



Cardinal Country Highlights

Upsala Area Schools District #487

Every Student ... Every Day

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DOING WHAT IT TAKES!





Capital Projects Plan for School Improvements

In September of 2002, the Upsala School District and community supported an \$11.7 million dollar building and improvement project referendum for Upsala Area Schools. This referendum provided our District with our current facilities which have had a number of additions and

improvements over the years.

In October of 2019, the School Board began to discuss some of the facility and maintenance issues of the District buildings and grounds. The Board had a facility needs assessment conducted to identify areas that were in need of improvement and/or upgrade. The data obtained from this needs assessment was used to develop a capital improvement plan.

On January 27, 2021, the Upsala School Board adopted a resolution asking for community support through a special election on May 11, 2021, seeking approval for a \$7,275,000 Capital Projects Bond Referendum. If approved, the referendum will provide the funding to complete the needed improvements identified in the assessment.

The Capital Projects plan can be broken down into 4 main categories of improvements: 1) Safety and

Security; 2) Facility Maintenance; 3) District Growth and Capacity; and 4) Student Learning and Experience.

The improvements identified in each of these categories will address the operational and infrastructure needs of the District and will allow us to continue providing for a safe and supportive student learning environment in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner. For more information on the referendum, please refer to our Bond Referendum Information page on the UAS website.

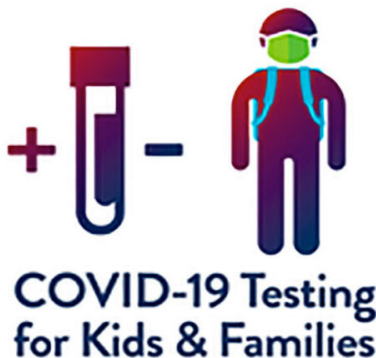
As an employee of Upsala Area Schools for 36 years, I have observed firsthand the significant investments to our school facilities by the community. The support for the District is one of our strongest attributes and allows us to continue providing the best education possible for our students.

The improvements identified in this capital improvement plan are essential in order for us to continue our mission with confidence. More details on the project will be provided in the near future.

Also, we will be conducting public informational meetings to share the specifics of the plan. Refer to the Bond Referendum Information page on the UAS website for dates, times, and location of the public meetings. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Go Cardinals!!

Vern Capelle
Superintendent



MDH recommends school-age youth and their families, to get tested every two weeks through the end of the school year. For information on getting your family tested, visit the MDH website:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/.../schools/testing.html>

Please consider following Morrison County Family Connections on Facebook. This local non-profit focuses on providing parenting resources including weekly parenting tips: <https://www.facebook.com/Morrison-County-Family-Connections-108205827751966>



**MORRISON COUNTY
FAMILY CONNECTIONS**



Greetings UAS Families!

I hope all of you are doing well! It is hard to believe that we are almost done with winter and spring is right around the corner. The 20-21 school year has been unique to say the least, but we have overcome many challenges that this year has presented to us. Though it has

been a challenging year, we do have a lot to celebrate!

Upsala students Olivia Hollerman and Anthony Nienaber have been awarded the Student of Character Award by Sourcewell. Students of Character Awards go to students in Region 5 who are quiet leaders in their schools and set good examples in school for others to follow. Olivia and Anthony are both active leaders in the Upsala FFA Chapter. They are both very deserving of this award. Congrats to both of them!

Sourcewell also presents teachers in Region 5 with Educators of Excellence Awards. This year from Upsala, Sourcewell has recognized Mark Herbes and Denise Cheney as Educators of Excellence. Mr. Herbes is the 5th and 6th grade math teacher and Ms. Cheney leads our band and choir. Along with their teaching duties, they both do a lot for the students beyond the classroom at Upsala Schools. Congratulations to both!

Upsala students in grades 5 and 6 won the 2020-2021 Reading Bowl Championship in the state of Minnesota for grades 5 and 6! Reading Bowl is a nationwide competition that involves over 72,000 students. Great job 5th and 6th graders!

The playground raffle was a success as well! Elementary

students raised almost \$17,000! Thank you to all the families that donated gifts for the gift baskets and to all those who purchased tickets. A thank you goes out to the Upsala Lions Club as well! They donated the \$500.00 cash prize and helped organize the raffle. Along with helping with the raffle, the Lions Club also secured a \$75,000 matching grant! I cannot stress enough how much the Lions Club has done for the school! We cannot thank them enough for all they have done not only with the Playground project, but what they have done over the years in donating funds to the students at Upsala Schools!

A few things to keep in mind as we move into the last quarter of the school year.

K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 25th and March 29th. Conferences will be held virtually like they were in November. More details will be coming in the next few weeks.

Kindergarten Round Up will take place on April 23rd. This is later than usual with the hope that some more restrictions will be lifted as we get into spring. Any student that will turn the age of five by September 1st 2021 is eligible to attend kindergarten. More information will be coming out in a couple of weeks!

Dollars 4 Scholars are seeking donations for the senior class. Due to the pandemic, the senior class has been unable to hold their normal fundraisers as they have done in the past. Information on how to donate can be found on the school's social media posts. This is a free will offering. The Senior Quilt will also be auctioned off online sometime in March. Stay tuned to social media for information on that event as well.

Have a great Spring!

Stay Healthy,
Nick Klug
K-12 Principal

Every Student  *... Every Day*

November Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms Peterson
Evan Swanson

Ms Wolbeck
Connor Hoffman

Ms. Bengston
Emma Servatius

Ms. Fuchs
Anthony Ressemann

Ms. Eichers
Westley Dobmeier

Mr Van Sloten
Gwen Kremers

Mr. Riitters
Brogan Mack

Ms. Thell
Richelle Thompson

Ms. Klosowski
Genevieve Mrozek

Music
Megan Becker

Phy Ed
Riley Klasen
Owen Fuchs

Art
Charlie Hallermann

Library
Gwen Kremers

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Anders Aleckson

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Emma Kremers
Math: Molly Lenersr
Social Studies: Rachel Ainali
Science: Jacob Gunderson
PE: McKenna Graves
Health: Daniel Kokett
Ag/Voc Ed: Anthony Nienaber
Technology: Hunter Steuck
Art: Anna Blonigenr
Music: Christian Ripplinger
World Language: Bennet Pundsack
FACS: Noelle Allord
AVID: Erica Roske

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Isaiah Sobiech

Subject Students of the Month

English: Aiden Brannan
Math: Holly Johnson
Social Studies: Jacob Brinkman
Science: Evie Aleckson
Ag/Voc Ed: Samantha Pilarski
Art: Sierra Bense
Music: Courtney Roske

NOVEMBER ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Carter Johnson

Football



Olivia Peterson

Volleyball

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms Peterson
Emma Bartkowicz

Ms Wolbeck
Thea Voller

Ms. Bengston
Will Barthel

Ms. Fuchs
Emily Walker

Ms. Eichers
Megan Becker

Mr Van Sloten
Ella Achmann

Mr. Riitters
Emmalyn Harren
Emily Ripplinger

Ms. Thell
Owen Sobiech

Ms. Klosowski
Vincent Eggert

Music
Riley Klasen

Phy Ed
Jack Peterson
Noah Ripplinger
Greta Kremers

Art
Emily Wiechmann

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Carter Johnson

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Ethan Moon
Math: Aliah Warga
Social Studies: Tommaso Filagrana
Science: Alexis Gilbertson
PE: Joseph Guthrie
Health: Madison Tschida
Ag/Voc Ed: Jeremy Mugg
Technology: Grace Maciej
Art: Angie Horvath
Music: Erica Roske
World Language: Christian Ripplinger
FACS: Natalie Wensmann
AVID: Brayden Bushaw

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Holly Johnson

Subject Students of the Month

English: Brayden Leners
Math: Dakotta Hartsock
Social Studies: Isabel Ripplinger
Science: Brayden Mack
Ag/Voc Ed: Eric Landowski
Art: Jacob Brinkman
Music: Holly Johnson

EXCEL AWARD WINNERS



Luke Harren



Abby Klein

January Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms Peterson
Ethan Robertson

Ms Wolbeck
Kaelyn Vetsch

Ms. Bengston
Lucas Larson

Ms. Fuchs
Wyatt Klasen

Ms. Eichers
Carter Harren

Mr Van Sloten
Riley Klasen

Mr. Riitters
Benett Pilarski
Natalee Hoffmann

Ms. Thell
Ethan Young

Ms. Klosowski
Emily Wiechmann

Music
Bianca Mrozek
Trygg Aleckson

Phy Ed
Avery Hollermann
Cam Louden

Art
Auden Hovland

Library
Lainey Tschida

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Gracie George

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Bryce Binek
Math: Katrina Jensen
Social Studies: Aliah Warga
Science: Isabelle Leners
PE: Ethan Moon
Health: Dustin Yurczyk
Ag/Voc Ed: Michael Blonigen
Technology: Levi Lampert
Art: Emma Scepaniak
Music: Alyssa Young
World Lang: Alexis Gilbertson
FACS: Austin Wensmann

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Eli Roerick

Subject Students of the Month

English: Austin Klein
Math: Isaiah Sobiech
Social Studies: Meeli Krueger
Science: Dakota Soltis
Ag/Voc Ed: Beau Ripplinger
Art: Aidan Brannan
Music: Jack Sowada

TRIPLE A AWARD WINNERS



Audrey Thomas



Carter Johnson



Thank you to Lange Oil for the generous \$500 donation to Upsala Dollars for Scholars for the Class of 2021!

Upsala Dollars for Scholars is in need of new membership and leadership!

If you are interested in helping out with the DFS committee, please call Colleen at the school office (320-573-2174) or Karin Nelson (320-573-2151).

Fall Semester Honor Roll

“A” HONOR ROLL

GRADE 12

Myra Arvig
Tanisha Dingmann
Tommaso Filagrana
Olivia Hollermann
Angelena Horvath
Carter Johnson
Shelby Krebs
Olivia Peterson
Audrey Thomas
Journey Wenker
Zoe Wiegers
Michael Young

GRADE 11

Rachel Ainali
Brooklyn Bense
Kristine Biniek
Christen Fouquette
Gracie George
Luke Harren
Katerina Jensen
Abigail Klein
Levi Lampert
Bennet Pundsack
Christian Ripplinger
Micah Ripplinger
Kylie Roerick

GRADE 10

Andrew Aleckson
Silas Arvig
Mitchell George
Paige Gerads
Axel Johnson
Molly Leners
Tyson Leners
Hannah Luedtke
Emma Scepaniak
Savannah Stumpf
Aliah Warga
Natalie Wensmann
Bryce Westrich
Mikal Woidyla-Wood

GRADE 9

Claire Arvig
Bryce Biniek
Brayden Bushaw
Brenna Graves
Jacob Gunderson
Daniel Kokett
Dillon Krebs
Isabelle Leners
Monica Nienaber
Erica Roske
Aden Warga
Alyssa Young

GRADE 8

Evelynn Aleckson
Dominic Eggert
Eli Johnson
Hailie Luedtke
Allie Maciej
Corryn McDermond
Samantha Pilarski
Kira Poppenhagen
Jack Primus
Beau Ripplinger
Isabel Ripplinger

GRADE 7

Paul Blonigen
Holly Johnson
Austin Klein
Meeli Krueger
Brayden Leners
Kalaeb Rene
Courtney Roske
Isaiah Sobiech
Riley Westbrook

“B” HONOR ROLL

GRADE 12

Noelle Allord
Anna Blonigen
Anthony Boeckermann
Alice Hebig
Damon Kleve
Emma Kremers
Wil Leners
Ethan Moon
Matthew Pundsack
Austin Wensmann
Dylan Yurczyk

GRADE 11

Michael Blonigen
Hayden Edstrom
Logan King
Chloe Mayer
Jeremy Mugg
Tyler Smieja
Peyton Soltis
Taylor Soltis
Nyah Walker
Karlee Warga

GRADE 10

Alexis Gilbertson
Madalin Koetter
Hunter Steuck

GRADE 9

Noah Boeckermann
Lukus Daniel
Peyton Gerads
McKenna Graves
Brooke Opatz
Madison Tschida
Dylan Warga
Dustin Yurczyk

GRADE 8

Lilieana Daniel
Eric Landowski
Brayden Mack
Eli Roerick
Dakota Soltis
Joseph Steuck

GRADE 7

Sierra Bense
Aiden Brannan
Jacob Brinkman
Hannah Heesen
Jack Sowada
Victoria Wiechmann
Noah Zinniel

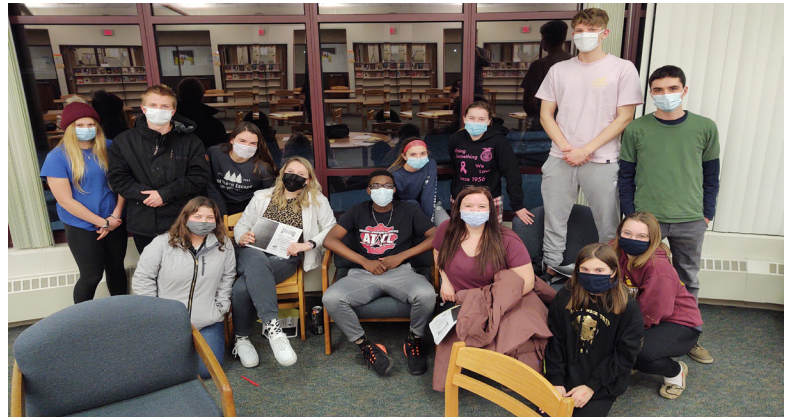
SPRING MUSICAL

This year's spring production will be "Xanadu" - a kitschy show with some great music based on the movie of the same name that came out in 1980.

The cast is relatively small to allow for distancing on stage and includes Audrey Thomas, Braedan Rene, Olivia Hollermann, Anna Blonigen, Michael Young, Olivia Peterson, Tomasso Filagrana, Anders Aleckson, Hannah Luedtke, Paige Gerads, Evie Aleckson, Lily Daniel and Hailie Luedtke.

The music is made up of songs by Olivia Newton-John (who starred in the movie) and Electric Light Orchestra.

Live in-person shows will be held the weekend of May 14-16, 2021. The size of the audience and ticket availability will depend on state guidelines at that time. Watch the school's social media as we get closer to show time!



Knowledge Bowl

Three teams, comprised of ten students grades 10-12, are participating in the 2021 Region 5 Senior High Knowledge Bowl season. Team UPMYra consists of Myra Arvig, Silas Arvig, Anna Blonigen, and Bennet Pundsack. Team UPAudrey consists of Audrey Thomas, Paige Gerads, and Hannah Luedtke. Team UPAnders consists of Anders Aleckson, Axel Johnson, and Braedan Rene.



Because of limitations on gatherings, the meets this year have all been virtual. We have been using discord.com as the platform, and students have adapted well to the new format. As of press time, they have competed in two regional meets and the Prairie Conference meet. Team UPMYra has placed 1st, 3rd, and 2nd respectively in those meets.

The teams have one regular season meet remaining on March 3. The top two Upsala teams will also participate in the Region 5 regional meet on March 17. The top four teams from the region will represent Region 5 at the Knowledge Bowl State Tournament on April 8-9. The format of the state meet is still being determined.



Spring semester is very busy, we have two sections of 7th grade Ag students working in the greenhouse. We have begun seeding, and will be learning about business aspects of managing a greenhouse besides the heavy production work that we do. Plans are for a great spring plant sale with all the usual plants, as well as new varieties. Gardening is a super hot market this year and supplies are tight! Students develop teamwork, management skills, math, artistic design, plant science, customer relations, work ethic, organization, resourcefulness in this project. Look forward to updates on opening dates and hours on the Upsala Area Schools Facebook site. <https://www.facebook.com/UpsalaSchoolGreenhouse>

Ag Food Science is diving into food science from a chemistry and biology perspective, leading off with managing microbes in baking products, using a sourdough starter they have developed. They have explored the effects of steam and leavening agents, acids and bases in foods, and developing kitchen skills as well. Shortly we will be building incubators to create a yogurt product from dairy products. They will investigate the requirements the microbes need to properly ferment milk into a yogurt product that has a unique flavor. Later in the course we will make cheese, explore emulsions and colloids, the effect of different fats on food textures, and other fun labs. The purpose is to get the students thinking about “why” something happens in foods, and how to manipulate the ingredients to get the results desired: what are the chemical reactions that are happening? This is a great class of kids with little experience, but they want to learn and ask tons of questions!

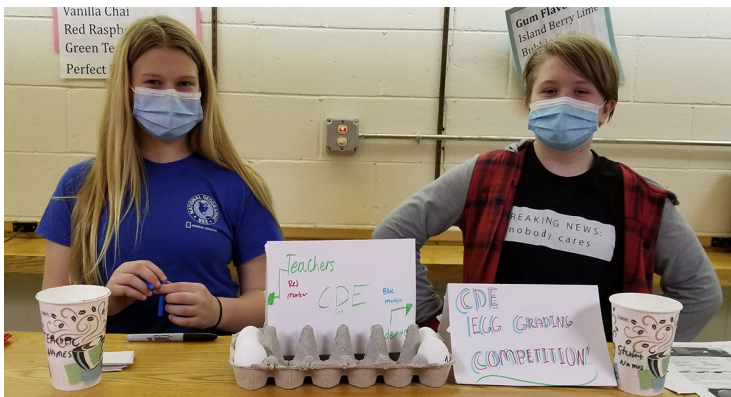
Welding is off to a rocket start this spring, we have nearly finished SMAW (arc) welding practices, have started Oxyfuel welding and brazing, and will be able to get into MIG and TIG before very long. Since this class is on the block schedule, students are getting a lot of practice time and are really developing their skills! We are also working on getting the new plasma cam and the logic trace board up and running and will be using the new water jet as well. Quarters are a bit cramped with the new technology equipment, but we are looking forward to each student learning these machines. We have been blessed with some donated metal, both steel and aluminum, and can always use more. Very hard working class of individuals who are also eager to learn. Plans are to have the students take a national certification test as the semester ends. Students who earn an A or B in this class will also be earning college credit from Central Lakes College.



Our FFA chapter is active especially during FFA week, February 22-28. Our officer team is top notch and planned a load of activities for students of all ages in the building. In the upcoming weeks we will have individuals and teams competing in Career Development Events. Paige Gerads will be competing in Prepared Public Speaking and also Farm Bureau Discussion meet. We will have a Dairy team and a General Livestock team competing in March. For now these

are virtual events, but they are state qualifying events. Our chapter is also making plans to do a meal pack for needy families, plans are to conduct a 10,000 meal pack event in March, with meal packs distributed through our local churches and the Morrison County Food Shelf. We are also considering a community service project this spring of building some planter boxes. As always, working with FFA kids is a real highlight, as they are driven to succeed and show thoughtfulness in leadership!

Look for student and FFA activities on the Upsala FFA Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/UpsalaFFA>

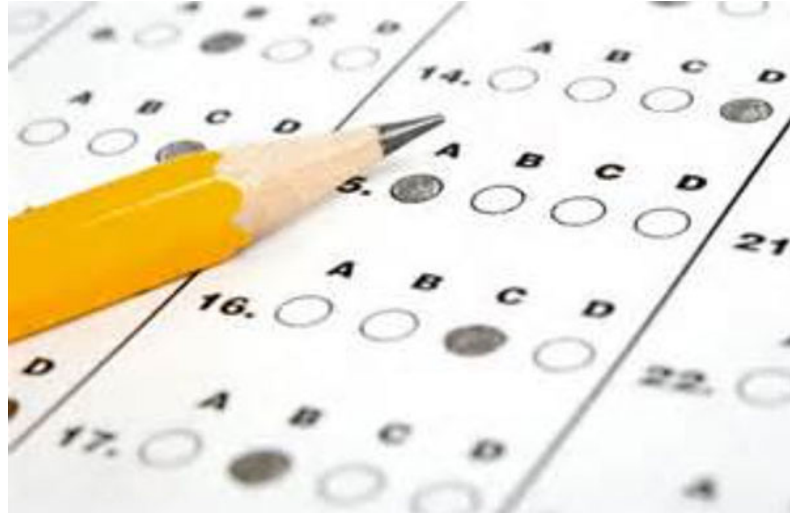


ACT WITH WRITING

About the ACT with Writing Assessment

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.

Upsala Juniors, grade 11, will have the option to take the ACT with writing during the school day, in our building and at no cost to them.

**Testing Date and Time**

March 30, 2021

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Upsala High School

**Lost and Found**

We have a pretty large number of items on the elementary lost and found table these days.

You can see a post with pictures if you go to our Facebook page and search for "lost and found."

You can claim an item by emailing mpeterson@upsala.k12.mn.us.



Basketball Playoff Brackets

QRF will be used in seeding section 5A basketball (boys and girls), and will be set after Friday, March 12.

Section 5A ---BOYS 2021

Pigtail	Playin	Qtrfinals	Semis	Final
Mon Mar 15	Thur Mar 18	Sat Mar 20	Wed Mar 24	Fri Mar 26
@ Higher Seeds	@ Higher Seeds	@ Higher Seeds	@TBD	Site: TBD
7:00 PM	7:00 PM	6:00 & 7:45	7:00 PM	7:00 PM

East SS -12

Teams

- Barnum
- Braham
- Cromwell
- East Central
- Hinckley-Finlayson
- Isle
- Mcgregor
- Ogilvie
- Onamia
- St John's Prep
- Swanville
- Upsala



Section 5A ---GBB 2021

Pigtail	Playin	Qtrfinals	Semis	Final
Mon Mar 15	Wed Mar 17	Fri Mar 19	Tue Mar 23	Thur Mar 25
@ Higher Seeds	@ Higher Seeds	@ Higher Seeds	High seed	Site: TBD
7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM

East SS -11

Teams

- Barnum
- Braham
- East Central
- Hinckley-Finlayson
- Isle
- Mcgregor
- Ogilvie
- Onamia
- St John's Prep
- Swanville
- Upsala



March Lunch Menu



MARCH 2021 UPSALA AREA SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS. ALL MEALS SERVED MEET THE NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS EST. BY THE USDA. MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH-OUT NOTICE.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>*Breakfast Pizza 1 *Beef and Potato Wrap 4 way veggie Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>	<p>*French Toast Sticks 2 *White Chicken Chili Choice of Sub Sandwich Crackers (J/HS) Fresh Veggies and Fruit</p>	<p>*Yogurt w/granola 3 *California Burger Potato Salad Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>	<p>*Mini Pancakes 4 *Chicken Nuggets Peas and Carrots Bread Slice Fresh Veggies and Fruit</p>	<p>*Assorted Muffin 5 *Cheesy Spaghetti Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli Fresh Veggies and Fruit</p>
<p>*Banana Bread Slice 8 *Chicken Nachos Nachos fixings Corn Assorted Fruit / Veggies</p>	<p>*Fruited 9 *Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Assorted Fruit/Veggies Bread Slice</p>	<p>Cereal Bowl 10 *Ham Patty on Bun Tri Tator Hash Browns Baked Beans Fresh Veggies and Fruit</p>	<p>*Snack Bread 11 *Chicken Drumstick Potato Wedge Dinner Roll Fresh Veggies and Fruit</p>	<p>*Donut Holes 12 *Macaroni and Cheese Seasoned Peas Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>
<p>*Blueberry Muffin 15 *Mini Corn Dogs Assorted Crackers Baked Beans Fresh Veggies and Fruit</p>	<p>*Uncrustables 16 *Italian Pasta California Blend Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>	<p>*Cereal Bar 17 *Cheeseburger on a bun Sweet Potato Barrels Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>	<p>*Yogurt w/granola 18 *BBQ Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Fresh veggies Variety of Fruit</p>	<p>*Cinnamon roll 19 *Cheese Pizza Candied Carrots Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>
<p>NO SCHOOL 22</p>	<p>*Oatmeal Bar 23 *Taco in a Bag Taco Fixings Buttered Corn Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>*Assorted Bagels 24 *Chicken Patty on a Bun Potato Smiles Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>	<p>*Poptart 25 *Orange Chicken Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Variety of Fruit</p>	<p>*Breakfast Rounds 26 *Bosco Sticks w/sauce Baked Beans Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>
<p>*Cinni Minni 29 *Chicken Strips Seasoned peas Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>	<p>*Chocolate Chip Muffin 30 *Hot Dog on bun Baked beans Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>	<p>*Long John 31 *Ham or Turkey Deil Assorted Chips Fresh Veggies Variety of Fruit</p>		

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with federal law and the USDA policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410





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.

For more information visit the website (<https://upsala.k12.mn.us/community-education.php>) or email Community Education Coordinator Dan Cheney at 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.

Drivers Training



In-person drivers training is being offered starting March 29 and space is still available.

Classroom sessions are Mon-Fri, Mar 29-Apr 2 & Apr 5-9 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.

Want To Teach A Class?



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!

PotSpot



We have a session scheduled with PotSpot Paint Your Own Pottery for students on Monday, March 29 after school.

For this session students have a choice of mug - an emoji mug, a frog mug, or an owl mug.



Cost is \$15 per student. PotSpot will bring your project back to their shop to be kiln fired, and then return the finished project to school.

Summer AR



The summer Accelerated Reader program will return in June! Students will be able to check out books, take quizzes and spend their points in our AR store. Weekly drawings will be held.

The program will run from June 7 - August 5 on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and on Thursday evenings in the Cora Eckstrom Elementary Media Center.

The program is free, but students do need to register.

STEM Camps



We will be offering several STEM camp opportunities this summer!

June 21-24 the focus will be on robotics. "Eureka Engineering" offered in the mornings which introduces core skills of robotics. "Tech Trek" is in the afternoon and deals with electrical, programming and mechanical concepts.

July 26-29 the focus will be on drones. In the morning will be "Battle Drones" which deals with flying and competition. In the afternoons "Drone Programming" will have the student do some coding for the drones.

The classes are \$99 each, or you can bundle morning and afternoon sessions for \$169. Camps are open to a variety of ages, from 3rd grade to 10th grade.

Visit our website for more info or to register.

Twins Clinic



We had been on the schedule to hold a Minnesota Twins baseball clinic last summer. Since it was cancelled, we get priority in scheduling another one this summer!

The clinic is for children ages 6-13. We will provide more information when we are assigned our date!

Upsala Community Education Advisory Council Vern Capelle, Superintendent; Dan Cheney, CE Coordinator; Kathy Blonigen, Community Member; Denise Cheney, Staff /Community Member; Elizabeth Gunderson, Community Member; Karin Nelson, Community Member; Wendy Rene, Community Member; Stephen Roerick, School Board Member; Jessica Wenker; Community Member; Jennifer Servatius, Community Member

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!



We are currently on a mission to raise \$200,000 to build one similar to the above photo.

We have been awarded a \$75,000 matching grant from Lion's Club International Foundation. As of this writing we need approximately another \$17,000 to qualify for the matching grant.

PLEASE HELP and make your donations TODAY!

Playground donations can be dropped off at the Upsala school office between the hours of 7:00am-4:00pm.

Checks can be made out to UAS. Please note the donation is for the playground.

Administration:

Vern Capelle, Superintendent
Nick Klug, Principal
Mark Herbes, Athletic Director
Colleen Harren, Business Mgr.

School Board:

Dean Peterson
Trevor Soltis
Ryan Thomas
Stephen Roerick
Brittany Harren
Marvin Wensmann