

# The University School

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Members of The University School Family,

Welcome to the month of March! Although we have experienced very challenging times with the appearance of the COVID-19 pandemic for almost one year now, I am confident that we will soon return to a greater sense of normalcy. As we move forward, I urge you to continue to give your support. I remind parents and teachers to continue to monitor not only our students' academic performance but their social/emotional development as well.

As we prepare for the return of the Junior 5's, I remind these students that they should remain informed about the school's safety protocols. We need to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Therefore, I ask that students begin to review the safety protocols that are posted on our school's website.

I am pleased to remind you of our first school fundraising event for the year, "The University School's Backyard BBQ Party". I express sincere gratitude to all those who participated in planning this event, and those who have already generously purchased tickets. More than 100 tickets have already been sold. If each family purchases at least two tickets, we will certainly be able to meet our target.

As the term draws to a close, we eagerly look forward to the Sports Day, the Kite-making and Kite-Flying competitions and our Easter Bonnet Parade. Please look out for further details from your class teachers. In addition, the Junior 5 teachers have already begun to plan the 2021 graduation ceremony. More information will be forthcoming.

In closing, I want to reiterate my gratitude for your continued support and wish you peace and contentment.

***"Unity is strength. . . when there is teamwork and collaboration,  
wonderful things can be achieved."***

***--Mattie Stepanek***



**March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Virtual Assembly**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**WASA Public Education Initiative  
Juniors 2**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**WASA Public Education Initiative  
Juniors 3 & 4**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dropbox – Parents Pick up**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Virtual Assembly**

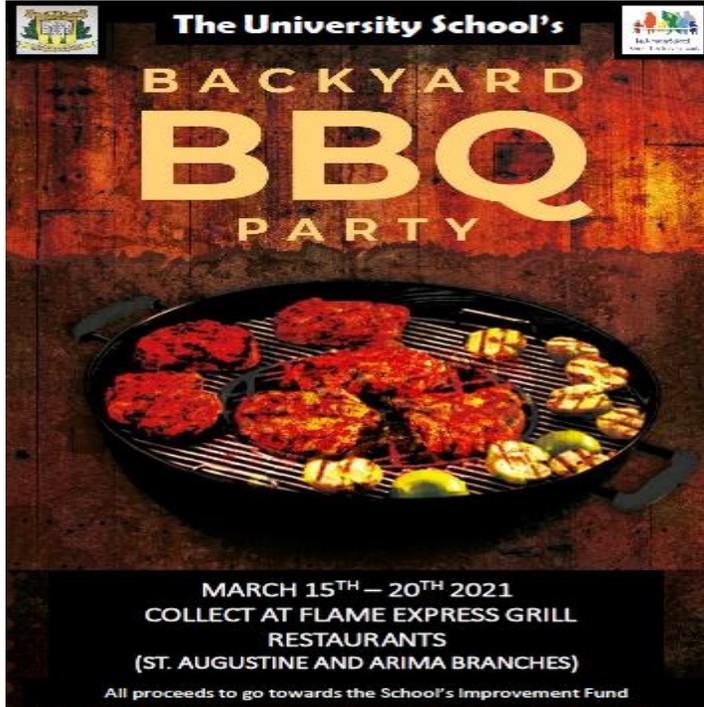
**March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Special Virtual Assembly:  
World Down Syndrome Day  
Monthly Test (Juniors 1 to 4)**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Kite Making & Flying Video  
Competition (am)  
Sporting Activity  
Easter Bonnet Parade (pm)  
School closes**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Distribution of Student Reports**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Virtual School Re-opens  
Junior 5 Students Return to the  
Physical School**

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**The University School's**  
**BACKYARD**  
**BBQ**  
**PARTY**

MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> 2021  
 COLLECT AT FLAME EXPRESS GRILL  
 RESTAURANTS  
 (ST. AUGUSTINE AND ARIMA BRANCHES)

All proceeds to go towards the School's Improvement Fund

## Enjoy your own Backyard Jam!

Purchase your tickets at  
 The University School Office  
 from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 from 9am – 1pm  
 (Tel: 662-4832 or 221-5494)  
 or PTN Members

Tickets - \$45.00

Quarter Barbequed Chicken,  
 Rice/Fries and Potato Salad.  
 (Vegetarian meal includes 3 full  
 sides such as garlic potatoes,  
 macaroni salad, noodles,  
 macaroni pie, callaloo etc)

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Thank you for taking an active role by participating in the recent parent-teacher conferences. A special "thank you" to our staff members who continue to work so incredibly hard.

The teachers appreciate your taking the time to meet with them. We hope that the meetings were able to provide you with valuable insight into your child's progress in school.

We look forward to your continued support in your child's education throughout the remainder of the school year.

## REFURBISHMENT OF STUDENT RESTROOMS

Refurbishment work has begun at the students' washrooms. Toilet stall doors, toilet seats, faucets and mirrors were upgraded and single use paper towel dispensers have been installed in keeping with COVID-19 health and safety regulations. Students can expect to experience ease of access to and from toilet stalls and greater comfort in a more updated and attractive environment.

In addition to the refurbishment, the walkway between the Big Girls and Little Boys and Girls restrooms has been painted and paved to make it safer for walking.

The improvement work is expected to be ready for the physical reopening of school in the third term.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A  
 VOLUNTEER GRAPHIC ARTIST**



Interested persons can contact Ms. Vidale  
 at the school's office (662 4832 or 221 5494)

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# Congratulations to Astrid Attong (Prep)

on achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place in her category (ages 5-10)  
in the UWI Credit Union (UWICU-Bank) Art Competition!



The title of her piece was "*Hope for our Globe*" which is a message of hope during the difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Astrid was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> overall (ages 5 and above – up to 65). Her art can be viewed on the UWICU website.

Title of Entry  
"Hope for our Globe"

Description (in less than 100 words)  
When school closed because of Covid-19, I was sad as I could not play with my friends. I have no brothers or sisters and my cousins live far. Mummy and Daddy play with me but they do not always have the time. I did this artwork with two rainbows to show GO's

promise of hope and healing for our world. Love and hope from all of us will heal our Globe.

## WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY POSTER COMPETITION 2021

The Ministry of Education has given approval for Primary Schools within all the regions from Standards 3 to 5 only to participate in the Ministry of Health's **World No Tobacco Day Poster Competition**.

The title for the competition is:

**"The Effects of Smoking on the Human Body".**

The Health Education Division, Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Lung Cancer/Thoracic Malignancy Unit of NCRHA and the Ministry of Education, has embarked on this project. Additional information can be sourced by contacting Nurse Christine Ramlal of the Lung Cancer/Thoracic Malignancy Unit at 662 4549 or 645 3232 ext. 2020 or 2268.

The Prize giving ceremony will be hosted virtually on 31st May 2020.

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# CARNIVAL AT THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

## "CROSSING THE VIRTUAL STAGE"



### QUEEN COSTUME COMPETITION

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Neliah Curtis-Frederick

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Aurora Luna Shepherd

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Gari-Marie Franco

### SOCA SONG WRITING

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ziya Hosein Livingstone

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Janique Alexander

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Judah Boney

### KING COSTUME COMPETITION

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Elijah Woodbourne

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Eli Peterson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ethan Peterson & Jival Poliah



*Congratulations  
to all  
the Winners!*

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# P.T.N. CORNER

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"Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing." John Stuart Mill

In the light of everything that has been happening in our country over the past months, we have decided to dedicate the newsletter contributions for the rest of this school year to the discussion of personal safety and safety as it applies to our children and others around us.

**REMEMBER TO CHECK IN ON THE VULNERABLE AND LESS CAPABLE; SPEAK UP WHEN YOU CAN AND STAY VIGILANT**

*These are the topics that we will be discussing over the next few months.*

*While it may be difficult to talk about these, it is important to provide a safe space in our homes for children to learn and ask questions, so that they can stay safe*

- 1. Bullying & Domestic Violence**
- 2. Consent & Dealing with Rejection**
- 3. Sexual Abuse & Grooming**
- 4. Online Safety**

We will also be including a safety corner each month, providing tips of personal safety. We welcome input from the school body to the topics listed and ideas for the safety corner.

## **SAFETY TIPS**

**Always park your vehicle in a well lit area**

**Be sure to look inside your car (especially back seats) before getting in**

**Lock your doors once safely in the car**

**please support our fundraiser**

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