



Cardinal Country Highlights

Upsala Area Schools District #487

Every Student ... Every Day

WINTER 2021-22

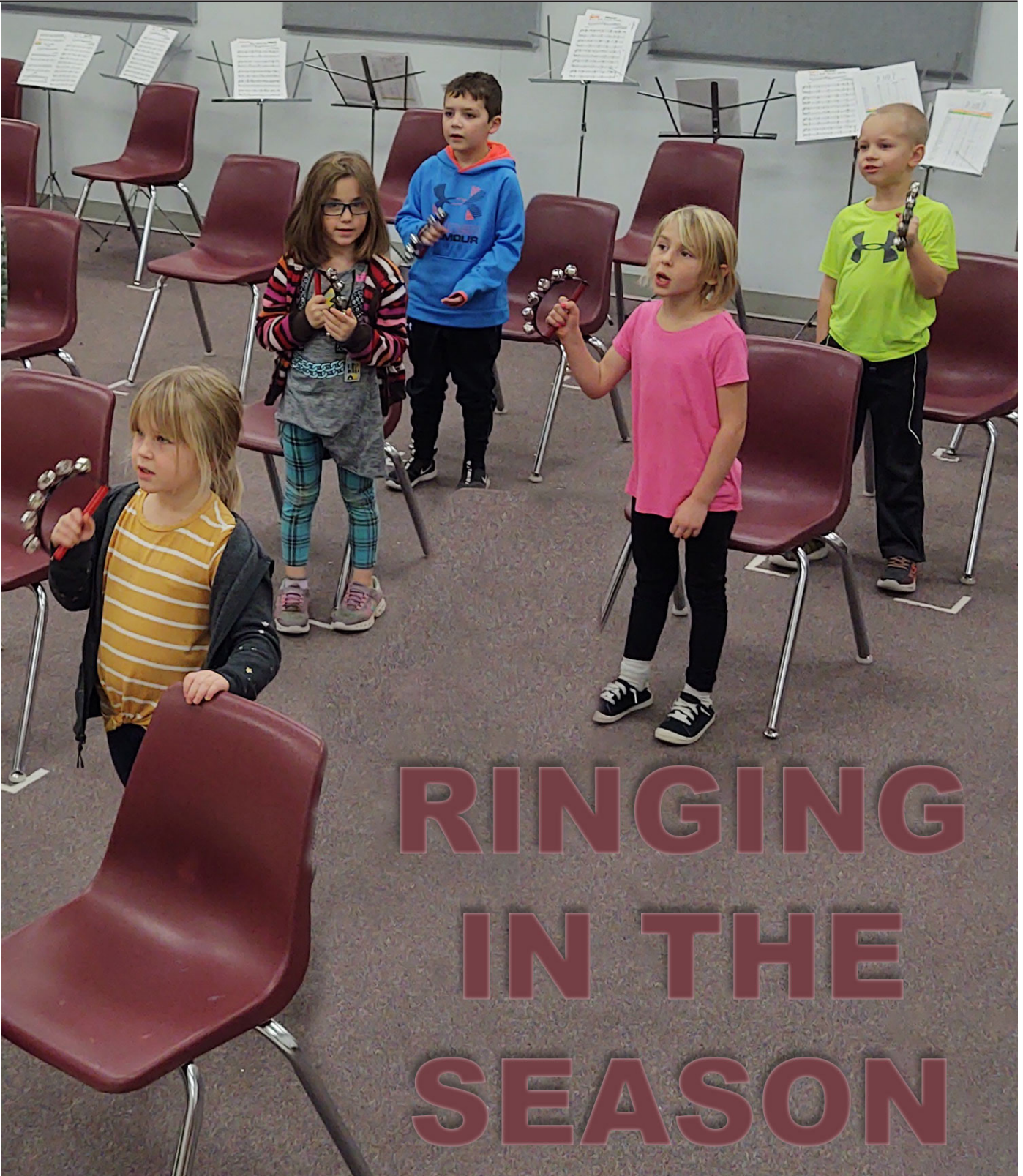


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(320) 573-2176





Greetings UAS Parents, Families, and Community Members,

We have completed the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year successfully and are looking forward to continuing this success throughout the remainder of the school year. As we enter the winter season, I'd like to provide you with a couple of updates.

COVID

Our goal entering this school year was to operate an in-person learning plan as close to a traditional school year as possible. Up to this point, we have been operating a normal school schedule in both our high school and elementary schools with very little disruption. The ongoing pandemic has led us to implement some basic mitigation measures to ensure that we can continue to operate our learning plan and keep our students in school. Recent COVID-19 case numbers have been very high in Minnesota and in our Region, however, the county case rates among school-aged children has declined. We have been fortunate to not have a high rate of transmission within our school community, however, we must continue to be vigilant in preventing infections and transmissions of cases. With the increase in vaccination rates, and the recent expansion of vaccines to children ages 5-11, we anticipate that we will be able to continue operating in-person with a normal school schedule for the remainder of the school year. **As we enter the cold/flu season, we are reminding students, parents, and families to continue to screen for symptoms of COVID and/or respiratory illness at home and keep students home if they are exhibiting any symptoms. Students with a fever, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, cough, runny nose, or other COVID-related symptoms should stay at home and not attend school until a diagnosis is obtained.** Keeping students who are sick, and/or showing symptoms, at home will help us keep case rates low in our school community. We have at-home COVID test kits available for students and families who would like to take advantage of COVID testing at home. These tests are free of charge and are very easy to use. Notify the district office at 320-573-2174 if you would like a test kit or more information on testing. Keeping case rates low will enable us to continue our in-person learning plan and help us avoid implementing more restrictive mitigation measures. We all want to avoid returning to the restrictive mitigation measures (hybrid/distance learning, face coverings, restricted quarantine periods, etc.) that we were forced to implement during the 2020-2021 school year. Working together, we can be confident that we will be able to continue with our current learning plan.

Winter Weather Notifications

One constant of every school year is the impact that the weather can have on school schedules and activities. The winter months always bring the possibility of school closures and delays. The decision to close, or start late, begins at the moment there is a predicted storm or prior to 5:00 am on the morning of the storm. I begin gathering

information about the weather and road conditions from various sources, such as the Minnesota Department of Transportation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), area Superintendents, as well as consulting with our lead custodian and some of our transportation staff. I also will get out and drive the roads myself to gauge the conditions.

Even with all this information, the decision to close or delay is still a very difficult one to make and I am certain there will be times when others will disagree with my decision. I cannot guarantee that I will make the correct decision every time, but I will guarantee that the decision to close or delay school will be made with the safety of our students and staff as my primary concern. I will also make every effort to make the decision to close or delay in a timely fashion that will minimize any disruptions to the schedules of our families. Depending on the snowfall and/or current weather conditions, and how soon plows may be on the roads, *I will attempt to make this decision by 5:45 am at the latest.*

The decision to close or delay is not always an easy one to make, but through careful analysis of various sources of information, we will make our decision as quickly as possible in order to communicate with everyone as early as we can. Once a decision has been made to close, start late, or close early; communicating this decision to parents and staff is critical. Upsala Area Schools uses a variety of media to disseminate these decisions, including the use of automated phone calls, social media and news outlets. We will communicate through our student management system (JMC) that allows us to send automated calls and emails to parents and students. **Parents, please make sure that you have updated your primary contact information with the district office.** We will also post the message on the district web page and other social media. In addition, we will post announcements on the following news media outlets: WYRQ, KLTF, and KFML Radio - Little Falls; WCCO & WCCO Radio 830 - Minneapolis; KASM Radio - Albany; KCLD, KZPK, and KCML - St. Cloud; KSTP & KSAX - Alexandria; KMSP Fox 9; KEYL Radio - Long Prairie; SC Times Website; and KARE 11. When we communicate the decision to close, start late, or close early; we will attempt to include all the details for parents, students, and staff. Please understand that the media outlets may not include all the details when they distribute the announcement. **In the event that we close school for the day, or if we close early, due to severe weather, all extra-curricular and after school activities will also be cancelled or postponed.** I also want to encourage all families to make sure that you have a plan in place in case of school closure or delay. Careful planning and communication will ensure that all of our students and staff members are safe during any winter storm weather.

In closing, I'd like to wish all of you and your families a happy and peaceful holiday season. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at vcapelle@upsala.k12.mn.us or 320-573-2174 if you have any questions or concerns.

Go Cardinals!

Vern Capelle

Superintendent



Greetings!

It has been an exciting start to the 2021-2022 school year! I just wanted to take a moment to pass along a few messages and announcements.

Our fall sports teams have concluded their seasons. Volleyball, football, tennis, and swimming have all

come to an end. I want to take a moment to congratulate all our student-athletes at all levels on their accomplishments this fall season! The dedication these student athletes exhibit is truly amazing! Thank you athletes and coaches for representing the community of Upsala with pride!

As the season changes from fall to winter, please make sure your child(ren) is/are wearing proper attire to school. Elementary students (K-4) will be going outside for recess unless it is below zero (air temp or wind chill). Phy Ed students (5-12) may be going outside as well if the weather permits and should have proper attire as well. Students who ride the bus to and from school and to sporting events should be prepared as well in case the bus breaks down. If this happens, it could be a while before another bus arrives to rescue them. It is better to be safe than sorry if these situations happen to arise.

I hope many of you were able to check out the Robotics Competition that was held here in the big gym on October 29th and 30th. Over 20 teams from Minnesota competed over the two days. It is amazing the work and the time it takes to pull an event like this off! Thank you Mr. Curtis Robertson and the countless volunteers that helped make it happen! A special thank you to the Upsala Community Center and Lange Oil for supplying the meals for the competitors and volunteers and also to the Upsala Lions for their help in distributing the meals. Congratulations to the members of the Upsala Robotics team on finishing in third place on both days!

I wanted to also take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who have been helping the school raise money for various causes. Wanda Erickson volunteered to run the book fair this fall. This was the 60th year that Upsala has hosted a book fair! Thank you Wanda and her cast of volunteers for making it happen. The proceeds go to the

6th grade class to help fund their trip to Duluth.

We currently have volunteers who are part of the Playground Committee, the Upsala Dollars for Scholars Program, Upsala Ballpark Association and Post-Prom Committee. These volunteers put in countless hours to help raise funds that benefit our students, school, and community. Thank you to all the volunteers and those people and businesses that support their causes!

We have added quite a bit of new staff since the beginning of the school year who help the district in various ways. Some of these are positions we have had to add and others have been hired to replace staff members who have left.

Please welcome the following new staff members: Decorah Myers-Iverson-Paraprofessional, Jackie Wolbeck-Paraprofessional, Chelsey Wolbeck-Paraprofessional, Erica Evoniuk-Paraprofessional, Cindy Maciej-Custodian, Joey Fuchs-Custodian, Mike Kiley-Transportation, Fred Gunderson-Transportation

Staff members in new roles: Donnie Ehrenberg-Lead Custodian & Nicole Frie-Custodian

I also want to thank those who come in and sub when we are short handed. We could not carry out our day-to-day operations without you! Thank you!

And last but not least, I want to make sure to recognize our entire staff for the awesome job they do! Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Custodians, Bus Drivers, Kitchen Staff, School Board Members, and Office Personnel all do a fantastic job working together to make sure our students are getting the best educational experience they possibly can!

Thank you to the entire school community for helping make Upsala a great school!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please call me 320-573-2175, contact me by email: nklug@upsala.k12.mn.us, or stop in the office.

Take Care
Mr. Nick Klug, K-12 Principal

September Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Kaden McLaughlin

Ms. Wolbeck
Lucas Ley

Ms. Bengston
Evan Swanson

Ms. Sales
Hannah Hoffman

Ms. Fuchs
Logan Ley

Ms. Duclos
Emry Zinniel

Mr. Van Sloten
Anna Zolotoryova

Ms. Marcyes
Carter Harren

Mr. Riitters
Morgan Ripplinger

Ms. Thell
Jackie Ainali

Ms. Justen
Bianca Mrozek

Music
Trygg Aleckson

Phy Ed
Cam Louden
Westley Dobmeier

Art
Leah Fruechte

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Tyler Smieja

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Mikal Woidya-Wood
Math: Axel Johnson
Social Studies: Christian Benson
Science: Natasha Crowe
PE: Lukus Daniel
Health: Evie Aleckson
Ag: Jeremy Mugg & Michael Blonigen
Technology: Mikal Woidya-Wood
Art: Brooke Opatz
Music: Christian Ripplinger
FACS: Yasmine Crowe
World Language: Aden Warga

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Holly Johnson

Subject Students of the Month

English: Lucylee Aleckson
Math: Vance Benson
Social Studies: Aiden Brannank
Science: Mackeel Wenker
PE: Jake Leners
Health: Samuel Laliberte
Art: Olivia Klasen
Music: Genevieve Mrozek



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Madilyn Gerads

Ms. Wolbeck
Sawyer Valencia

Ms. Bengston
Ethan Robertson

Ms. Sales
Gabriel Barthel

Ms. Fuchs
Cam Van Sloten

Ms. Duclos
Charlie Hallermann

Mr. Van Sloten
Josie Roerick

Ms. Marcyes
Wayne Bloom

Mr. Riitters
Riley Klasen

Ms. Thell
Bryce Roerick

Ms. Justen
Owen Blonigen

Music
Emma Louden
Charlie Wolbeck

Phy Ed
Daniel Gunderson
Hailey Roerick
Riley Winter

Art
Chloe Goebel

SR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Brooklyn Bense

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Savannah Stumpf
Math: Jake Gunderson
Social Studies: Bryce Binek
Science: Daniel Kokett
PE: Peyton Soltis
Health: Brandon Mugg
Ag: Yasmine Crowe & Max Lange
Technology: Aaron Hiltunen
Art: Brenna Graves
Music: Micah Ripplinger
FACS: Natasha Crowe
World Language: Isabelle Leners

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Lucylee Aleckson

Subject Students of the Month

English: Vance Benson
Math: Abigail Carlson
Social Studies: Annalee Gerads
Science: Landon Krebs
PE: Quinn Guthrie
Ag/Voc Ed: Brayden Leners
Art: Owen Smith
Music: Jack Sowada



November Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Harrison Van Sloten

Ms. Wolbeck
Avery Achmann

Ms. Bengston
Mikaala Schmidt

Ms. Sales
Brayden Kerfeld

Ms. Fuchs
Joseph Rahn

Ms. Duclos
Payton Kiley

Mr. Van Sloten
Cody Johnson

Ms. Marcyes
Emily Walker

Mr. Riitters
Graciella Castro

Ms. Thell
Madison Goebel

Ms. Justen
Aubree Roerick

Music
Emma Servatius

Phy Ed
Hailey Kiley
Regina Miller

Art
Trygg Aleckson

SR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Savannah Stumpf

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Yasmine Crowe
Math: Bennet Pundsack
Social Studies: Natalie Wensmann
Science: Beau Ripplinger
PE: Zach Boeckermann
Health: Isabel Ripplinger
Ag/Voc Ed: Max Lange
Technology: Emma Scepaniak
Art: Natasha Crowes
Music: Erica Roske
FACS: Brooklyn Bense
World Language: Aliah Warga
AVID: Evie Aleckson



JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Samuel Laliberte

Subject Students of the Month

English: Carson Primus
Math: Isabelle Klug
Social Studies: Sierra Bense
Science: Lynn Arvig
PE: Desiree Kuhl
Ag/Voc Ed: Hannah Heesen
Art: Landon Krebs
Music: Olivia Klasen



Upsala Area Schools was host to the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference Championship on Friday October 29th and Saturday October 30th. FIRST Robotics Competition is considered the High School Varsity Sport of the Mind. Teams are introduced to a problem in early January, and have approximately 8 weeks to design, plan, and build a working robot for competition.

Over the two days of our event, Upsala brought over 1200 people in attendance to participate and watch the Robotics event. We saw schools from all around Minnesota including Swanville, Little Falls, Pillager, Becker, Alexandria, BBE, Pequot Lakes, Pine-River Backus, Cass-Lake Bena, Thief River Falls, Babbitt, Menahga, Frazee Vergas, Big Fork, Bemidji, Nevis, Kelliher, and one North Dakota team from Northwood Hatton. Volunteers including Upsala Alumni, graciously provided their time to come out and assist making the event a success. The event was a great time to share what FIRST Robotics is and how it provides such a strong impact on the futures of our students! The Entirety of the event was sponsored by Sourcewell, Digi-Key, Enbridge, Team Industries, and the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference.

Upsala's Team 4480 - UC-Botics took home an amazing Third Place finish on Friday. Friday three of our students, Hunter Steuck, Anders Aleckson, and Carter Gudvangen were interviewed by some judges for the Chairman's Award. The Chairman's Award is considered one of the most prestigious awards possible in FIRST Robotics. The trio impressed the Judges with the details of UC-Botics and were able to answer questions on how our robotics program impacts students, provides career opportunities, helps find places for students who are interested in STEM Fields, and also promotes an Inclusive environment to all students. At the conclusion of Friday's event, the Judge's Honored UC-Botics with the JV - Chairman's Award.

On Saturday all team members that wanted an opportunity to drive the robot got it! Throughout the entirety of Saturday, we had all of our rookies take the wheel of the robot, and give it their best effort. Overall, we were successful enough to move upwards into finals, and also take home another Third Place finish.

The Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference Event was a great success overall in the town of Upsala. We saw a lot of new faces, experienced the joy of Robotics, and brought something new unlike any other sporting event normally seen in Upsala. UC-Botics will be gearing up for their next Regional Competition event starting in January once again, where they will be traveling to Grand Forks, ND to the Alerus Center.

If you or someone you know would like to participate or help with the Robotics program, please contact Mr. Robertson - crobertson@upsala.k12.mn.us.



Band Notes

There is music in the air at Upsala Area Schools.

5th and 6th grade band students have combined and have started working on music for the upcoming concert. The 6th graders are great leaders and work hard in class every day to set a great example. The 5th graders are being challenged to learn music quickly. They are excited to share what they have learned.



The Junior High Band is the first class of the day. This large group is making great progress and have many songs ready for the upcoming concert. If they are tired when they come to school, they are pretty chipper and focused once we start to play.

The Junior High Choir has been working on matching pitch. This can be difficult during these years of male changing voices. We try to sing many songs in unison, and some rounds every day. Students and parents will be sent a link before winter break with some of their learning presented. What a fun group that keeps the director on her toes. Every day, we are getting more comfortable and singing well. So much improvement has happened since day one.

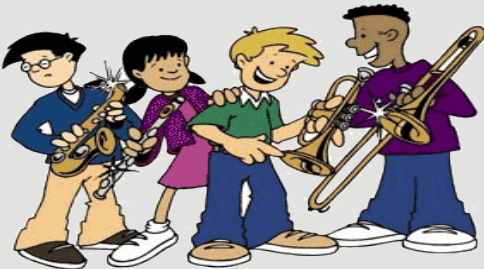
The Senior High Band has made tremendous strides in playing together as a group. The first two months of school, their sound and focus improved every day.

Students enjoyed attending the Indoor Marching Band Concert at the U of MN, playing pep band at volleyball and football games, playing pep band at the Fargo Dome, and are preparing for the December concert.

Thank you to all of those that helped with the croissant sandwich fundraiser. Marsha Krebs, Paul & Kathy Koetter, Centra Sota, Alli Gilbertson and all of the parents and students who sold and assembled the sandwiches.

The band is excited and hopeful for the spring band tour to Florida.

Winter Band Concert - Grades 5-12, Dec. 20, 7:30 pm



5-12 WINTER BAND CONCERT

DECEMBER 20 at 7:30PM

UPSALA AUDITORIUM

K-6 ELEMENTARY CONCERT

DECEMBER 10 at 1:00PM

UPSALA AUDITORIUM



Drama Club

FALL PLAY

The Upsala Drama Club performed “All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten” for their fall production. Based on Robert Fulghum’s best-selling books, “Kindergarten” takes a funny, insightful, heartwarming look at what is profound in everyday life.

The cast of 21 welcomed ten first-timers including seven 7th graders.



Upsala had performed this show previously back in 2003 on the small gym stage with a cast of 11.

ONE ACT PLAY CONTEST

We are planning on participating in the MSHSL One-Act Play Contest this year again after missing last year. The play will be selected soon, and rehearsals will be after school in January. The subsection contest is schedule for Saturday, January 29. Schools that advance will then compete in the section finals at St Cloud State the following week. Interested students should talk with Mr Cheney.

SPRING MUSICAL

We are very close to announcing our spring musical for this year. You can, however, mark your calendars. Performances are scheduled for April 8-10, 2022.

UPSTAGE PLAYERS

If you're interested in community theater, be sure to follow the Upstage Players. Their winter show will be selected soon and is scheduled for January 21-23. Their summer musical this year will be “Brigadoon” and is scheduled for July 22-25. AND the Upstage Junior Theater Camp will return August 8-13, with a show yet to be determined.

Yearbook

**BUY YOUR 2022 YEARBOOK
BY DECEMBER 3!**

*Everybody who does will be entered
in a drawing for gift certificate from*



worth \$20.22 (get it?)

Books are \$52 and can be ordered at jostensyearbooks.com, using the QR code, or giving your money to Mr Cheney



**SEND US YOUR
SENIOR
PHOTOS**

Send your senior portrait
and baby picture to
Mr Cheney
BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK



WALK-A-THON

Walk-A-Thon raised a record \$4795 for Upsala Dollars for Scholars! Our top five fundraisers were:

1. Leah Fruechte - \$444
2. Evan Swanson - \$250
3. Bella Warga - \$245
4. Blake Willing - \$222
5. Haylie Kerfeld - \$215



CHILI FEED

Dollars for Scholars will hold a chili feed on December 16 in the commons from 4:00-7:00pm during the boys basketball game vs. Swanville.



The Book Fair returned in 2021 and was a big success. It was the 60th book fair for Upsala.

Gross sales totalled \$5285.74 which resulted in a profit of nearly \$1300 for the 6th grade class and their annual Duluth field trip.

Thanks to Wanda Erickson and her staff of volunteers for all their hard work!



Santa Breakfast

The Upsala Lions Santa Breakfast returns this year and will be held on Saturday, December 4 starting at 8:30am. The gift shop will also return.

Prices for breakfast are \$6 for age 13 and older, \$4 for ages 6-12, and ages 5 and under are free.



Don't forget about the playground fund!

The build is planned for THIS summer! We need help reaching our goal of \$200,000. (currently have 172,648) Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please send to:
Upsala Area Schools
attn Playground Fund
415 S Main Street
Upsala, MN 56384



DEAR PARENTS

SAVE UPC'S AND EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL!

WE'VE REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE in a loyalty rewards program offered by the bakers of Country Hearth, Village Hearth, Artisan Hearth, and Fiber Up breads, allowing us the opportunity to earn as much as \$10,000 this year. Start saving UPC Proof-of-purchases from products because each is worth 5¢!

UPCs can be dropped in our designated collection box. Call the school office for more information or to help with the program.



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At Upsala Community Education our goal is to provide opportunities for people of all ages and to enrich their lives through many different offerings beyond the regular school day and school year. We work with other groups including civic, non-profits and local businesses to enrich the lives of our community members.

If you have a talent, interest, or area of expertise; consider sharing your talents or interests with your community by becoming a Community Education instructor.

Please refer to our Registration/ Policies for questions about Out-of-District registration or email dancheney@upsala.k12.mn.us.

How to register for classes online

1. Visit our webstore <https://upsala.revtrak.net>
2. Click the **Community Ed** button
3. Select the **program**
4. Select the **class** you want to register for
5. Select the **Click here to register** link
6. In the sign-in screen
 - a. Enter your email address and password if you are a returning customer. **OR**
 - b. If you do not have an account, select **create account**
 - i. Enter your contact information
 - ii. Create a password
7. The participant window will open. Select the participant's name and complete the required fields.
If your child's name does not appear in the participant's list, select **A New Person** Enter their name and click submit. Proceed to fill out the required fields
8. If you have another child to register, click on **Continue to Shop**. If you are finished, click **Checkout** to add your class to the shopping cart and make payment. Your shopping cart window will open.
9. Verify the information for accuracy and click **Go to Checkout**.
10. Verify your registrations. Enter the payment information and click **Place Order** Payment will be processed. Your receipt can be viewed and printed.
11. **View & Print Receipt** Click Log out in the lower left corner. Credit card statements will show payment made to the school district.

AR - Summer Reading
Class #: 5/18 0548
Group: Comm Ed SUip
Date: 6/4/2019 - 8/1/2019
Days: Tu, We, Th
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Location: Upsala Elementary Core Eckstrom Elementary Media Center
[CLICK HERE to Register for this Class](#)

Who are you registering?

Please select the person you would like to register for:

(self)

(other)

A New Person

Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers

One of the following phone numbers is required to proceed

Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____

Activities will be held when school has been cancelled or closed early due to bad weather. Please contact the school to cancel classes if enrollment is below needed minimum. Registrants will be notified and cancellations are announced on our website.

Schools and its employees are not responsible for accidents or injuries resulting while participating in activities.

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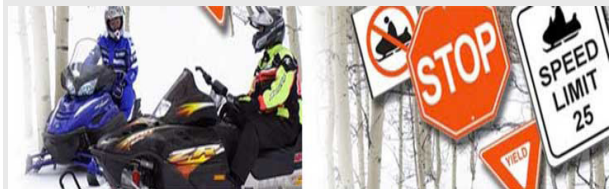
BILL TO: _____

ITEMS

AR - SUMMER READING \$0.00
Quantity: 1
06/04/2019 - 08/01/2019 9:00 AM
June 4 - August 1 (no meetings July 1-5) Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 9:00 11:00 am Thursdays: 6:00 8:00 pm Core Eckstrom Elementary Media Center

[PLACE ORDER](#)

Snowmobile Instructors Needed



We would like to be able to offer snowmobile safety again - but to do that we need instructors!

If you have any interest in helping out, please contact community education coordinator Dan Cheney by calling the school or email dancheney@upsala.k12.mn.us.

Want To Teach A Class?



Currently we are able to offer in-person classes in the school to our registered students.

Do you have a talent or knowledge you would like to share with our students through community education? Do you have an idea for a class we could offer?

If so, please contact Dan Cheney at dancheney@upsala.k12.mn.us and we can start the ball rolling!

Self Defense Class



In this class you will learn about personal safety, self defense, situational awareness and how to avoid potential dangers. We will discuss levels of threat and ways to defuse a potentially violent encounter. You will learn ways to defend yourself though attacking weak points on the body and ways to escape holds and grabs. This class is partially lecture and partially hands-on training. Please wear comfortable clothing and something you do not mind if it is grabbed onto. Ages 12 and up, families are encouraged. Be aware adult topics and discussions will be presented.

When: Tue, Feb 1 from 6:30-8:30pm
 Where: TBD (a room at the school)
 Instructor: Adam Patterson
 Ages: 12 and up
 Cost: \$15 per person (max of 15 people)

Adult Volleyball



Adult open gym volleyball is scheduled to start up again on January 9, 2022. Sessions are on Sunday evenings from 6pm to approximately 9pm and will likely run until spring. There is no fee and you do not need to register. Just show up!

Piano Lessons



Learn how to play the piano or improve your playing. Lessons are offered in half hour time slots the same time each week for 6 weeks. These fun lessons are individualized for the student. All ages are welcome. Lessons are on Tuesdays OR Thursdays and registration is now open for winter sessions.

Drivers Training



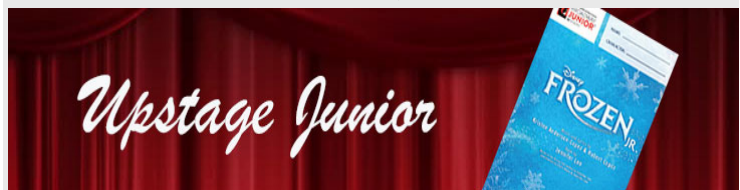
Space is still available for the January Driver's Training class.

Classroom sessions are Mon-Fri, January 10-14 & January 17-21, 2022 from 6pm to 9pm in the HS Media Center.

The course is run by Today's Driving School and includes six hours of behind the wheel with a package price of \$390.

Register online or pay at the school office.

Upstage Junior



Upstage Junior Theater Camp will happen again next summer. The show to be performed has not been selected yet, but the dates of the camp will be August 8-13, 2022.



ASVAB Career Exploration Program

Upsala High School 11th grade students will take the ASVAB Career Exploration Test on Thursday, December 9th, 2021. The test will run from 8:15AM until noon. Testing will be completed in time for students to have their normal lunch time.



The results/Interpretation will be given to students several weeks after testing has been completed. It will include a one hour hands on computer presentation from the National Guard of Camp Ripley.

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program can help you take steps toward finding a career that's right for you. The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military.

ACT with Writing

The ACT with writing is a national assessment that provides information to students, their families, and the district regarding the level of preparedness for postsecondary success. The assessment is given on paper and must be administered on an assigned test date.



Minnesota schools are required to offer students in grades 11 and/or 12 the option to take the ACT with Writing assessment during the school day.

Testing Date and Time

March 8, 2022, 8:15AM-2:00PM, Upsala High School

The required Pre-Test Information sessions will also take place during school days. These sessions are required in order to participate in testing on March 8th.





Monday 10 -3, Tuesday 3-6, Wednesday 2-8, Friday 2-8, Saturday 10-1

UPSALA PUBLIC LIBRARY- 117 Main St. • Phone: 320-573-4282 • griver.org/events

New Phone Number

The library is getting a new phone number as we update to a region wide phone system.

Our new number is (320) 412-2048.

Please update your contacts for us and start using the new number. The old number will continue to forward for a limited time.

Thank you!

Visit the Upsala branch page

<https://griver.org/locations/upsala> for more details and library hours.

Additional Hours

The GRRL Library Board recently approved an increase in hours for 27 of our library branches. The Upsala Public Library will be adding 2 additional open hours per week. Starting January 3, 2022 we will be open on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays we will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fines Free

The Great River Regional Library System will be going **FINES FREE starting in January 2022!**

Studies have shown that fines do not significantly change behavior and may become a barrier to access for those in our community that are already struggling.

We are still asking that patrons

return or renew materials by their due dates so that other may enjoy them.

Please take care of your library materials that you borrow, as lost or damage fees still apply.



Check out books and materials that no longer accrue late fines. See staff or visit griver.org for more information.

Puzzles

We now have puzzles for patrons to check out! These are unclassified which means that they have no barcode and no set due date.

Crafts and Cocoa

Join us to make some fun Holiday themed crafts and enjoy a small treat at the library. While Supplies last. During library hours. For Teens and Adults. **Tuesday, Nov. 30 to Saturday, Dec. 4**

Brick Builders

Do you like building with bricks? We have the bricks and challenges to get you started. All you need to bring is your imagination. For ages 5 to 12. Limit 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Library.

Registration is required by noon Monday, Dec. 6.

Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Gingerbread Online Storytime

Join Miss Jennifer for an online reflective storytime. We will read a story, make a craft and learn about the letter "g" for gingerbread. Sign up online and pick up your storytime kit from the library. Zoom information provided in the packet. For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Registration required.

Thursday, Dec. 9 from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Harpist Chris Ward

Add extra cheer to your holidays, and enjoy a soothing interlude in your busy holiday season by coming to harpist/vocalist Chris Ward's concert of festive tunes ranging from ancient tunes to modern, sacred to secular. For all ages. A Legacy event.

Friday, Dec. 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Tiny Art Show

Display your artistic talents in our Tiny Art Show! Register now to receive a mini artist kit. Once you've finished your masterpiece, please return it to the Upsala Library by **Friday, January 7** to be part of the exhibit! The exhibit will run from January 10 through the end of the month. The mini artist kit includes: 3"x3" canvas, paint, and brush. For ages 8 and older. Registration required. Kits may be picked up starting December 8.

I Spy Aquarium

Stop by the library and see if you are able to find all the items listed for the week for a treat. For all ages.

December 6-18

Between the Covers Book Club

Join "Between the Covers" book club for adults the fourth Monday of every month. Refreshments are sometimes provided. Stop in for a copy of the book in print or audiobook (when available) ahead of time. **Monday, Dec. 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

11/30 @ Kimball
 12/3 vs ACGC
 12/4 vs Holdingford
 12/9 @ Osakis
 12/14 vs Browerville
 12/16 @ Little Falls Tourney
 12/17 @ Little Falls Tourney
 12/21 vs BBE
 12/30 vs Benson
 1/6 @ Isle
 1/7 vs Swanville
 1/11 vs Crosby-Ironton
 1/14 @ LPGE
 1/18 @ Melrose
 1/20 vs Osakis
 1/25 @ Brandon-Evansville
 1/27 @ Browerville
 1/31 @ Braham
 2/4 @ Swanville
 2/11 vs Bertha-Hewitt
 2/15 @ Staples-Motley
 2/17 @ Pierz
 2/18 vs LPGE
 2/21 @ Pine River-Backus
 2/22 @ Hinckley-Finlayson
 2/25 @ Verndale

WRESTLING

12/3 @ Big Lake
 12/9 @ Ogilvie
 12/11 @ Jackson County Central
 12/14 @ Frazee
 12/17 @ Eden Valley-Watkins
 12/29 @ Fargo
 1/6 @ ACGC
 1/8 @ Royalton
 1/13 @ Royalton
 1/14 @ Kimball
 1/20 @ Royalton
 1/22 @ Grand Rapids
 1/25 @ Onamia
 2/3 @ West Central Area
 2/5 Conference Tourney
 2/8 @ Royalton

BOYS BASKETBALL

12/2 @ ACGC
 12/4 vs Holdingford
 12/7 vs Kimball
 12/10 vs Swanville
 12/13 @ Brandon-Evansville
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 12/16 vs St John's Prep
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Every Student  *... Every Day*

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