Students See Science in Action during SCIENCE WEEK

Science is alive and well at UCP! From January 27 through January 31, 2020, UCP West Orange celebrated SCIENCE WEEK. All week long, students created science projects or experiments later displayed in the school halls for other classrooms to enjoy. On Tuesday January 28, volunteers from the AUDUBON CENTER FOR BIRDS OF PREY introduced Low Ratio, Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students to three rescued birds residing at the center: a red shouldered hawk, an American kestrel, and a Merlin falcon. On Wednesday January 29, DISNEY ENGINEERS visited elementary classrooms to demonstrate how engineering impacts every facet of Disney’s operations; students then had to use math to plan the number of people able to ride in a roller coaster. On Thursday January 30, students in the 21st Century Afterschool Program presented their inventions during INVENTION CONVENTION. On Friday January 31, students in all grade levels learned about states of matter and the properties of fire and ice during a presentation by MAD SCIENCE. Additionally, UCP parent Scott Hacker, Food Service Manager at the KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, spoke to students about the NASA installations and later capped off the presentation with freeze dried ice cream for every student. A heartfelt ‘thank you’ to all the parents, volunteers and organizations that participated in Science Week!
February Reading Events

PreK students in the Toddlers, Starfish and Crabs classrooms are looking forward to UCP West Orange’s first PREK PARENTS READING CORNER from February 10 through 14. During this weeklong event, parents are invited to read a short book to their children’s classrooms and learn about ways they can support their children’s reading skills at home. The weeklong event will kick off with a welcome by a member of the Orange County Public Library system, who will be providing information to all interested students and parents about obtaining library cards.

The annual SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will be held during the week of February 10 through 14. A wide variety of exciting, colorful, attention-grabbing books will be on display for purchase throughout the entire week. You may purchase a book for your student or donate books to your child’s classroom library. Car loop will be suspended the entire week.

Finally, on Thursday February 6 from 4:30 to 5:30, UCP Technology Leaders Amanda Whitaker and Sulaine Gonzalez will present a parent workshop entitled READING APPS IN THE HOME. During this engaging, interactive presentation, parents will see firsthand the online reading programs their students are using during the school day. Additionally, parents will learn about free and low-cost reading apps that they can use to support their children’s reading skills at home.

Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Wilkins

All West Orange parents and friends are invited to a Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Ilene Wilkins, CEO of UCP of Central Florida, on Friday February 21 at 2 pm. Dr. Wilkins will be discussing plans for the new school building, projected to open during the 2021-22 school year. She will answer questions and address suggestions from attendees. The February PTO meeting will take place immediately before the Town Hall Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE!

February 1
Student Intents to Return due
February 3-7
SPIRIT Week
February 4-6
Lifetouch Photography
February 6 (4:30-5:30 pm)
Parent Workshop: Reading Apps in the Home
February 7 (8-9 am)
Muffins for Moms
February 10-14
Book Fair (Car loop suspended)
PreK Parents Reading Corner
February 10 (2-3 pm)
TLA Informational Visit for Fifth Grade Parents
February 14
PTO Valentine Candygrams
February 17
School and Camp closed
February 20 (9-10 am)
Meet the Mission Event
February 20 (4:30-5:30 pm)
Open House - New Students
February 21 (1:30 pm)
PTO Meeting & Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Ilene Wilkins
February 24-28
Black History Presentations
February 25 (10-11 am)
Little Gators PreK-2 Presentation
February 25
21st Century Parent Workshop: ASD and Bullying
March 10
Donuts for Dads
March 11 (5:30-7:30 pm)
PTO Spring Fling
March 12 (4:30 pm)
21st Century Performance at Orlando Repertory Theatre
March 16-20
Spring Break/No School or Camp
March 23-27
Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 27 (1:30 pm)
PTO Meeting
March 31
FSA Rally Breakfast

Mirian Benitez, Spring Fequiere, Jack Mathews, Allura Felix-Potter, and Zeke Huddleston enjoy a popsicle as a reward for being recognized as STUDENTS OF THE WEEK. Every week, different Toddler through Fifth Grade students are publicly acknowledged for their classroom progress or achievements.