



Cardinal Country Highlights

Upsala Area Schools District #487

Every Student ... Every Day

SUMMER 2020



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A SCHOOL YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

It came virtually out of nowhere and disrupted life across the country and around the world.



Here in Upsala, school was cancelled starting on March 17 and extra-curriculars were suspended.

Traditional school was ultimately cancelled and distance learning was implemented for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.



Activities like spring sports and prom were cancelled and who knows what school will look like come next fall.

Some special visits resulted in some special moments.

The school year concluded with a parking lot graduation ceremony, and the seniors were honored in several ways, including banners down Main Street.

We here at Upsala Area Schools appreciate how staff, students, parents and everyone involved stepped up to make the best of a bad situation. We hope to actually SEE our students on a regular basis come next fall!

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A School Year We Will Never Forget

Over the course of my career here in Upsala, each school year has started and ended in similar fashion. Each year has had its unique characteristics, but there has always been a consistency and natural rhythm to the school year... until this year.

The 2019-2020 school year, without a doubt, will be remembered for how it ended.

After beginning the year with the same excitement as every previous year, anticipating the year would progress in a 'normal' fashion, we suddenly were challenged to continue the school year in a 'distance learning model'. The challenges that we faced as we developed our model were new to all of us.

Developing plans to maintain the continuity of learning, deliver resources, provide meals and child care while dealing with the issues related to access and equity were challenges that none of us would have ever considered last September.

Thankfully, our students, staff, and families accepted these challenges with a positive mindset that allowed us to develop solutions to meet the various needs of our school community. I am extremely grateful for everyone involved in developing and implementing our distance learning plan and I am proud of what we accomplished.

I am also proud of how our students have responded during this time of crisis, especially our senior class. The school closure forced the cancellation of many traditional milestones that our students would experience during the final months of school.

For seniors, these included events (Prom, spring sports activities, spring concerts and the musical, etc) that they will most likely never get to experience again. Even the alteration of our traditional commencement ceremony will create a new experience for the Class of 2020 that no other graduating class has experienced.

Through all of this, our students have responded with the attributes that have allowed them to persevere through these disappointments. I appreciate each and every one of them and wish them all the best.

Looking forward, we cannot predict what fall will bring, however, whatever challenges we may still face as a

result of the COVID-19 pandemic, rest assured that we will be prepared to the best of our ability to meet the needs of our students and families.

We will be spending a lot of planning time over the summer developing models for a variety of scenarios. While we continue to hope that we will start the 2020-21 school year in a traditional manner, we will be considerate of alternative models in the event we begin with a non-traditional school start-up.

Vern Capelle
Superintendent

Every Student...



... Every Day!



Student registration next year will be 100% online and will begin in mid-July.

Call or email the office for login information at that time.



Greetings!

What a crazy two and a half months it has been! I never thought that I would see a time where the school would be empty and students would be forced to learn from home.

I want to start by saying thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and guardians out there

for your time and efforts in making distance learning the best it could possibly be. I know as a parent myself that it was not easy. I had the opportunity to speak with some of you over the past couple months. It was great to hear all the positive and encouraging messages. I appreciated the feedback as well on what we can do better.

It amazes me how great of a job our staff has done through this. Having only a short time to completely redo how they do their jobs is quite an accomplishment. Teachers, paras, lunch room staff, and bus drivers have stepped up and gone the extra mile to make this the best experience possible.

The students in this district never cease to amaze me. They were the ones impacted the most by all of this. Seeing them lose out on the opportunities they deserve was difficult. They missed out on field trips, activities, prom, spring musical, and all other events that they so look forward to every year. The biggest thing lost in all of this was simply the day to day interaction with their peers. In speaking to many of our students this is what they missed the most. Many even spoke about how much they miss their teachers, even though they might not admit it. I know the staff missed all of you!

Lastly to all 31 members of the Class of 2020, I want to say a special thank you to all of you!! You were the ones that missed out on the most! To have your last quarter of your senior year be taken away is something that I cannot even find the words for. Missing out on senior prom, senior activities, class trip, state knowledge bowl, and just plainly not being in school have greatly impacted all of you. Yet through all of this you have remained strong! I have been impressed with this group from the time I came to Upsala when they were 8th graders. They have set a great example for future classes to follow. Thank you Class of 2020 for all you have done for our school and community!! Good luck in all your future endeavors!

I want to take a moment to recognize Jim Drill. As many of you may already know, Mr. Drill is going to retire at the conclusion of the school year. He has been a teacher and coach in this district for 34 years. His impact goes beyond the subjects he taught. Mr Drill taught students about the importance of integrity and how to always do the right thing! Thank you Mr. Drill for all you have done for the students at Upsala Area Schools! You will be missed by everyone! Please save some fish for the rest of us, I know you will be spending many more hours on the lake!

Looking ahead to 20-21, some key dates to keep in mind. Open House will be on September 2nd from 4-8pm. 7th Grade and New Student orientation will be held at 6pm that night in the auditorium.

As always, any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Stay healthy!

Take care,

Nick Klug

K-12 Dean of Students

2020 Sourcewell Educators of Excellence

2020 Sourcewell Students of Character



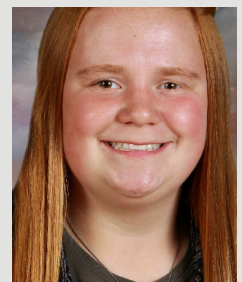
Jim Drill



Amber Mayers



Tony Boeckermann



Alice Hebig

February Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Ben Ripplinger

Ms. Wolbeck
William Barthel

Ms. Bengston
Gage Hoehle

Ms. Fuchs
Micah Hollenbeck

Ms. Eichers
Cassidy Ressemann

Mr. Van Sloten
Ori Prokott

Mr. Riitters
Haydn Goff

Mr. Drill
Ethan Ashbrook

Ms. Klosowski
Hannah Heesen

Music
Victoria Wiechmann

Phy Ed
Aiden Voller
Logan Ley

Art
Ellie MacArthur

Library
Riley Hoehle

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Shanna Dobmeier

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Isaiah Wardlaw
Math: Madalin Koetter
Social Studies: Emma Kremers
Science: Gracie George
PE: Anthony Boeckermann
Health: Emma Scepaniak
Ag/Voc Ed: Alice Hebig
Technology: Dillon Press
Art: Peyton Guthrie
Music: Audrey Thomas
FACS: Nathan Graves
World Language: Karlee Warga
AVID: Jean Marstein



BOYS BASKETBALL
Levi Lampert

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Lois Wardlaw

Subject Students of the Month

English: McKenna Graves
Math: Brandon Mugg
Social Studies: Yesenia Payne
Science: Jacob Gunderson
PE: Hailie Luedtke
Health: Brayden Mack
Ag/Voc Ed: Eric Landowski
Art: Dominic Eggert
Music: Evie Aleckson



GIRLS BASKETBALL
Amber Biniek



WRESTLING
Austin Wensmann

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Izabella Bixby

Ms. Wolbeck
Zakkery Loscheider

Ms. Bengston
Leah Fruechte

Ms. Fuchs
Aleighia Vetsch

Ms. Eichers
Levi Wenderski

Mr. Van Sloten
Erica Johnson

Mr. Riitters
Danny Gunderson

Mr. Drill
Alexa Pilarski

Ms. Klosowski
Noah Zinniel

Music
Riley Klasen

Phy Ed
Olivia Klasen
Delilah Brinkman

Art
Courtney Roske

Library
Joshua Wardlaw

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Audrey Thomas

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Gracie George
Social Studies: Natalie Wensmann
Science: Emily Blonigen
PE: Gage Loudon
Health: Ty Poppenhagen
Ag/Voc Ed: Ethan Moon
Technology: Tony Boeckermann
Art: Nyah Walker
Music: Isaiah Wardlaw
World Language: Tanisha Dingmann
FACS: Tony Boeckermann
AVID: Paige Gerads

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Brayden Mack

Subject Students of the Month

English: Madison Tschida
Math: Eric Landowski
Social Studies: Isabel Ripplinger
Science: Alyssa Young
PE: Yesenia Payne
Health: Jack Primus
Ag/Voc Ed: Beau Ripplinger
Art: Keyona Carlson
Music: Samantha Pilarski

A photograph showing an office interior through a large window. The office has desks, computers, and a person working. There are plants and a television in the background.

NEW OFFICE HOURS
May 1 to Jun 12 -- 6:30am - 3:00pm
Jun 16 to Aug 10 -- 7am - 1pm (Tue-Thu)

April Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Blake Willing

Ms. Wolbeck
Brayden Harren

Ms. Bengston
Wyatt Klasen

Ms. Fuchs
Connor Steinhofer

Ms. Eichers
Lilli Leither

Mr. Van Sloten
Nick Warner

Mr. Riitters
Skyler Landowski

Mr. Drill
Carson Primus

Ms. Klosowski
Desiree Kuhl

Music
Emily Ripplinger

Phy Ed
Brenden Mack
Owen Klug

Art
Meeli Krueger

Library
Genevieve Mrozek
Abby Carlson
Colton Bladow
Lucy Aleckson

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Natalie Wensmann

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Savannah Stumpf
Math: Bennet Pundsack
Social Studies: Michael Lange
Science: Andrew Aleckson
PE: Amber Biniek
Health: Braedan Rene
Ag/Voc Ed: Anthony Nienaber
Technology: Paige Gerads
Art: Noelle Allord
Music: Rachel Ainali
World Lang: Kylie Roerick
FACS: Dylan Yurczyk
AVID: Jacob Roerick

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Monica Nienaber

Subject Students of the Month

English: Mason Eischens
Math: Dominic Eggert
Social Studies: Brooke Opatz
Science: Jacob Gunderson
PE: Madison Tschida
Health: Eric Landowski
Ag/Voc Ed: Beau Ripplinger
Art: Isabel Ripplinger
Music: Lilieana Daniel



WE WILL **COME BACK**
STRONGER
#WeWillComeBackStrongerMN



**Upsala
Area
Schools**

Jim Drill has been a fixture of the Upsala Elementary Staff for many years, and this year will be his last with us as he retires from teaching and moves on to the next chapter of his life.

TEACHING CAREER

Mr. Drill has taught for 34 years and coached for 36 years in Upsala. He arrived in Mid- August of 1986 to begin as the Head Football coach at Upsala.

Upsala is the only school where he has ever taught. He coached Freshman Football at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud the two prior years before coming to Upsala.



FAVORITE MEMORIES

When asked about his favorite memories about teaching at Upsala, Mr. Drill said, “My most favorite memories of my teaching career are when I have developed enough trust and respect from my students and athletes to become transparent with me about their personal struggles in their lives. Making and keeping that connection of support is priceless to me. Each life is so tender and moldable. It was such a joy to just be there for them.”

WHAT’S NEXT?

His future plans are to continue to do what he currently does, but have a little more time to do it! He will continue to lead worship at Brighter Days Church and preach a little when needed. He might even take some theology classes towards becoming a Pastor. He also wants to do construction work with Darrel Peterson and learn from him how to build things.

Traveling more with his wife is definitely on the list, but that may need to wait until she retires in two years. Two granddaughters also have his attention these days, and both are within an hour’s drive. And a little more muskie fishing couldn’t be all that bad either.

ANY ADVICE?

His advice to anyone is that we are put on earth to serve and not be served. “Consider everyone else’s needs before your own wants, and you will be the most blessed person around.”

Upsala Area Schools has been blessed to have Mr. Jim Drill on staff for as long as we did, and we wish him the best in everything his future holds!

Class Of 2020

CLASS COLOR:

Pink

CLASS FLOWER:

Tiger Lily

CLASS SONG:

“Remember When” by Alan Jackson

CLASS QUOTE:

“Chase your dreams, but always know the road that will lead you home again.” - Tim McGraw



KENNEDY ALLEN
Mike & Amanda Allen



AMBER BINIEK
Chuck & Sheila Biniek



ADAM BLONIGEN
Patrick & Kristine Blonigen



SHANNA CAMPBELL
Rex & Nancy Campbell



MATTHEW ELLISON
Adam & Mindy Boelter
John & Tina Butkowski Masingale



SHAYLA GANZ
Dean & Sonya Ganz



NATHAN GRAVES
Jeremy & Elisha Graves



PEYTON GUTHRIE
Ronald & Annette Guthrie



ALISON HARREN
Mike & Kim Harren



SHANNON JOHNSON
Vance & Jessica Tschida Johnson



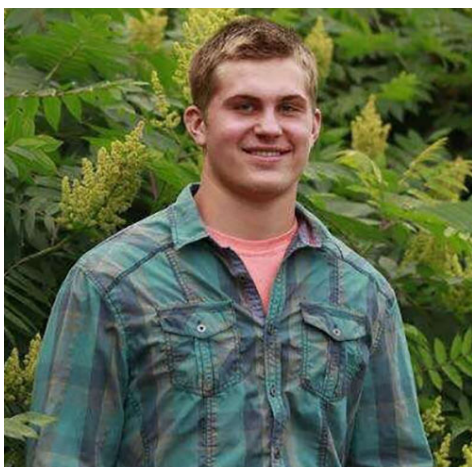
RAYMOND KOKETT
John & Lori Kokett



TOSHA KUHLMANN
Jessica Browen



LAURA LANGE
Darren & Tamara Lange



MICHAEL LANGE
Duke & Jayne Lange



ETHAN LARUE
Lois LaRue



CONSTANCA LOBO
Rui & Aida Lobo



TIFFANY LOSCHEIDER
Matthew & Laurie Loscheider



GAGE LOUDEN
Brett & Tanda Louden



CARVER MCDERMOND
Brad & Brenda McDermond



TABITHA OLIVER
Sheli Oliver



HALEY OPATZ
Jayme & Cindy Opatz



HARLEY PANEK
Jim Panek



DYLON PRESS
Marlene Vornbrock



DEVIN PROKOTT
Brent & Sandra Prokott



COLLIN PROM
DJ & JoAnne Prom



MATTHEW RESSEMANN
Walter & Nancy Ressemann



ABIGAIL RIPPLINGER
Myron & Kristy Ripplinger



ALEX ROERICK
Gerald & Julie Roerick



BRANDON ROHDE
Sharon Rohde



ANGEL VAZQUEZ
Yovanni & Angelica Vazquez



ISAIAH WARDLAW
Terry & Sara Wardlaw



This is a tough one to write, because distance learning has been a challenge when you have three shop classes and a greenhouse class in one semester, plus other classes. It's been a challenge to teach some manner of woods and welding through the internet, and it certainly isn't anything like having students learning hands on in the shop! We have done the best we could on short notice and there still are some blessings, and students and I have learned lots together.

We have several seniors who have earned Bridges Career Academy Certificates this year again. This means they have completed a series of classes in a concentrated area and have met requirement levels of skills and grades in those areas. The students are:

Nathan Graves (Ag Carpentry/Woodworking), Ray Kokett (Ag Carpentry/Woodworking and Welding), Michael Lange (Ag Carpentry/Woodworking and Welding), Ethan La Rue (Ag Carpentry/Woodworking), Carver McDermond (Ag Carpentry/Woodworking and Welding), and Brandon Rhode (Ag Carpentry/Woodworking). These certificates are awarded from the Central Lakes College Bridges program. Congratulations!

Our greenhouse program still managed to have a plant sale this spring, and response from our community has been outstanding! Thanks are due to many staff who helped to make this possible. It was so enjoyable to work with staff in a context that is far different than our normal staff meetings, and get to know them better. We also had some alumni help with volunteering to staff our sales, so it was a great group effort.

Unfortunately we were not able to compete with our teams at the FFA State Convention and other spring contests which were cancelled. A fortunate thing is that nearly all of the students will still have the chance to compete in FFA events next year if things get back to some degree of normal. FFA members that had qualified for state:

General Livestock team: Bryce Westrich, Tabitha Oliver, Hannah Luedtke, Paige Gerads and Dillon Krebs as an alternate.

Dairy Evaluation: Alice Hebig, Jacob Roerick, Michael Blonigen

Poultry: Ray Kokett and Myra Arvig qualified as individuals to go to state, placing 9th and 10th respectively at regions.

We had teams compete in a record number of different career development events this year, the most in the past 20 years! Our chapter had also competed in Horse Evaluation, Fish and Wildlife, Small Animal/Veterinary Science, Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Farm Bureau Discussion Meet, and we were preparing teams in Ag Mechanics and Nursery Landscaping before things were closed down. This is outstanding, and shows the drive our FFA members have in our chapter. Our chapter

leaders worked very hard to put on an incredible FFA Week Ag Olympics day in February, engaging the whole student body in a variety of activities. They conducted Ag Literacy and science lessons with elementary students as well. There are some wonderful emerging leaders in our chapter, good things will keep coming!

Grants our FFA chapter received last spring were used to purchase new chromebook laptops and a storage cart for our classroom. Students are taking good care of these laptops and the FFA logo is on each one in the form of a sticker.

The grant from America's Farmers Grow Leaders fund has been used to purchase the waterjet piece of equipment, alumni members were able to see it in action on the Food Science CDE day. It is beginning to be used by students, primarily by the engineering class, but this is expected to spread out to being used by other students as well.

A federal Perkins fund grant was applied for by Mrs. Schleper in May, of last year, for a new laser engraver machine for the shop, cost of about \$17,000. Grant obtained, laser engraver is here and has used several hours each day, especially by woodshop students.

Central Minnesota builders associated grant was also applied for, obtained for the amount of \$950. New tools for the wood shop just arrived, as sanders, routers and other hand power tools were badly in need of replacing. Spring semester saw nearly 40 students working in the wood shop every day in multiple classes, so tools get tons of use!

Another Perkins federal reallocation grant was applied for in September, obtained for \$1,000 for tools for the welding shop, new wrench sets, metal working hammers, clamps etc are here and being used. Writing grants is detailed and time consuming, but worth it in the end!

Finally, I am moved to tears immediately as I begin to write about the journals students have turned in for our Advanced woods and Intro to Ag Science classes. We have some very fine young people out there who have shared pictures and journaled hours of work time working very hard to till, rock pick, plant, milk, feed, bed, repair, weld, fabricate and design, shingle, carpet, build, mow, landscape, and care for animals; doing essential work every single day, from 3:30 am to midnight. I can't express the pride and respect I have for these students, learning important skills and earning calloused hands, sending in pictures and descriptions every week, building unique relationships through these assignments. They still took time to let me know they looked up at geese flying, smelled the awakening of the earth in spring, and took time to listen to birdsong while hard at work. The future is bright in these kids' hands.

Miss you all!

Band Notes

Congratulations and thank you to the following seniors for sharing their musical talents and leadership in the Upsala High School Band. They have shown excellence, contribution, and leadership and will receive a certificate for their extremely hard work over the last 8 years. Shanna Campbell, Ethan LaRue, Devin Prokott, Collin Prom, Abby Ripplinger, Alex Roerick, Isaiah Wardlaw

John Philip Sousa Band Award. This is the top award a band student can receive and is only allowed to one senior per school. It recognizes superior musicianship, dependability, loyalty, and cooperation. Collin's leadership in the trombone section and our band will be sorely missed.

Congratulations to Collin Prom for being awarded the

Top 5 Honor Students

The top 5 honor graduates for 2020 at Upsala High School are:

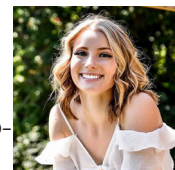
AMBER BINIEK

Amber Biniek of Bowlus, is the daughter of Charles and Sheila Biniek. During high school, she has participated in Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Softball, Concert Band, Pep Band, National Honor Society, Student Council Secretary, Senior Class Representative, and the M&M Student Mentoring Program. Biniek intends to attend the University of Minnesota-Duluth and obtain her degree in Optometry. Amber has received the honor of Class of 2020 Valedictorian. She graduates with a 4.00.



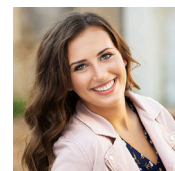
PEYTON GUTHRIE

Peyton Guthrie of Swanville, is the daughter of Ronald and Annette Guthrie. During high school, she has participated in Varsity Track and Field, Senior Class Vice President, Knowledge Bowl -1 st place in Prairie Conference and 11 th in MN State competition. Concert Choir, and Drama Club. Guthrie has a 4.00 gpa and plans to attend the Salon Professional Academy in North Dakota for a degree in Esthesiology. Peyton has received the honor of Class of 2020 Valedictorian.



LAURA LANGE

Laura Lange of Burtrum is the daughter of Darren and Tamara Lange. During her high school career, she has been involved in Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Softball, National Honor Society Treasurer, Student Council, M&M Student Mentoring Program, Concert Band, Jazz and Pep Band, Student Council Vice President, and earned the ExCEL Award. She plans to attend North Dakota State University majoring in Business Administration and Retail Merchandising. She has a 4.00 gpa. Laura has received the honor of Class of 2020 Valedictorian.



COLLIN PROM

Collin Prom of Swanville is the son of DJ and JoAnne Prom. During his high school career, he has been involved in Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track & Field, M&M Student Mentoring Program, National Honor Society, Student Council, Drama, Knowledge Bowl -1 st place in Prairie Conference and 11 th in MN State competition, Concert Band, Concert Choir Drama Club, Jazz and Pep Band, Collin has received the ExCEL Award and participated in Boy's State. Prom has been admitted to the University of Mary for a degree in Physical Therapy. He has a 4.00 gpa. Collin has received the honor of Class of 2020 Valedictorian.



ISAIAH WARDLAW

Isaiah Wardlaw of Holdingford, is the son of Terry & Sara Wardlaw. During his high school career, he has been involved in FIRST Robotics Team 4480, Upsala Concert Band, Jazz & Pep Band, Knowledge Bowl - 1 st place in Prairie Conference and 11 th in MN State competition, Trap Shooting, M&M Mentoring Program, National Honor Society, and Student Government. Isaiah has received the honor of Class of 2020 Salutatorian. He has a 3.947 gpa. If accepted from the waitlist, he will attend Harvard University. Otherwise, he will attend the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities for a degree in Computer Science.





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 S/Up
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 a cancellation policy is 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:

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Quantity: 1
05/04/2019 - 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](#)

Drivers Training



The Drivers training classroom sessions in June will be held via Zoom. Behind the wheel is included in the price, but will not be able to be scheduled until the school is given permission to do so. The blue card does NOT expire.

The dates are June 8-12 & 15-19, but may be changed if they pair us with another school.

Price is \$380 and you can register online.

Eureka Engineering



Eureka introduces students to the core skills of robotics and other STEM areas through engaging, hands-on learning opportunities.

The camp costs \$99 and will be held June 29-July 1. If social distancing restrictions are still in effect we will switch to a "virtual" camp.

For more information and to register visit the community education website.

Great River Regional Library - Upsala



117 Main St. Upsala, MN 56384 - Phone: 320-573-4282 - <https://griver.org>

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



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!

GRRL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover

June and July, for ages 0-18

Signup at your local library! Have fun reading and win cool prizes!

Use Beanstack to log your reading or to log activities griver.beanstack.org OR Beanstack Tracker app



Join in the way that works for you!

There is an early literacy program for ages 0-3 where kids and adults do fun activities together.

There is independent reading for ages 4-18.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Use Beanstack to log your reading or to log activities at griver.beanstack.org OR use the Beanstack tracker app.

Prizes will be awarded later this summer.

STUDENTS:

There's no "official" AR Summer Reading Program through the school this summer, but keep on reading over the summer and taking AR tests on your own!



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July 2020						
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August 2020						
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Aug 3-6, 10-13 Kindergarten Readiness
 Aug 31, Sep 1-2 Teacher Workshop
 Sep 2 K-12 Open House • 4:00 to 8:00 pm
 Sep 7 Labor Day • No School
 Sep 8 Classes Begin for K-12 Students
 Oct 9 Early Release • Staff PD
 Oct 15-16 No School • Fall Break
 Nov 6 End of Quarter 1
 Nov 9 No School • Trade Day
 Nov 10 Start of Quarter 2
 Nov 12 & 16 K-12 Parent Conferences • 3:30-7:30 pm
 Nov 25 Early Release • Trade Day
 Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving Break
 Dec 23 Early Release • Staff PD
 Dec 24 - Jan 3 Holiday Break
 Jan 4 K-12 Classes Resume
 Jan 15 End Semester 1/Quarter 2
 Jan 18 In-Service • No School for Students
 Jan 19 Start of Spring Semester/Quarter 3
 Feb 12 In-Service • No School for Students
 Feb 15 Presidents Day • No School
 Mar 19 End of Quarter 3
 Mar 22 No School • Mid-Semester Break
 Mar 23 Start of Quarter 4
 Mar 25 & 29 K-12 Parent Conferences • 3:30-7:30 pm
 Apr 1 No School • Trade Day
 Apr 2, 5-6 No School • Spring Break
 May 29 Commencement • 1:30 pm
 May 31 Memorial Day • No School
 Jun 3 Last Student Day • Early Release
 Jun 4 Teacher Workshop

Student Days (S) = 172						Teacher Days (T) = 180					
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Quarters/Semesters
 Quarter 1: September 8 - November 6 42 Days
 Quarter 2: November 10 - January 15 40 Days
 Quarter 3: January 19 - March 19 42 Days
 Quarter 4: March 23 - June 3 48 Days
 Fall Semester = 82 Days
 Spring Semester = 90 Days

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Summer Kdg Readiness
 No School for Students/Staff
 Start/End of Quarter/Semester

Teacher Workshop/In-Service
 Early Release - Students dismissed at Noon
 K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Commencement

2020-21 Weather Make Up Days
 First Day - No Make Up
 Second Day - January 18, 2021
 Third Day - February 12, 2021
 Fourth Day - February 15, 2021
 Fifth Day - March 22, 2021

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 Administration:
 Vern Capelle, Superintendent
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 Mark Herbes, Athletic Director
 Colleen Harren, Business Mgr.
 Dean Peterson
 Karin Nelson
 Ryan Thomas
 Trevor Soltis
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