

*Underwood Gifted
& Talented
Elementary School
New Family
Orientation*



Staff Introductions



Anne Waechter
Principal



Alexandria Judge-Lenkeit
Assistant Principal



Sarah Hurst
Instructional Facilitator



Heather Callahan
Magnet Coordinator



Brett Pesce
School Counselor

Kindergarten Team Introductions



Maggie Lohr
K Teacher



Robin Fox
K Teacher



Jenny Cortez
K Teacher



Samari McLean
K Teacher



Diana Callaghan
Kindergarten IA



Katie Chandler
Kindergarten IA



Tracey Hall
Kindergarten IA



Suet Lee-Growney
Kindergarten IA

Specialist Team Introductions



Gussie Marshallsea
Art Teacher



JR Richardson
Band Teacher



Beth Seaton
Dance Teacher



Molly Hamelin
Drama Teacher



Star Davis
Media Specialist



Dawn Spiggle
Music Teacher



Jamika Robinson
PE Teacher



Shannon McKenna
Spanish Teacher

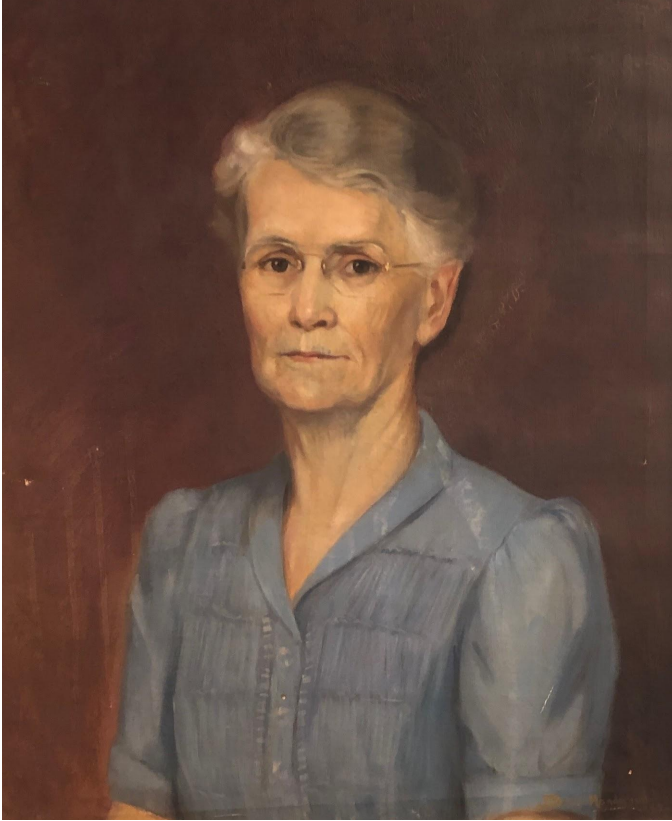


Elias Gross
Strings Teacher

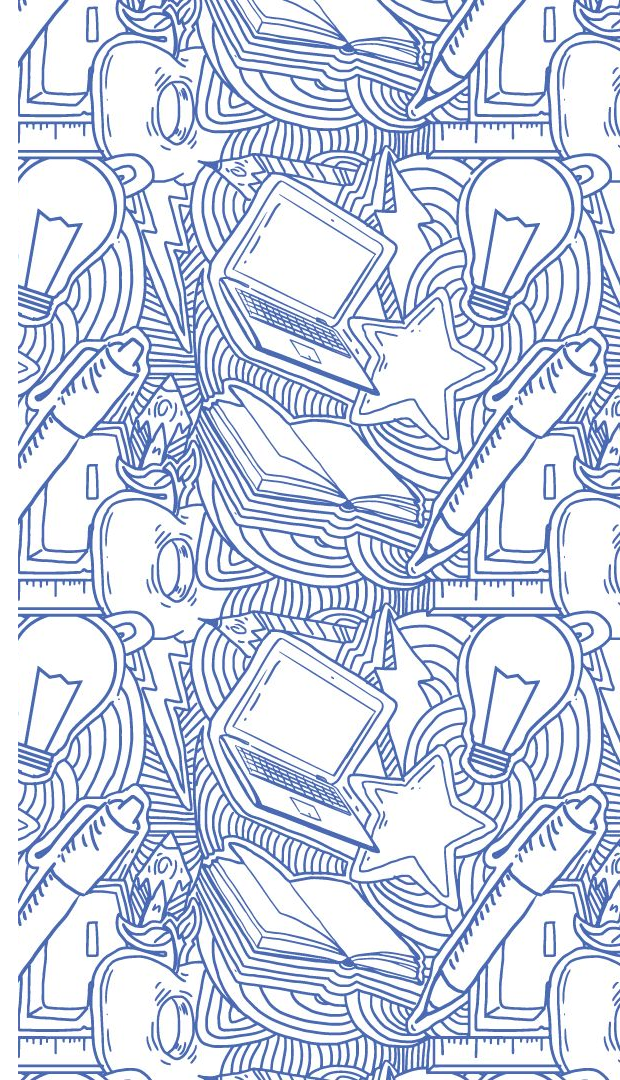


Established in 1949
Hayes Barton Elementary from 1926-1949

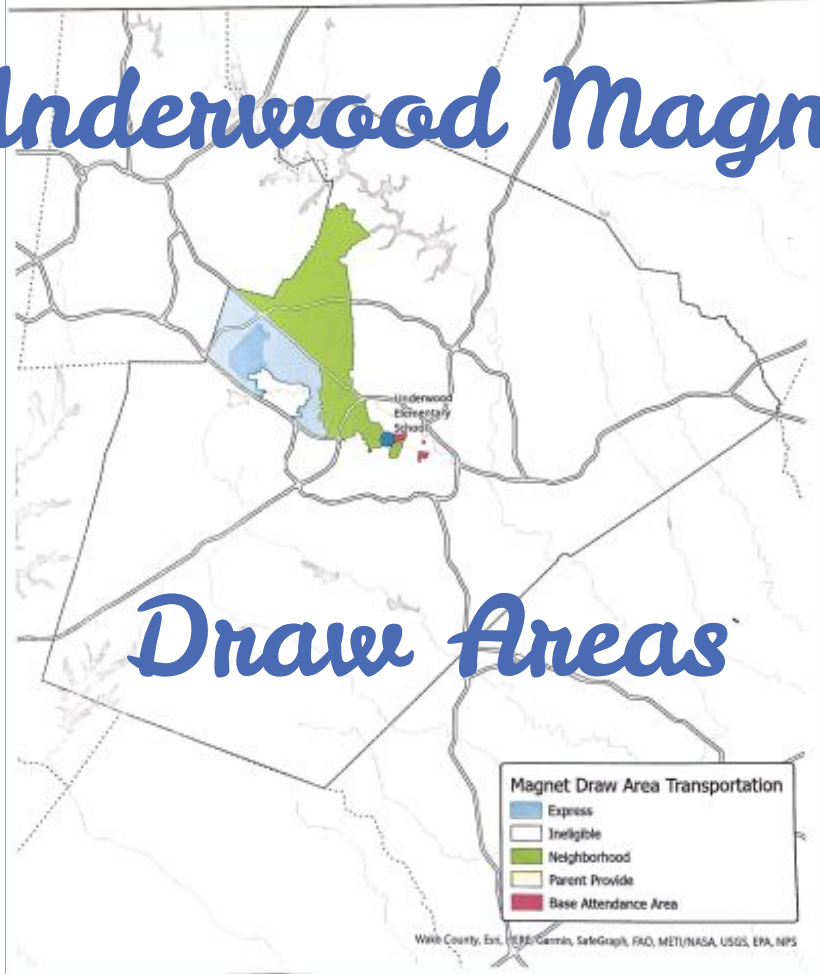
Myrtle Underwood



First Principal and the person that our school is named after (Previously Hayes Barton)



Underwood Magnet



Draw Areas

Gifted & Talented
Elementary
Schools in WCPSS

Underwood
(1983)

Washington (GT)

Hunter (AIG/GT)

Fuller (AIG/GT)

Poe (AIG/GT)

Zebulon (GT)

5 Points





2003

Underwood was renovated

When the county finally agreed to renovate the school, they made an agreement that we would not have any trailers.

Underwood will always be a small school ... filled with TONS OF TALENT!



Mission

Underwood Elementary will provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers.

Vision

We challenge each child to develop their individual gifts & talents and to demonstrate academic, creative, and social growth by providing universal access to resources and opportunities in order to become a productive, responsible citizen.



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Registration begins May 1st!



Transportation

Buses - Currently Underwood has 4 buses.

Arrival time for buses- 8:45-9:15 am

Dismissal time for buses- 3:45-4:15 pm



Parents can follow the bus on the [Here Come the Bus App](#).

Underwood also updates the arrival and departure times as well on our website. Parents needing bus transportation are expected to sign up during the summer.

(This summer be on the lookout for the county's information to request the yellow bus!)



Transportation

Carpool - Students are assigned a carpool number and parents receive a tag to hang on the rearview mirror of their vehicle for dismissal. Carpool begins right at 3:45 and the line is usually finished by 4:00. No number/tag is needed for arrival/drop off. To keep things organized, we ask that parents enter the school from the Glenwood side of Fairview to Scales.

Walkers - Parents can elect to either pick-up their student in the walker line or allow their student to walk home unescorted. A form will come out in August for parents to give permission.



Breakfast and Lunch

**MY
SCHOOL
BUCKS**



**Underwood
Elementary**

RALEIGH, North Carolina

Electives vs Specials

Specials- Students attend the specialist teacher's class with their homeroom class.

- 1st-5th - Attend once a week on Fridays (3 weeks in a row then rotate).
- Kindergarten - Attend a special every day (specials rotate weekly).

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
K	1 special	1 special + 1 elective	1 special + 1 elective	1 special + 1 elective
1st Grade	1 special + 1 elective	2 electives	2 electives	2 electives
2nd-5th Grade	2 electives	2 electives	2 electives	2 electives

Specials

Art
Dance
Drama
Media/Technology
Music
Physical Education
Spanish
Strings

Electives- In multiage classrooms, students attend electives four times a week for forty minutes. These classes are specialized in certain areas.

- 1st-5th- Attend "2" Electives Monday-Thursday (These change quarterly)
- Kindergarten- Attend "1" elective Monday-Thursday starting 2nd quarter.

Electives

Underwood believes in continuous improvement, high expectations, high standards, and quality work. Elective classes reflect many diverse areas of study.

- Robotics
- Keyboarding
- Drawing and Painting
- Let's Experiment
- Coastal Ecology
- Gymnastics
- Track
- African Americans in U.S. History
- Spanish
- Kitchen Chemistry
- Tap
- Ballet
- Theater Production
- Behind the Scenes
- Tar Heel Junior Historians
- Clay Sculpture
- Architecture
- Inventions
- Intro to Engineering
- Band
- Strings
- My Green Thumb
- Yoga
- Chess
- Sign Language
- Freaky Fractions
- Cultural Kaleidoscope
- World of Wonders
- Author's in the Making; Lego Narrative Builder
- and many more...



Elective Brochures

Fall Semester: Brochures will come home the first day of school for 1st - 5th graders.

- Students will typically start electives the third week of school.
- Kindergarten will not start electives until 2nd quarter.

Spring Semester: Brochures will come home mid- December for all students K-5.



Elective Registration

Every semester, students register for new electives for the next 2 quarters. Please have a discussion with your child about their interests. Every quarter, students take 1 academic and 1 art elective. Have them number their top 3 elective choices for each section. Make sure to check and see if the elective they are choosing has a requirement of multiple quarters (example: band and strings are yearlong electives). Also, electives with * at the beginning of the title need initials next to them for your student to choose/take them. Those electives have prerequisites; students must have taken a beginning elective before, have an IEP, intervention/enrichment needs (many different reasons) etc. If there are initials next to the elective it doesn't mean they're automatically registered for the elective, it's just one they can choose. This is based on need and availability.

Once students have numbered 1, 2, 3 in each section send brochures back to school. The Magnet Coordinator then starts with 5th grade and registers students for electives. Each student is pulled and asked what their top choice of their #1's is from what is available. Based on their answer, they're registered for their top choice and is then registered for the other elective that is diagonal. This ensures 1 academic and 1 art elective for each quarter.

1st Quarter- September 11th-November 2nd, 2023

Elective Share: November 2, 2023

2-3 Elective - 3rd Period

Academic Elective Choices

Choose your top 3 choices in this section.
Number them 1, 2, 3.

Language Arts

- *Adventures in Learning (addendum)
- *2nd Grade Reading Cafe (addendum)
- Prize Winners

Math

- *2nd Grade Math Magic (addendum)
- Time, Temperature, and Money

Languages

- *Continuing Spanish (addendum)

Science

- African Safari
- *Protectors of the Earth AIG

Computer

- Intro to STEM (addendum)

Arts Elective Choices

Choose your top 3 choices in this section.
Number them 1, 2, 3.

PE/Health

- Juggling

Performing Arts

- Character Analysis with Film (addendum)
- Exploring Dance Styles with Hip Hop
- Intro to Strings (addendum)
- Recorder 1

Visual Arts

- Astounding Artists: European

Languages

- *Continuing Spanish (addendum)

1-2 Elective - 8th Period

Academic Elective Choices

Choose your top 3 choices in this section.
Number them 1, 2, 3.

Language Arts

- *Adventures in Learning (addendum)
- Author's in the Making; Lego Narrative Builder
- *2nd Grade Reading Cafe (addendum)

Math

- Architecture Around Us

Languages

- *Continuing Spanish (addendum)

Social Studies

- Treasure Island
- *Geographic Exploration AIG

Science

- My Green Thumb

Arts Elective Choices

Choose your top 3 choices in this section.
Number them 1, 2, 3.

PE/Health

- Rhythms, Ropes, Hoops & Chuts

Performing Arts

- Character Creation (addendum)
- Meet and Make Musical Instruments
- Storybook Dance

Visual Arts

- Animals in Art: Creative Critters

Languages

- *Continuing Spanish (addendum)



School Wide Events

ArtsPleasure

Black History Bowl

First in Fitness

Field Day

Holiday Performances

Quarterly Elective shares

Science Olympiad

Theater Production



Technology & Digital Resources

Chromebooks:

Students in K-2 use chromebooks that are assigned to a cart in the classroom.

Students in 3-5 are currently assigned a personal chromebook.

Guides
to technology

Learn anywhere!



Other Digital Resources:

- ❖ Wake ID Portal
 - Discovery Ed.
 - Destiny
 - Nearpod
- ❖ BrainPop
- ❖ Dash robots
- ❖ Micro:bit
- ❖ iPad apps
- ❖ Lego We-do

Student Support

HELP THEM SPREAD
THEIR WINGS:
SOMETIMES
THEY'LL FLY,
...AND SOMETIMES
THEY'LL MAKE
MISTAKES.
IT'S ALL PART OF
LEARNING AND
GROWING.



- Recognize the first few months are a transition period. Foster growing independence. Emphasize how proud you are that they are being the “big kid” now.
- Keep things as calm, predictable, and consistent as possible. They will be tired!
- Help your child by practicing activities that foster paying attention, following directions, and sitting on the carpet. Play games such as, “Simon Says”. Google related activities to practice.
- Practice giving one, two, and then three step directions (for activities they like to do).

Kindergarten Staggered Entry

Kindergarten students will attend one FULL day during the first week of school (August 27th - August 29th).

Meet the Teacher - August 30th, 3:00-4:00pm

*Please do not send supplies during Staggered Entry.

*Your child will need to bring a snack, a lunch, and a towel for rest time.



Tuesday, September 3rd: ALL Kindergarten students first day with assigned teacher

Kindergarten Staggered Entry

- Staggered Entry is aimed at helping ease your child's transition into Kindergarten.
- Smaller group sizes allow the staff to offer individual attention and support as children try new things.
- Goal is to promote student success through early identification of developmental needs & learning styles.
- Students will be assessed on:
 - Basic number knowledge and fluency (1-20)
 - Foundational literacy skills (letter names/sounds)



Ways the Foundation raises money:

- One-time/Recurring donations
- Giving Tuesday Campaign (Nov)
- Night of the Unicorns (Mar/Apr)
(www.underwood.givesmart.com)





Underwood PTA helps to support:

Technology
Media Center Collection
instructional supplies
professional development opportunities
teacher stipends
....and more!



PTA Community Activities

- Back To School Picnic (Sept)
- Unicorn Trot (October)
- Spring Fling (March)
- Science Olympiad (Jan-Apr)
- Book Fair (Dec)
- Cultural Arts (all year)
- Garden (all year)



Beginning of School Year

- 1st - 5th grade: Letter mailed home with name of teacher and school supplies needed: will receive by August 16
- 1st - 5th grade Meet the Teacher: Thursday, August 22
- 1st - 5th grade First Day of School: Tuesday, August 27
- Kindergarten Staggered Entry: August 27-29
- Kindergarten Meet the Teacher: Friday, August 30
- Kindergarten First Day of School: Tuesday, September 3
- Family Picnic: beginning of September
- Open House: beginning of school year TBD



Playground Playdates

July 13th and August 3rd

Meet on the Underwood Playground! Popsicles will be provided.



Get and stay connected...



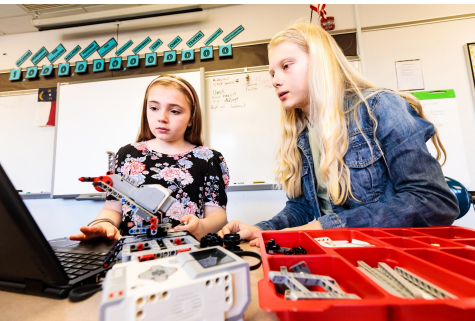
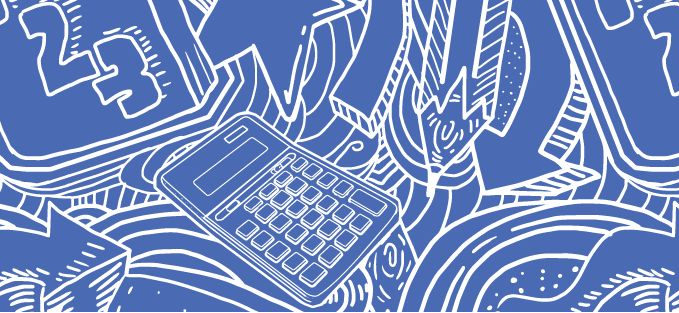
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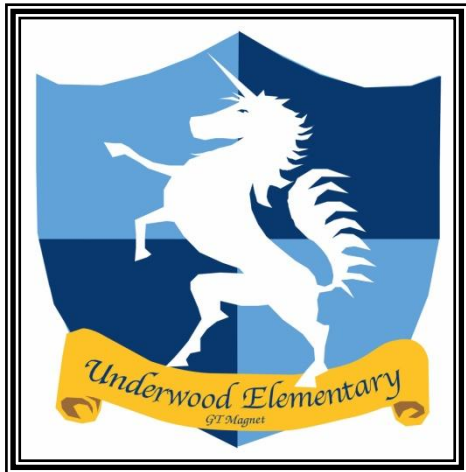


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Question & Answers Around the Room





*Welcome to the
family!*

*We are lucky to
have you!*

#smallschoolbigtalent