

# What's New, LU?



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On Thursday, March 2nd, Mrs Coker's 5th grade class displayed their historical figure knowledge through the presentation of a Wax Museum. Students spent time researching and becoming experts on their historical figure and presenting them to fellow students, parents and staff at Learn Upstate. Students remained still until their play button was pushed, then they share information and details about famous historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln and Benjamin Franklin. Way to go 5th Graders! You all did such a wonderful job!



I'm sure you have all been wondering... what are those big red bins at the end of the parking lot?

Well, these are Donation Bins to raise money for our school! These bins **DO NOT ACCEPT TOYS OR OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PLASTIC ITEMS!**

**We DO accept These items: Clothes, Textile items, bedding, and shoes.**

Thank you for supporting our school by donating your textile items!

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# Need to Know

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## College/Career Day

On April 27, LU is planning to have a College/Career Day to have local businesses, college programs and professionals come speak to all of our students. If you are interested in coming to speak to the students, we would love to have you. During your time, we would like for you to explain what you do, facts about your profession, details about how you joined your profession and any other fun things the students might find interesting. This would be done in rotations and you would have groups ranging in age from Kindergarten - 12th Grade.

- Please Contact Jennifer Woody if interested. 864-276-8126

Some careers students have expressed interest in learning more about...

- Firefighter
- Police Officer
- Veterinarian
- Military Personnel
- Doctors/Nurses
- Professional Athlete



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## Iowa Testing

May 1-4 we will have Iowa testing here on campus. This testing is to help gauge learning throughout the school year. Due to the testing environment, we will have early dismissal the entire week. If you have questions please contact the office.



### Dismissal Schedule

**May 1- 11:30 am**

**May 2- 11:30 am**

**May 3- 11:30 am**

**May 4- 12:30 pm**



# GALA BASKETS

For the Spark Learning Project 2023 Gala, baskets will be assigned to grade levels. These baskets will be used in a silent auction at the Gala.

Below you will see the basket assignments for each grade level with ideas of what to bring. You are not limited to or required to only bring these items. There is no price minimum or maximum.

More information and sign ups/details will be provided as we get closer.

## KINDERGARTEN

Taco Night

- Pan
- Cooking Utensils
- Taco Shell Holder
- Taco Seasoning

## 1ST/2ND GRADE

Coffee Basket

- Mug
- Starbucks Gift Card
- Keurig
- Coffee/Creamer

## 3RD GRADE

Summer Fun

- Bogg Bag
- Beach Chair
- Towels

## 4TH GRADE

Date Night

- Hotel Stay
- Movie Gift Card
- Restaurant Gift Card

## 5TH GRADE

Grilling

- Butcher Gift Card
- Grills
- Tools
- Seasoning/Marinades

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Gift Card Tree

- Various Gift Cards

## HIGH SCHOOL

Self-Care Basket

- Bath Bombs/Salts
- Face Masks
- Deodorant, body soap
- Lotion/Perfume
- Stanley Cup
- Candle

**DUE**

**APRIL  
19TH!**

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# Announcements

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THE SPARK  
LEARNING PROJECT

*western gala*

Please join us for our second annual gala!

FRIDAY | APRIL 28TH, 2023 | 6PM

At Rocky River Plantation  
2000 E River St, Anderson,  
SC 29624

*to donate:*



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## ARK TRIP INFORMATION

March 20-24 Learn Upstate students and families will travel to the Ark museum for a field trip. Students will experience what Noah's Ark would have been like and learn details about the great Biblical story. Students attending the field trip may have work to complete from their classes and should check in with their teachers to ensure they know what is expected.

**Reminders:** Arrive at school by 6:45am Monday, March 20. Please remember to bring extra money for souvenirs, lunch and the stop at Buc-ees! Attendees will return Friday evening.

Students NOT going on the field trip WILL have work to complete the ENTIRE week and are expected to turn this work in on Monday, March 27th. Please ensure that students not participating in the field trip have their work completed and ready to return on Monday.





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# School Events

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## Donuts with Dads

Join us for a gathering to celebrate the dads or special guys in our lives.

Date: March 16, 2023

Place: Learn Upstate  
112 Montgomery Drive

Come to the elementary science room, entering through the back door.

Students will enjoy spending some STEM time with their dads!

Besides refreshments, we will have some building challenges for everyone to do. Put on your thinking caps and come ready for a great time!



| Date        | Event  |
|-------------|--|
| March 16    | Donuts with Dads   |
| March 20-23 | Ark Trip   |
| April 10-14 | Spring Break   |
| April 19    | Kona Ice<br>SPARK Gala baskets due                                       |
| April 27    | College and Career Day   |
| April 28    | Spark Gala   |
| May 1-4     | Iowa Testing... 1/2 days<br>11:30 release May 1-3<br>12:30 release May 4 |
| May 11      | Spring Carnival<br>Muffins for Mom                                       |
| May 13      | Graduation for AHSA  |
| May 18      | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL   |



# Student Spotlight... MS/HS

## What our students have to say about school.

**What is your favorite class and why?**

"It is history, because we get to do projects."

**What is something that makes LU awesome?**

I love how we still get to go out for recess.

**Aidan McConnell, 6th Grade**

**What is your favorite class and why?**

"My favorite class is science because I love all of the topics we cover, it makes me think more about God's creation. I also love how sweet Mrs. Anspach is."

**What is something that makes LU awesome?**

I love the 4 day weeks. It gives me the opportunity to learn and experience more outside of school.

**Caitlyn Buczko, 9th Grade**

**What is your favorite class and why?**

"History, because of my teacher, Mrs Hunt. She makes class fun and easy, there's always something going on that keeps it interesting."

**What is something that makes LU awesome?**

All the people and how no one judges you for being you.

**Savannah Anderson, 10th Grade**



**What is your favorite class and why?**

Comparative Religions is my favorite class because it is interesting and Mr Schaeffer is awesome!

**What is something that makes LU awesome?**

The freedom and having teachers that care about your personal level in learning. My mom also works here!!

**Lucy Hallmark, 7th Grade**

**What is your favorite class and why?**

To be completely honest, I do not have a favorite class. If I had to pick I might say history because I find it interesting.

**What is something that makes LU awesome?**

I find it cool that we can learn at our own pace. Some people learn faster, and some slower.

**Eva Cox, 8th Grade**