

Universal Academy of Pittsburgh

October Newsletter

Principal's Message



Dear UAP Families,

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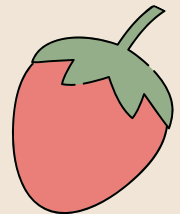
As we embrace this school year, I want to express our deepest gratitude for the strong partnership we share with each of you. Your support and involvement are essential to our students' growth and success, and we're grateful for the trust you place in us as part of your child's educational journey.

This fall, our school is buzzing with enriching activities designed to inspire learning, creativity, and connection. From engaging classroom projects to family-inclusive events, every program and activity we offer aims to support our mission of nurturing well-rounded students. We hope you'll join us in celebrating these experiences, which not only cultivate academic growth but also foster lifelong friendships and community ties.

As a non-profit organization, our mission is to prioritize students' needs and ensure every child has access to meaningful learning opportunities. Your continued support, whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply cheering us on, directly impacts our ability to offer these programs and enhance our school community. Together, we're creating an environment where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their potential. Thank you for being an essential part of our school family. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Dr. Alia Arafah

School Principal



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- The International Fair
- STEAM Symposium
- The Islamic Book Fair and more....

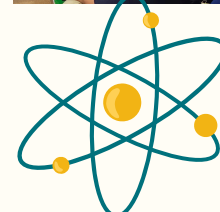
The International Fair

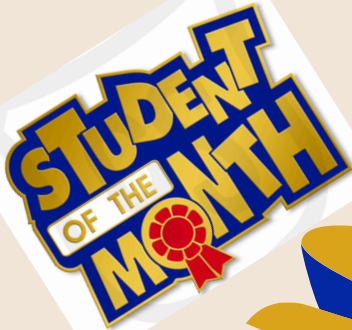
The International Fair held on October 16 celebrated the rich diversity of cultures represented in our community, bringing together families from around the world. Participants shared traditional foods and customs from their heritage, creating an atmosphere of unity and learning. The event featured a colorful array of booths, each representing a different country, where families engaged in cultural exchange and exploration. Both children and adults enjoyed the delicious food and desserts. The fair not only celebrated diversity but also fostered a sense of global friendship and appreciation among attendees.



SYMPOSIUM

The STEAM Symposium held on October 22nd for Middle School students was an engaging event designed to immerse students in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Throughout the day, students participated in hands-on workshops, interactive exhibits, and collaborative projects that brought STEAM concepts to life. They had opportunities to experiment with cutting-edge technology like 3D printing, robotics, and coding, gaining real-world insights into the applications of these skills. Additionally, students connected with professionals from various STEAM industries, who shared their career experiences and inspired them to consider future pathways in these fields. The symposium highlighted the creative intersections between disciplines, encouraging students to think critically, solve problems, and work collaboratively—essential skills for thriving in today's fast-evolving world. Overall, the event provided an invaluable learning experience that left students energized about their future roles in shaping technology and innovation.





The Student of the Month award recognizes students who excel in both academic performance and behavior. Each month, one student is selected for their commitment to learning, positive attitude, and respectful interactions with peers and teachers. This honor celebrates those who consistently demonstrate hard work, responsibility, and kindness in the school community.

Pre-K A: Ariet A
Pre-K B: Omar A
KG A: Majd F
KG B: Bilol U
1st Grade: Taleen
2nd Grade: Thaer
3rd Grade: Siham
4th Grade: Hajj
5th Grade: Zeyad
6th Grade: Amir
7th Grade: Aida
8th Grade: Farishta

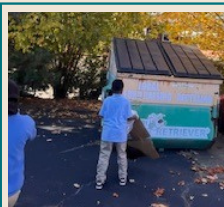
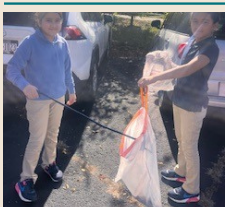


ISLAMIC BOOK FAIR

The Islamic Book Fair is set to take place from October 28 to November 1, offering a wonderful opportunity for students and families to explore a diverse selection of books and educational supplies. This event will feature a wide range of titles, including literature on Islamic teachings, children's books, and academic resources, catering to various interests and age groups. In addition to books, attendees can find essential school supplies, stationery, and unique items that promote learning and creativity. The fair not only encourages a love for reading but also fosters community engagement, making it a valuable experience for everyone involved.

4th Grade STEAM

As part of the fourth-grade STEAM curriculum, students are raising awareness among their peers about the importance of keeping the environment clean and pollution-free. They conducted a project to clean the school yard, removing trash, fallen leaves, and other debris to ensure a safe environment for everyone.



Staff Professional Development

The first teachers' professional development day was held on October 17th. It focused on building a harmonious school environment, emphasizing Social Emotional Learning (SEL) as a foundation for student success. Educators explored strategies to foster a culture of respect, collaboration, and empathy across grade levels, addressing SEL skills that promote self-awareness, emotional regulation, and positive relationships. Sessions also provided practical methods for teaching young children, covering approaches like play-based learning, engaging instructional techniques, and the use of positive reinforcement. Participants discussed ways to create safe and supportive classrooms that prioritize students' mental well-being, equipping them with lifelong skills to thrive both academically and personally.

End of the First Quarter

As the first quarter concluded on October 23rd, teachers finalized students' grades, reflecting their progress and achievements. This milestone marks an opportunity to review growth and set new goals for the next term. Students and parents can anticipate report cards, which provide feedback to support continued success in the coming months.

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Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Break
November 27-29 (School Closed)

School Highlights

Grant

UAP has received a \$127,000 grant for security improvements from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The funds will be used to create two vertical elevators for individuals with disabilities, an external ramp, and a barrier gate operator for the parking lot. Teachers and staff will also receive security training.

NEW GYM EQUIPMENT

New gym equipment has been added to the school's collection, giving students a wider range of options during gym class. These additions aim to enhance physical fitness, encourage varied activities, and make exercise more engaging. With fresh equipment, students can explore new exercises, promoting a healthier, more active lifestyle.



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