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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME WELCOMES

KAYLA (TSCHIDA) KLEIN



Kayla (Tschida) Klein was inducted into the Upsala Athletic Hall Of Fame on Saturday afternoon February 1. She was a 2007 graduate and lettered in volleyball, girls basketball and softball.

In volleyball she was a 4-year starter and Prairie Conference MVP in multiple seasons. She recorded 1146 career kills and had over 600 career blocks. In her senior year she was selected to the Class A All-State team.

In girls basketball Kayla was a 4-year letterwinner. She was all-conference in 2006 and was the Prairie Conference MVP in 2007. She finished with 1356 points scored.

After high school Kayla played four seasons of volleyball at St Cloud State University, where she racked up 893 kills, a .976 serve percentage, 63 solo blocks and 294 block assists. She was All-NSIC honorable mention in 2010 along with being team MVP and the team's best offensive player that year.

Kayla, the daughter of Sylvester & Eleanor Tschida, currently lives in Rice with her husband Adam and two daughters Alison & Olivia.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/19 Blood Drive 2-7
- 2/21 Knowledge Bowl Region Meet
- 2/21 Ag Olympics 1-3
- 2/22 JH GBB Tournament
- 2/25 Precinct Caucus
- 2/28 DFS Chili Feed 4:30-7
- 3/3 Large Group Band Contest
- 3/4 Large Group Choir Contest
- 3/4-6 Robotics in Duluth
- 3/6 Kindergarten Roundup
- 3/17-22 Band Trip to NYC
- 3/20 END OF QUARTER
- 3/23 Conferences
- 3/24 ACT Test
- 3/26 Conferencest
- 4/3-5 Spring Musical "Grease"
- 4/8 Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest
- 4/9 EARLY RELEASE
- 4/10-13 SPRING BREAK
- 4/19-21 State FFA Convention
- 4/25 Prom
- 5/4 Band Concert
- 5/25 NO SCHOOL
- 5/26-27 6th Gr Duluth Trip
- 5/25 LAST STUDENT DAY

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Personalizing Learning for Every Student

Every Student...Every Day!

Every school district has a mantra that describes the vision of the district. Our mantra at UAS is 'Every Student...Every Day' and we reflect on this often throughout the school year to center our focus on the importance of our roles in

the lives of our students.

As I reflect on this mantra, I often think about how we are personalizing the learning experiences of our students. A Google search defines personalized learning as "...a diverse variety of educational programs, learning experiences, instructional approaches, and academic support strategies that are intended to address the distinct learning needs, interests, aspirations, or cultural backgrounds of individual students."

Personalizing the learning experiences for students means shifting our focus from 'what' we are teaching to 'who' we are teaching and puts the student at the center of our curriculum and instruction. This shift enables us to ensure that we are truly preparing our students for the future that they choose.

If that future involves pursuing higher education goals by attending a four- or two-year college, we have robust course offerings of concurrent enrollment courses in which students can earn college credits in addition to high school credits in order to jump start their post-secondary education.

If that future involves some technical training and education, we have courses that will provide the learning foundation for students to succeed in these important areas as well.

Students graduating from UAS are moving on to achieve success in many different ways and our goal is to ensure that they leave us prepared for that success.

Personalizing the learning for all students is not just about preparing students to be career and college-ready. Learning must be a personal experience.

When students struggle to learn, they can easily become frustrated and unmotivated to learn. An essential part of our job is to provide support that will enable these students to work through the challenges they encounter in order to achieve success.

Also, there will be students who have a deep interest to extend their learning in a particular subject area or course. In order to personalize the learning for these students we need to provide opportunities for these students to extend their learning through enrichment activities. Providing enrichment activities and learning interventions allows us to personalize the learning for each student that we serve so they can achieve their educational goals.

As a small school district, personalizing learning for our students is not always an easy task. The limitations of funding, staffing, facilities, and resources have an impact on the degree of personalization that we may provide to our students.

In my opinion, these variables are not barriers but challenges that we can overcome by being creative and focusing on the needs of our students. This may require us to be flexible and change how we operate. Change is sometimes a scary thing, but ultimately, if those changes lead to a better educational experience for our students, it will be worth it.

Our goal is to use the resources we have to provide educational experiences for our students that rival every school district in the State regardless of size or location. Our students deserve this and we will work diligently every day to achieve this goal.

Cardinal Pride!!

Vern Capelle
Superintendent

Every Student...



... Every Day!



Greetings!

I hope everyone is having a great 2020!

We have a few senior high students who have received some awards from the Minnesota State High School League. Two Juniors, Michael Young and Olivia Peterson received the ExCEL Award. The ExCEL Award is the Excellence in Commu-

nity, Education and Leadership Award and it is a unique recognition program designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who work voluntarily in their community. Congrats to both of them!

Another award given out this past month was the Triple A (AAA) award. Triple A stands for Arts, Academics, and Athletics and is given out by the Minnesota State High League. Each school nominates two seniors, one boy and one girl, to represent their school. Those two nominees will attend a banquet hosted by Region 5 and an overall winner for the region will be selected. These winners will attend a state banquet during the state basketball tournaments. This year's representatives from Upsala are Abby Ripplinger and Collin Prom! Congrats and best of luck to both of them.

Congrats to Alyssa Young who won the Upsala Spelling Bee. Alyssa will advance to the regional bee in Staples. If she wins there, she will receive an invitation to the National Bee in Washington D.C. Good luck Alyssa!

Also, the Geography Bee was held in late January and the local winner was Landon Krebs! Landon will now take an online test to see if he qualifies for the regional bee. Best of luck Landon!

Along with student awards, we had two staff members receive some recognition as well. Fifth grade teacher Jim Drill and High School Special Education Teacher Amber Mayers have received the Teacher of Excellence Award! This award is given through Sourcewell and they will both be honored at a banquet in May with all the Region 5 Schools. Great job Jim and Amber!

The Playground Committee has been hard at work raising funds to help build a new playground. The current playground is in tough shape and needs to be replaced. Please consider donating to this worthy cause!

February is I Love to Read Month! There are many activities planned at the school and the public library.

The 5th and 6th grade classes won the ReadingBowl contest for the state of Minnesota! ReadingBowl is a nationwide reading contest. Congrats 5th and 6th graders on your state championship!

For more information on what is going on at school, please check out the school's website www.upsala.k12.mn.us or follow Upsala Schools on Facebook and/or Twitter for updates.

Best Wishes,

Nick Klug

K-12 Dean of Students

PARENT ENRICHMENT



Discover the benefits of learning new ideas and strategies alongside other parents

Parent Enrichment classes available through the St Cloud YMCA
For more info visit <https://scymca.org/parent-enrichment-classes/>

November Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms Peterson
Ethan Goebel

Ms Wolbeck
Emma Servatius

Ms. Bengston
Anthony Ressemann

Ms. Fuchs
Katie MacArthur

Ms. Eichers
Ella Achmann

Mr Van Sloten
Benett Pilarski

Mr. Riitters
Emma Dickinson

Mr. Drill
Addie Scepaniak

Ms. Klosowski
Isaiah Sobiech

Music
Lucy Aleckson

Phy Ed
Aiden Voller
Abby Rakotz

Art
Addie Hovland

Library
Brogan Mack

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Shannon Johnson

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Madalin Koetter
Math: Abby Ripplinger
Social Studies: Christian Benson
Science: Bennet Pundsack
PE: Christian Benson
Health: Bryce Westrich
Ag/Voc Ed: Anthony Boeckermann
Technology: Austin Wensmann
Art: Nyah Walker
Music: Anna Blonigen
FACS: Laura Lange
World Language: Chrissy Fouquette



DRAMA
Anders Aleckson

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Brooke Opatz

Subject Students of the Month

English: Brandon Mugg
Math: Samantha Pilarski
Social Studies: Kira Poppenhagen
Science: Lois Wardlaw
PE: Brayden Mack
Health: Olivia Kleve
Ag/Voc Ed: Isabelle Leners
Art: Lois Wardlaw
Music: Isabelle Leners

VOLLEYBALL CAMP!

Saturday, April 4

UPSALA HIGH SCHOOL
Upsala, MN

Grades refer to 2020-2021 school year
Camp for Players Entering Grades 9-12
8:30 am - 12:30 pm AND 1:00 - 5:00 pm
\$80/player

REGISTER ONLINE: www.pacesettersports.net

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms Peterson
Abe Ainali

Ms Wolbeck
Joseph Rahn

Ms. Bengston
Cam Loudon

Ms. Fuchs
Ariel Lezer

Ms. Eichers
Auden Hovland

Mr Van Sloten
Emmalyn Harren

Mr. Riitters
Raven Nienaber

Mr. Drill
Calvin Leners

Ms. Klosowski
Isabelle Klug

Music
Andrew Eggert

Phy Ed
Trygg Aleckson
Sheldon Floan

Art
Riley Westbrook

Library
Eddie Horvath

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Gracie George

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Carver McDermond

Math: Noelle Allord

Social Studies: Peyton Guthrie

Science: Hayden Edstrom

PE: Matthew Ressemann

Health: Paige Gerads

Ag/Voc Ed: Ray Kokett

Technology: Gavin Koetter

Art: Matthew Ellison

Music: Myra Arvig

FACS: Abby Ripplinger

AVID: Savannah Stumpf

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Isabelle Leners

Subject Students of the Month

English: Noah Boeckermann

Math: Erica Roske

Social Studies: Dustin Yurczyk

Science: Kira Poppenhagen

PE: Kaylea Loscheider

Health: Eli Roerick

Ag/Voc Ed: Mason Eischens

Art: Allie Maciej

Music: Alyssa Young



BOYS BASKETBALL
Levi Lampert



GIRLS BASKETBALL
Laura Lange



WRESTLING
Bryce Binek

January Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms Peterson
Cam VanSloten

Ms Wolbeck
Addi Leither

Ms. Bengston
Emily Walker

Ms. Fuchs
Westley Dobmeier

Ms. Eichers
Riley Klasen

Mr Van Sloten
Brooklynn Schmidt

Mr. Riitters
Avery Hallermann

Mr. Drill
Lydia Kokett

Ms. Klosowski
Yovanni Juarez-Lucio

Music
Bianca Mrozek

Phy Ed
Emmery Zinniel
Westley Dobmeier

Art
Samuel Laliberte

Library
Emma Dickinson

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Ethan LaRue

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Tony Boeckermann
Math: Petyon Guthrie
Social Studies: Abby Klein
Science: Kristine Biniek
PE: Christian Benson
Health: Molly Leners
Ag/Voc Ed: Noelle Allord
Technology: Joe Bartkowitz
Art: Brooklyn Bense
Music: Christian Ripplinger
World Lang: Gracie George
FACS: Cat Lobo
AVID: Mikal Woidyla-Wood

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Samantha Pilarski

Subject Students of the Month

English: Dominic Eggert
Math: Isabelle Leners
Social Studies: Brayden Mack
Science: Eli Johnson
PE: Evie Aleckson
Health: Beau Ripplinger
Ag/Voc Ed: Nathan Breth
Art: Dakotta Hartsock
Music: Madison Tschida



BASKETBALL
Alex Roerick



BASKETBALL
Taylor Soltis



WRESTLING
Gage Loudon



DRAMA
Devin Prokott



Upsala Area Dollars for Scholars would like to thank the Upsala Lions Club for their donation of \$2,500. Thank you for supporting the graduating class of 2020. This donation will be used to assist them in achieving their

academic dreams! Thanks also to Lange Oil for their donation of \$500. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Schultz Auctioneers and everyone who supported the Senior Auction. \$2,110 was raised for the Class of 2020.

Make plans to attend the Dollars for Scholars Chili Feed on February 28 from 4:30-7:00pm in the commons. There is a home boys basketball game that evening.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer on the DFS committee, please call the school office at 320-573-2174.

Fall Semester Honor Roll

GRADE 12

Amber Biniek
Peyton Guthrie
Laura Lange
Constanca Lobo
Collin Prom
Abigail Ripplinger
Alex Roerick
Isaiah Wardlaw

GRADE 11

Myra Arvig
Paige Binek
Anna Blonigen
Olivia Hollermann
Carter Johnson
Shelby Krebs

GRADE 10

Rachel Ainali
Brooklyn Bense
Kristine Biniek
Christen Fouquette
Gracie George
Kaitlyn George
Luke Harren
Abigail Klein
Levi Lampert
Jessica Lange
Chloe Mayer
Bennet Pundsack
Christian Ripplinger
Micah Ripplinger
Kylie Roerick
Taylor Soltis

GRADE 9

Andrew Aleckson
Silas Arvig
Paige Gerads
Axel Johnson
Hannah Luedtke
Emma Scepaniak
Natalie Wensmann
Bryce Westrich
Mikal Woodyla-Wood

GRADE 8

Bryce Binek
Brenna Graves
Jacob Gunderson
Dillon Krebs
Isabelle Leners
Kaylea Loscheider
Monica Nienaber
Erica Roske
Alyssa Young

GRADE 7

Evelyn Aleckson
Dominic Eggert
Eli Johnson
Hailie Luedtke
Allie Maciej
Samantha Pilarski
Kira Poppenhagen
Jack Primus
Beau Ripplinger
Isabel Ripplinger
Lois Wardlaws

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GRADE 12

Kennedy Allen
Shanna Campbell
Matthew Ellison
Nathan Graves
Alison Harren
Shannon Johnson
Raymond Kokett
Michael Lange
Ethan LaRue
Gage Loudon
Haley Opatz
Devin Prokott
Brandon Rohde

GRADE 11

Noelle Allord
Tony Boeckermann
Austin Breth
Tanisha Dingmann
Damon Kleve
Gavin Koetter
Emma Kremers
Gracie Leners
Grace Maciej
Ethan Moon
Matthew Pundsack
Austin Wensmann

GRADE 10

Emily Blonigen
Michael Blonigen
Hayden Edstrom
Jeremy Mugg
Anthony Nienaber
Julia Peterson
Tyler Smieja
Nyah Walker

GRADE 9

Mitchell George
Alexis Gilbertson
Ryan Johnson
Madalin Koetter
Nicholas Kulla
Molly Leners
Ty Poppenhagen
Braedan Rene
Hunter Steuck
Savannah Stumpf

GRADE 8

Hunter Boeckermann
Noah Boeckermann
Brayden Bushaw
Lukus Daniel
Peyton Gerads
McKenna Graves
Joseph Guthrie
Daniel Kokett
Kaylee Kremers
Brooke Opatz
Aden Skalicky
Madison Tschida
Dylan Warga
Dustin Yurczyk

GRADE 7

Keyona Carlson
Lilieana Daniel
Brayden Mack
Coryn McDermond
Brandon Mugg
Eli Roerick
Dakota Soltis
Joseph Steuck

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SPRING MUSICAL

This year's spring production will be "Grease" - the classic musical set at Rydell High School in 1959. It features many well known songs including "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightning," "We Go Together," and many more.

Collin Prom will be playing Danny while Audrey Thomas takes on the role of Sandy. Kennedy Allen is Rizzo and Devin Prokott is Kenickie. The other speaking roles are taken by Anna Blonigen, Cat Lobo, Olivia Hollermann, Micah Ripplinger, Alex Roerick, Bryce Westrich, Olivia Peterson, Anders Aleckson, Michael Young, Braedan Rene and Alice Hebig. The complete cast is over 30 students.

Shows will be held April 3-5, 2020. Friday and Saturday will be evening performances and Sunday will be a matinee. More specific info such as exact show times and ticket prices will be announced later. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us in the Upsala auditorium for this fun show!



ONE ACT PLAY

Upsala High School recently participated in the MSHSL One-Act Play competition for the first time in over 20 years.

We rehearsed after school and worked on the drama "Future, Here." It was about five teenagers who were raised in seclusion and their only contact with the outside world was through their cell phones.

We performed the play for the school and then at the subsection contest in Albany on January 25 - and did very well! The students involved were Devin Prokott, Kennedy Allen, Olivia Hollermann, Anna Blonigen, Anders Aleckson, and Michael Young on tech.



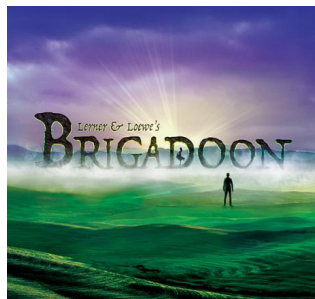
SUMMER THEATER OPPORTUNITIES

This summer, with the help of the Upstage Players and Community Ed,

The Upstage Players' summer community musical will be "Brigadoon."

Open to all ages, this musical tells the story of the mythical village that appears for a single day once every hundred years.

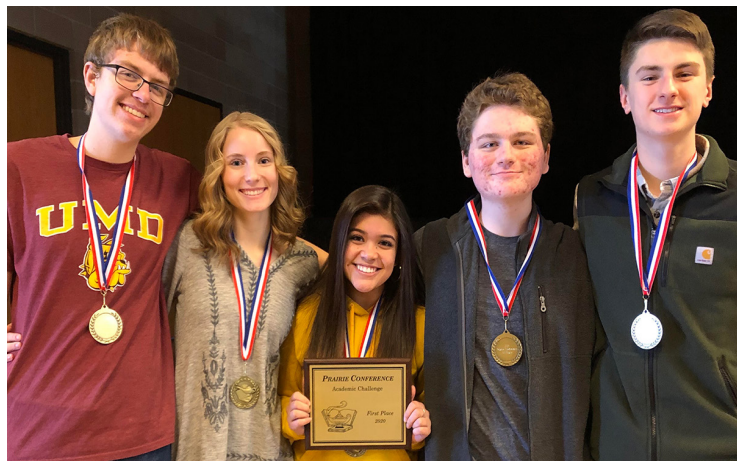
Watch for audition information. Show dates are July 17-20.



The Upstage Players in partnership with Community Ed will be holding a theatre camp for grades K-12 during the week of August 16-22.

Campers will learn stage skills and learn the production process - and present Disney's Frozen Jr for the public! Watch for more details.





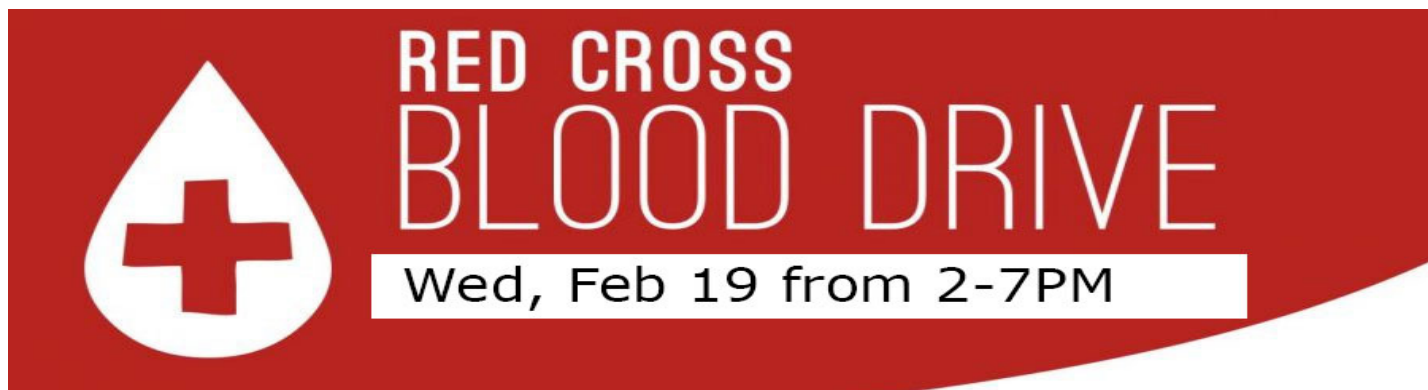
Twenty-two students grades 10-12 are participating in the 2020 Region 5 Senior High Knowledge Bowl season. As of press time, they have competed in two meets at CLC in Staples.

Team 1, consisting of Shanna Campbell, Peyton Guthrie, Collin Prom, Alex Roerick, and Isaiah Wardlaw earned 2nd place and 1st place finishes out of 30+ teams. Team 2, consisting of Myra Arvig, Anna Blonigen, Cat Lobo, and Bennet Pundsack earned two 10th place finishes. Three other Upsala teams also participated in these events.

On February 5 the top two teams competed at the Prairie

Conference meet held at St. John's Prep, where Team 1 won the conference championship.

The teams have one regular season meet remaining on February 13. The Region 5 regional meet will be held on February 21. The top four teams from the regional meet will represent Region 5 at the Knowledge Bowl State Tournament on April 2-3 at Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake.



Kindergarten Roundup



Upsala Elementary School will hold its annual Kindergarten Roundup Friday, March 6th. Registration for the Class of 2033 will begin at 8:15 a.m. for all children who are interested in attending Kindergarten at Upsala Elementary School starting in the fall.

Parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and immunization record on the day of Kindergarten Roundup.

Kindergarten Roundup is for both parents and children and will run from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Parents and children are also invited to stay for lunch, which will be served at 11:00 a.m.

Area families interested in learning more about the Kindergarten program offered at Upsala Elementary School are invited to attend. Please call the office at Upsala Area Schools with any questions at (320) 573-2175.

Bridges Career Exploration Day

The Bridges Career Exploration Day began in 2008 with 57 exhibitors and more than 750 students from six area school districts. Now, this annual event showcases more than 200 regional high-demand careers with hands-on demonstrations, simulators, and breakout sessions!

This year's event will be held at Central Lakes College at the Brainerd campus on Friday, March 6, 2020. More than 2,500 area high school students from 24 participating school districts are expected to attend.

Upsala High school students in grades 10-12 will have the opportunity to attend this event. Permission forms with complete information will be sent home later in February with your student.



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 the assigned test date.

During the 2019-2020 school year, Minnesota public 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

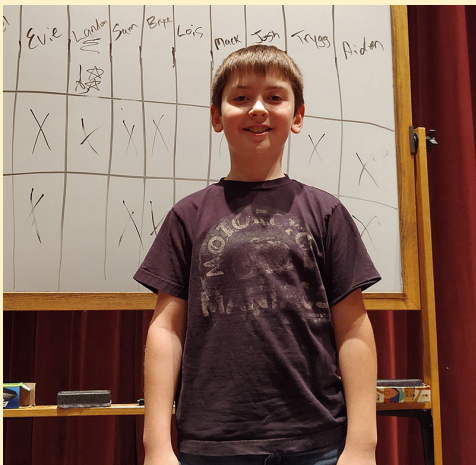
Tuesday, March 24, 2020

8:30am - 2:00pm

Upsala High School

Geography Bee/Spelling Bee

Geography Bee Champion Landon Krebs



Spelling Bee Champion Alyssa Young





School Census Report

Please return to Upsala Area Schools Box 190 415 S Main Street Upsala, MN 56384
Or email to mdaniel@upsala.k12.mn.us

The Minnesota Department of Education requires an annual census of all children under 18 years of age. The information is used by the state for planning and statistical purposes, and must be complete and accurate. This data is necessary in order to calculate funding for the School Readiness Program (Minn. Stat. 123D.16) and the Early Childhood Family Education Program (Minn. Stat. 124D.135).

This information is very important to all the children residing in our district. It must be completed and sent to the Department of Education each fall. Therefore, your cooperation and speedy return of this form is much appreciated. In addition, please contact us concerning new families in the area, couples who have had their first child, or any other persons who have moved into the area. Please enter the names of all children in your home under 18 years of age as of September 1 of this year.

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____

Child's Name	Birthdate	Male/Female



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.

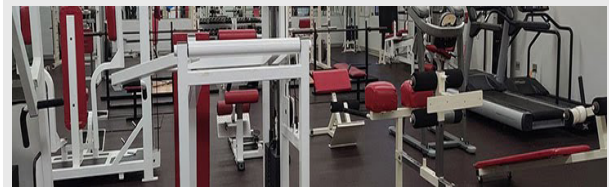
Please refer to our Registration/ Policies for questions about Out-of-District registration or email dancheney@upsala.k12.mn.us.

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.

The screenshots show the registration process on the Revtrak website. The first screenshot shows a class listing for 'AR - Summer Reading' with details like Class #, Group, Date, Days, Time, and Location. A red circle highlights the 'CLICK HERE to Register for this Class' link. The second screenshot shows the 'Who are you registering?' section with options for '(self)', '(other)', and 'A New Person'. The third screenshot shows the registration form with fields for Address, City, State, Zip, and Phone Numbers. A red circle highlights the 'Add and Go To Shopping Cart' and 'Add and Continue To Shop' buttons. The fourth screenshot shows the 'Review & Submit' section with a 'BILLING' section and an 'ITEMS' section listing the class and its price.

Weight Room



Our weight room is more than just weights! We have ellipticals, stationary bikes, treadmills and more. It is all housed in a clean safe environment for your workout. Students must be 12 or older to use the workout facilities.

Weight Room Hours:
November 5th, 2019- May 14th, 2020
Tuesdays & Thursdays (student contact days)
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Weight Room Fee:
\$2 Adults / FREE to current UAS students
(no pre-registration necessary)

Volunteer Attendant:
Tim Valencia-Louden

No Open Weight Room on April 9th

No one is allowed to use the facilities without a trained staff person on duty. All lifters must have someone capable spotting them to prevent injury.

Intro to Basketball



The introduction to basketball program is designed to introduce young athletes to the sport of basketball through skill development and small group games.

Volunteer coaches will focus on helping the children learn the rules of basketball while working on team play, sportsmanship and FUN! Individual skills taught: shooting, passing, dribbling along with learning the strategies of offense and defense.

Saturdays, March 1-29 | 9-10am | Big Gym | Fee: \$10
Coach: Jennifer Servatius

Pickleball



Come learn to play Pickleball! The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

Pickleball is available in the old gym every Tuesday & Thursday from 5:30-7:30pm (when there is no JH basketball game). Teens & Adults Welcome. Contact Michael Holmen for more information

Adult Volleyball



Adult open gym volleyball will continue to run through the spring on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 in the new gym, so there is still time to join the fun. Participants must be out of high school.

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. Tuesdays OR Thursdays
Registration is now available for spring sessions.

Mark Your Calendars...

The following events have been scheduled - so mark your calendars and await further details!



The Upstage Players will be holding a theater camp this summer for grades K-12 the week of August 16-22. The week will end with a production of Disney's Frozen Jr.



Upsala will be hosting a Minnesota Twins baseball clinic for children ages 6-13 on the morning of Saturday, June 20. Stay tuned for more info.



Twin Cities Teen Lit Con 2020 will be April 25 at Henry Sibley High School and we plan to take any interested high school students to this free event.

Registration & Policy Information

Register Early Please register by noon on the deadline indicated, so we can make enrollment decisions. If there is not a deadline listed, please register at least 3 business days in advance. Late registrations will be accepted provided space is available.

If registering with a paper, please use one form per student and staple together with the total for all on the last form.

Are you registered? If you provided an email you will automatically get a confirmation invoice. If there is an error on your registration invoice, please let us know ASAP. We will only contact you for cancelled or rescheduled classes.

Adult Programs Unless otherwise noted, Adult Programs are open to ages 16 and older. (Parental signature is required until 18.)

Inclement Weather No classes or activities will be held when school has been cancelled or closed early due to bad weather. Please check our website www.upsala.k12.mn.us or follow us on social media for cancellation notices.

Cancellation Policy We reserve the right to cancel classes if enrollment is below needed minimum. Registrants will be notified and a full refund given. Cancellations and rescheduled games and other activities are announced on our website.

Refund Policy We will issue a credit voucher or refund only if you notify the Community Education Office at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of the class. Written requests via email are preferred. Pro-rated refunds may be given for most classes with multiple meeting times. *Exceptions include trips with advance ticket sales.

Statement of Release Upsala Area Schools and its employees are not responsible for accidents or injuries resulting while participating in any activity. Photographs may be taken at events and used for advertising.

Special Needs If you have special needs such as child-care, wheel chair, interpreter, etc. please call at (320) 573-2175, ext. 173. Every attempt will be made to assist you with advance notice.

Fee Assistance Upsala Community Education is committed to serving the residents of our community through

affordable learning and enrichment classes. Please email or call the Community Education office for more information about scholarships and/or fee assistance.

Transportation Upsala Community Ed does not provide transportation to its activities, with the exception of trips (example Disney on Ice). Other participants may be willing to rideshare.

Out of District We welcome participation in our after school and adult activities. Out of district registration (non-UAS student /non-district resident) for athletics is only accepted if there is room on teams after our registration due date.

Income Tax Deduction and Credit for Education Related Expenses The MN deduction allows parents to subtract from their taxable income up to 2500 for qualifying expenses on behalf of each child in grades seven to 12 and up to 1,625 for each child in grades kindergarten to six. The list of qualifying expenses includes Community Education classes, tutoring and academic summer school and camps.

Community Ed Meetings

Join the advisory board!!! It is low commitment, only four or five meetings a year. Make suggestions for new and current programs.

All are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the HS Cardinal Media Center.

- Next Meeting: Wed, March 11 at 5pm

Advisory Council Vern Capelle, Superintendent; Kathy Blonigen, Chairperson /Community Member; Denise Cheney, Staff /Community Member; Dan Cheney, CE Coordinator; Elizabeth Gunderson, Community Member; Jonathan Leither, Assistant AD/Youth Rec. Coordinator; Karin Nelson, School Board Member; Wendy Rene, Community Member; Stephen Roerick, School Board Member; Jessica Wenker, Community Member; Jennifer Servatius, Community Member

Great River Regional Library - Upsala



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Mon: 10:00-3:00

Tues: 3:00-6:00

Wed: 2:00-8:00

Thu: Closed

Fri: 2:00-8:00

Sat: 10:00-1:00

WINTER READING PROGRAM CELEBRATION

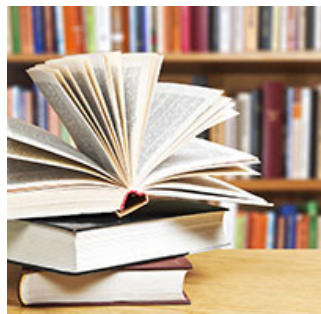
Stop in for hot cocoa and a treat. Share with others what you have recently read and liked.

Hear about what others have been reading as well.

Celebration will occur February 28 & 29 during open hours.



BETWEEN THE COVERS BOOK CLUB



Wish you had someone to talk about your book? Join "Between The Covers" book club for adults the fourth Monday of each month.

Refreshments are sometimes provided. Stop in for a copy of the book in print or on compact disc/sound cassette/ebook (when available) ahead of the date.

MEET MINNESOTA AUTHOR MARCIE STOKMAN

Marcie Stokman knows the obstacles of women running on empty. More than ever women today yearn for deep connections and a sense of meaning. Marcie will share how a desire to read great literature and make meaningful connections became the catalyst for the Well-Read Mom (WRM) international book club and movement.

Books will be available for purchase. For adults. March 11, 6:30-7:30pm.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Join the group that makes the library GO! Help us raise funds and awareness of library programs. Friends meets the fourth Monday of each month. Perks include meeting authors behind the scenes and hosting great craft classes!

Monday, Feb. 24, Mar 23, & Apr 27
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY GAME NIGHT

Beat winter boredom at the library. Play some well-known games or learn to play some new ones. Games provided. For families with school aged children. Friday, Feb 13 6:30-7:30pm.



CRAZY8 MATH

Crazy 8s offers unique, high-energy math activities that appeal to kids of all math abilities. The group meets after school for 8 weeks starting March 24 For ages 8 through 10.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!



**Upsala Elementary is in need of a new playground!
Our current one only has 1 more year of life left.**

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

PLEASE HELP and make your donations TODAY!

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

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

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Colleen Harren, Business Mgr.

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