholar created, written, and produced Middle School Skyhawk News here! bit.ly/summitskyhawknews

Behavior Tiers

In an effort to clarify behavior expectations, we have updated the Summit Middle School levels of infractions and our response to them. As we’ve increased the focus to developing strong teacher-scholar relationships, we’ve seen a great decrease in suspensions and referrals. Continue talking with your scholar about making good choices and repairing relationships when they make a mistake.

Teacher Transitions

It’s with sadness that I announce that two Summit Middle School teachers, Coach Oliver (6th grade PE) and Ms. Whyte (8th grade Humanities) have transitioned to other roles outside of Uplift. We are thankful for their service to our scholars and wish them the best. In the meantime, a talented PE teacher will be joining our team in the coming weeks, and our 8th grade humanities class is being supported with excellent instructional content by one of our current outstanding teachers.

Upcoming Dates

February 8th Valentine Candy Gram: Scholars are invited to purchase Candy Grams for their friends, teachers, leaders, or staff workers in honor of Valentine's Day. They can purchase a \$2 Candy Bar Candy Gram or a \$1 Kisses Rose Bud Candy Gram. They may fill out the attached form and submit it to the office before February 8th. Candy Grams will be delivered on February 14th.

February 9th Reward Trip to UTA Basketball game: To be eligible for this trip, scholars must meet the following criteria:

- No missing work
- No detentions
- Complete 3 Flashback Friday forms signed

February 13th (4:15-5:15) Sex Education Class for 8th graders. Permission slip required and it's not too late to turn yours in. Please submit the attached form to your child's advisor.

February 18th (7pm-10pm) Luau Parent/Scholar Dance: Come to this wonderful event hosted by the Summit VIP! Wear your Hawaiian inspired clothing and jeans and dance the night away! The cost is \$30 for 1 adult and child (meal and photo included) and just \$5 for each additional child. The deadline for ticket purchases is February 15th. Please use the attached form to purchase your ticket.

February 24th Spirit Day: Scholars may participate in Summit Spirit Day in the following ways

- \$1 Jeans and College/Summit tee
- \$3 Sports jersey or tee with jeans
- \$5 Pajamas

Reminders

Outside Food Revision

Effective January 10, 2017, parents will no longer be permitted to bring outside food to scholars during the school day. This includes delivery services, too.

Early Pick-ups Revision

Effective January 10, 2017, parents will no longer be permitted to call ahead for scholar dismissal. Scholars will only be called out of class when parent or designated person is physically present. When you arrive on campus, plan for an approximate 15-minute wait as scholars pack up their materials and walk to the Center Street office. We've experienced a surge of scholars missing significant instructional time as they wait for their parents to arrive on campus.

Teacher Communication Reminder:

We encourage you to reach out to your scholars' teachers with questions about your child's performance, behavior and assignments. Please allow them 24 hours to respond.

You also may contact your child's grade level chair if you are unable to reach a resolution with the teacher directly. Those positions are noted below.

Please see names, positions, and email addresses below. Pay close attention as some teacher emails do not follow the typical first initial and last name convention.

A complete directory can be found at www.summitinternationalprep.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL Faculty List

David Harris – 6 th Grade Level Chair	MS Music	dharris@uplifteducation.org
Cynthia Carodine	6 th Grade ELA	ccarodine@uplifteducation.org
Elizabeth Davis	6 th Grade Technology	edavis@uplifteducation.org
Amanda Kerschen-Wright	6 th Grade Science	akerschen@uplifteducation.org
Jeramie Johnson	6 th Grade Math	jerjohnson@uplifteducation.org
William Reynolds	6 th Grade Humanities	wreynolds@uplifteducation.org
Gladyber Camareno	6 th Grade Spanish	gcamareno@uplifteducation.org
Aaron Oliver	6 th Grade P. E.	aoliver@uplifteducation.org
Amanda Pace – 7 th Grade Level Chair	MS Art	apace@uplifteducation.org
Sandrina Barks	7 th Grade Math	sbarks@uplifteducation.org
Stephanie Harris	7 th Grade Humanities	sharris@uplifteducation.org
Campbell Lunsford	7 th Grade ELA	clunsford@uplifteducation.org
Carmella Norris	7 th Grade Science	cnorris@uplifteducation.org
Christopher Battles	7 th Grade P. E.	cbattles@uplifteducation.org
Bobby Caruthers	7 th Grade Technology	bcaruthers@uplifteducation.org
Fadoua Chahboun	7 th Grade Spanish	fchahboun@uplifteducation.org
Jerrell Whyte – 8 th Grade Level Chair	8 th Grade Technology	jewhite@uplifteducation.org
Kimberly Kautzman	Algebra	kkautzman@uplifteducation.org
Gemma Osin	8 th Grade Science	gosin@uplifteducation.org
Shaina Whyte	8 th Grade Humanities	swhyte@uplifteducation.org
Autum Larbi	8 th Grade ELA	alarbi@uplifteducation.org
Beccah Dowden	MS Theater	bdowden@uplifteducation.org
Christian Bobo	8 th Grade P E	cbobo@uplifteducation.org
Mei-Ling Izquierdo	8 th Grade Spanish	mizquierdo@uplifteducation.org
Tonja Tate	Librarian	ttate@uplifteducation.org
Sean Carpentier	CTC/Math Intervention	scarpentier@uplifteducation.org
Ashley Boulaouden	ESL Teacher	aboulaouden@uplifteducation.org
Livia Miller	Master English Teacher	limiller@uplifteducation.org
Cheryl Salinas	SPED Teacher	chsalinas@uplifteducation.org
Alyssa Burke	SPED Teacher	aburke@uplifteducation.org
Aria Lott	SPED Teacher	alott@uplifteducation.org
Josefina Ruiz	SPED T. A.	jruiz@uplifteducation.org
Mel Gutierrez	SPED T. A.	igutierrez@uplifteducation.org
Janice Valentine	School Nurse	jvalentine@uplifteducation.org
Audrey Williams	Social/Behavior Counselor	auwilliams@uplifteducation.org

