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April 22nd

UAA Gala

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Last Day of Preschool
Picnic & Celebration

Spring Conferences



Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up! This is a great opportunity to sit down with your child's teachers and discuss their development, progress, and any questions or concerns you may have.

Conferences are about 20 minutes each. Sign up sheets are in each classroom--sign up early to get the most convenient time for your family!

Conferences will be held on the following days, based on classroom and schedule:

Room 208

T/TH schedules: Thurs, March 16

M/W/F schedules: Fri, March 17

(no classes either of these days)

Room 211

All families: Fri, Oct 21 (no classes this day)

If you are unable to attend a conference in person, phone conferences are available. Write your name, your child's name, and the phone number to reach you on the time slot you choose.

4:30-6:00

Gala Sponsorship



Urban Arts is preparing for our 14th annual Gala fundraiser, coming up on April 22nd. The Gala is our largest fundraiser, and the money we raise allows us to continue to provide quality programming to hundreds of students each year. This year, we need to increase our sponsorship base in order to continue to grow our Gala. Please consider asking your employer to become a sponsor of the 2017 UAA Gala and provide them with the [Sponsorship PDF!](#)

There are many different levels of sponsorship to fit all budgets, and all contributions are tax deductible due to UAA's status as a 501-c3 organization. Company sponsors are listed on all promotional materials, and each sponsorship level has benefits for the company such as priority seating at the Gala.

Talk to your child's teachers or Elizabeth with any questions!

Picture Day



CLIX Portrait Studios will be at UAA on **Tuesday, March 14** for fall pictures! They will be set up in Room 213 from 9:30 to noon.

All children who are scheduled Tuesday mornings will be photographed, families who do not usually attend Tuesday AM classes are encouraged to stop by to be photographed. CLIX will photograph siblings both together and individually (even siblings not in our program!). Proofs will be available online that night, and as always there is no obligation to purchase!

If your child is scheduled to attend that morning and you would not like them to be photographed, please [contact Elizabeth](#)

If your company would like to sponsor or has further questions about sponsorship, they may call us at 612-827-1641 or email [Tamar](#)

Reminder: Keep Toys at Home!



Toys that are brought to school can be lost or broken, and cause a disruption in the classroom. **Please keep all toys at home.** If a toy is accidentally brought to school, we ask that the toy stay in your child's cubby until the end of the day.

Full day students are encouraged to bring a quiet time blanket or stuffed animal, which will remain in your child's cubby when it is not resting with your child.

Please contact Elizabeth or your child's teachers with any questions!

Happy March

Spring Festival



You are invited to join us for the UAA Spring Festival on **Thursday, March 23rd 4:00-6:00!**

This community event will include art projects in the preschool and after-school rooms, interactive music with MacPhail, as well as a performance by Siamba's Afrobilly. Snacks will be provided.

Afternoon classes and after care will be held as usual this day.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions about the Spring Festival, please contact Elizabeth or call 612-827-1641.

Artist of the Month

Birthday to our friends!

Ewan P. -- 3/4

Imogen W. -- 3/6

Boston N. -- 3/16

Isla A. -- 3/29



Recall Information

Your family's safety is important to Urban Arts. In an effort to bring awareness to the latest safety hazards, information on products your family may use will be provided in each newsletter.

Infant Products:

[Little Tikes Toddler Swings](#)

[Britax Strollers](#)

[Dillard's Baby Jackets](#)

[Oball Rattles](#)

Child Toys/Clothes:



Jonathan Thunder

Jonathan Thunder is a painter and digital media artist currently residing in Duluth, Minnesota. He has attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe and received a Bachelor's Degree in Visual Effects and Motion Graphics from the Art Institutes International Minnesota. His work has been featured in many state, regional, and national exhibitions, as well as in local and international publications.

Thunder has won several awards in SWAIA's Annual Class 'X' Moving Images competition for his animation work on multiple projects.

Jonathan's paintings explore personal themes of identity, life transitions, internal conflict, and self-transformation. He depicts expressive characters whose emotions and thoughts manifest viscerally in their physical form. The bodies of his subjects often appear fragmented, disfigured, animalistic, or partially obscured. They portray the prison of old patterns and the desire to fluidly overcome them. His art acts as the scrapbook recording an evolving identity. Through his subjects, Jonathan can

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[Girls Hooded Sweatshirts](#)

Laptop Batteries:
[Sony VAIO Batteries](#)

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For a complete list of product recalls, please follow [this link](#).

For information about food recalls, please follow [this link](#).

Don't Forget!



Don't forget to sign your student in and out of their classroom, Early Care or After Care each day! Sign in sheets are located in each classroom by the door.

exaggerate the villains and heroes that make up his self-image. A strong theme focuses on the ability of the self to break away from "what it has been programmed to do." His work questions the cost of conformity, examines moral responsibility, and just like the character in "A Chant at Day's End," believes in art's exquisite ability to have "something to show" for the human journey.



Dyani White Hawk

Dyani White Hawk is a contemporary artist and curator of Sicangu Lakota, German, and Welsh ancestry. From 2010 to 2015, White Hawk was a curator for the Minneapolis gallery All My Relations. As an artist, White Hawk's work aesthetic is characterized by a combination of modern abstract painting and traditional Lakota art. She is currently based in Shakopee, MN.

White Hawk is known for her easel-sized paintings that depict abstract compositions emphasizing saturated colors arranged in symmetrical and asymmetrical patterns. She often privileges patterns and lines that replicate quillwork, beadwork, and textiles.

Scholastic Book Club

Urban Arts participates in Scholastic Book Club! When you order books, we earn points that we can spend on books and resources for our classrooms.

To order, visit:
[scholastic.com/readingclub](https://www.scholastic.com/readingclub)

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when ordering so that Scholastic will know that you are an Urban Arts parent.

The deadline to place an order is **Wednesday, March 29th**.

Please see Elizabeth with questions!

UAA is Nut Free!

We are a nut-free facility! Please do not send peanut or tree nut products with your child for snacks and lunches. Sunflower butter is a great alternative to peanut butter!

Dyani White Hawk has exhibited work at the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, and the Indian Arts and Culture Museum. Her work has been collected by the Akta Lakota Museum, the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Wisconsin Union Art Collection, and the Robert Penn Collection of Contemporary Northern Plains Indian Art of the University of South Dakota

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paint



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