



Cardinal Country Highlights

Upsala Area Schools District #487

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CREATING MEMORIES

Upsala First Grade Creates Time Capsule



Thoughts of Spring

A little over 3 weeks ago, Punxsutawney Phil predicted another 6 weeks of winter after seeing his shadow. I'm typically not one to adhere to superstitions, however, after the last couple of weeks of snowfalls and arctic temps I may be becoming a believer. Regardless of the weather conditions, our late winter and spring programs and

activities remain the same. Here are a few things I'd like to update you about.

Congratulations to the Section 7A Champion Royalton/Upsala Wrestling Team

The wrestling team has once again won the section championship and will be competing in the State tournament. Details on the schedule and tickets can be found on the school website and social media pages. I'd like to congratulate the wrestlers on a fantastic season and wish them the best of luck in the State tournament.

First Grade Time Capsules - 2-22-22

On Tuesday, 2-22-22, we unfortunately were not in session to experience a unique occurrence of a date that represents a palindrome. To commemorate this date, our first grade classes led by Ms. Bengston and Ms. Sales, developed a project with the students to create a time capsule. What is unique about this? The first grade students are members of the class of 2033, which will see another palindrome date on 3-3-33, which also is the year these students will graduate from UAS. The students will open the time capsule on this date in 2033 and reflect on their experiences as first graders at UAS. Thanks to Ms. Bengston, Ms. Sales, and the families of the first grade students for their assistance in developing this unique project experience.

Playground Project

Over the past couple of years, our playground committee has worked tirelessly to develop the playground project and raise funds to purchase new playground equipment. With the wonderful support of the Upsala Lions Club and many local businesses and individuals who donated to the project, we are finally able to visualize the new playground. Our goal is to complete construction and installation over the summer and be ready to launch the opening at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. There is still much to accomplish, but it's very exciting to see the plans come together. The new playground will provide play-based learning experiences for all of our students and truly exemplifies our commitment to Every Student...Every Day.

Activities Director Position

At the end of this school year, current AD Mr. Mark Herbes will officially be retiring. Mr. Herbes has served the Upsala District for many years in the roles of teacher, coach, and AD. He has touched the lives of many generations of students and his contributions to UAS are immeasurable. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Herbes for his commitment to ensuring that our students received the best education and co-curricular experiences possible. His impact will last for many years to come.

I would also like to announce that we have hired Mr. Herbes' replacement as AD. Mr. Dylan Zimmerman will be joining our UAS team beginning July 1st. Mr. Zimmerman is a 2014 graduate of UAS and comes to us with a multitude of experiences in the administration of co-curricular activities and recreation programs ranging from youth recreation to collegiate level athletics. We are excited to add Mr. Zimmerman to our school community and I am confident that he will continue to lead our programs with excellence to provide well-rounded experiences and opportunities for the students of UAS.

Make-Up Weather Day

I am hopeful that Mother Nature will ease up a bit going into the Spring months and we will not have any future weather-related delays and/or closings. Due to the snow day on February 22nd, school will now be in session for students and staff on Monday, March 21st. This was previously scheduled as mid-semester break day, however, in accordance with the school calendar adopted by the UAS School Board, we will now be in session. Notifications and reminders will be sent out as we get closer to this date.

In addition, Spring activities will be starting soon and with this typically comes the potential for many scheduling changes due to weather-related postponements. We will notify you of schedule changes as we make them through our website, mobile app, and social media accounts.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to recognize our incredible staff here at UAS. They work extremely hard every day to ensure that we provide the best educational experience for our students. This year hasn't been easy, but their commitment to excellence allows our school to persevere and provide the best for our students. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Cardinal Pride!!

Vern Capelle
Superintendent



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. It has been a long winter and hopefully the cold and snow are behind us!

Notes:

Sourcewell also presents teachers in Region 5 with Educators of Excellence Awards. This year from Upsala, Sourcewell has recognized Desiree Bengston and Aaron Fisher as Educators of Excellence. Ms. Bengston is a First grade classroom teacher and Mr. Fisher is a 7-12 Social Studies Teacher. Along with their teaching duties, they both do a lot for the students beyond the classroom at Upsala Schools. Congratulations to both!

K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 24th and March 28th from 3:30-7:30. Conferences will be held in person and parents can choose to do them virtually as well. More details will be coming in the next few weeks.

Kindergarten Round Up will take place on March 3rd. Any student that will turn the age of five by September 1st, 2022 is eligible to attend kindergarten. If your child is not currently enrolled in preschool but you plan to attend kindergarten in Upsala, please contact Gina in the main office: 320-573-2175.

We have recently seen an increase in students misbehav-

ing on the school bus. Please speak with your child(ren) about the expected behaviors on the bus: stay in their seats, face the front, hands to themselves, appropriate language, inside voice, and respect others. Students who do not follow these expectations will be suspended from the bus and may be removed from the bus permanently. Hopefully we can work together to resolve these issues.

The district is happy to announce that we will be launching a new anonymous reporting system. It is called StopIt Solutions. Students and families can report issues to the school that they feel need to be reported. Issues like bullying, harassment, and if a student might be in danger. It is an app that students can download on their phones. It will also be used as a communication tool to let students know information like school delays, sports/activities cancellations, and other news. More information will be going out to families in the coming weeks.

Upsala Dollars for Scholars is currently looking for volunteers to become part of their organization. We want to ensure Upsala Dollars 4 Scholars can continue to help our students receive funds for their college education. If you are interested in becoming part of this group, please contact me.

As always, any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Have a great Spring!

Stay Healthy
Mr. Nick Klug
K-12 Principal

NEW ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR STARTING THIS SUMMER

Starting in July we will have a new Activities Director in Upsala. Dylan Zimmermann graduated from Upsala in 2014, and then attended The College of St. Scholastica where he played basketball, obtained a bachelor's degree in Business Management, and worked in the athletic department.

Dylan then earned his master's degree in Sports Management at the University of Minnesota. After that he worked with the MIAC Conference doing scheduling for all 13 colleges, working with officials, budgeting, and health and safety protocols. Welcome home Dylan!

December Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Charlie Wolbeck

Ms. Wolbeck
Luis Castro

Ms. Bengston
Alex Fuchs

Ms. Sales
Reese Schmidt

Ms. Fuchs
Abe Ainali

Ms. Duclos
Ethan Goebel

Mr. Van Sloten
Haylee Heesen

Ms. Marcyes
Natalia Castro

Mr. Riitters
Karsen McLaughlin

Ms. Thell
Emily Ripplinger

Ms. Justen
Owen Sobiech

Music
Natalee Hoffman

Phy Ed
Josie Roerick
Drew Benson
Izabella Johnson

Art
Alba Eggert

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Alyssa Young

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Bryce Binek

Math: Gracie George

Social Studies: Christen Fouquette

Science: Brandon Mugg

PE: Kaitlyn George

Health: Eric Landowski

Ag: Nicholas Kulla

Technology: Silas Arvig

Art: Alyssa Young

Music: Monica Nienaber

FCS: Karlee Warga

World Language: Paige Gerads

AVID: Dakotta Hartsock



Girls Basketball
Hannah Luedtke



FFA
Evie Aleckson

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Isaiah Sobiech

Subject Students of the Month

English: Holly Johnson

Math: Cal Leners

Social Studies: Abigail Carlson

Science: Carson Primus

PE: Hannah Heesen

Health: Landon Krebs

Ag: Victoria Wiechmann

Art: Caleb Guthrie

Music: Samuel Laliberte

Way To Go!

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Haylie Kerfeld

Ms. Wolbeck
Chloe Goebel

Ms. Bengston
Kaelyn Vetsch

Ms. Sales
Alexander Klasen

Ms. Fuchs
Izabella Bixby

Ms. Duclos
Emma Servatius

Mr. Van Sloten
Micah Hollenbeck

Ms. Marcyes
Emmett Warga

Mr. Riitters
Haley Roske

Ms. Thell
Owen Klug

Ms. Justen
Elyn Zinniel

Music
Ella Achmann

Phy Ed
Connor Steinhofer
Clayton Fuchs

Art
Joelle Vetsch

SR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Ryan Johnson

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Hunter Steuck
Math: Jack Primus
Social Studies: Peyton Soltis
Science: Evelynn Aleckson
PE: Dillon Krebs
Health: Kira Poppenhagen
Ag: Michael Blonigen
Technology: Carter Gudvangen
Art: Joseph Guthrie
Music: Tyler Smieja
FACS: Rachel Ainali
World Language: Alyssa Young
AVID: Isabel Ripplinger



Drama
Olivia Kleve



Girls Basketball
Brenna Graves



Boys Basketball
Noah Boeckermann

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Isabelle Klug

Subject Students of the Month

English: Genevieve Mrozek
Math: Abigail Victoria Wiechmann
Social Studies: Vance Benson
Science: Holly Johnson
PE: Jacob Brinkman
Health: Abby Carlson
Ag/Voc Ed: Brayden Leners
Art: Genevieve Mrozek
Music: Isaiah Sobiech

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February Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Joelle Vetsch

Ms. Wolbeck
Allie Foss

Ms. Bengston
Connor Hoffman

Ms. Sales
Reese Schmidt

Ms. Fuchs
Sidney Schulte

Ms. Duclos
Brayden Harren

Mr. Van Sloten
Abby Rakotz

Ms. Marcyes
Ruby Klug

Mr. Riitters
Cassidy Reesemann

Ms. Thell
Isabella Warga

Ms. Justen
Trygg Aleckson

Music
Hailey Roerick

Phy Ed
Brayden Kerfeld
Joelle Vetsch

Art
Kaden McLaughlin

SR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Hunter Steuck

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Natasha Crowe

Math: Dakota Soltis

Social Studies: Brenna Graves

Science: Bryce Binek

PE: Kaitlyn George

Health: Jack Primus

Ag/Voc Ed: Dustin Yurczyk

Technology: Olivia Kleve

Art: Joseph Guthrie

Music: Evelynn Aleckson

FACS: Savannah Stumpf

World Language: Silas Arvig

AVID: Eric Landowski

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Annalee Gerads

Subject Students of the Month

English: Isabelle Klug

Math: Landon Krebs

Social Studies: Genevieve Mrozek

Science: Holly Johnson

PE: Jack Peterson

Health: Annalee Gerads

Ag/Voc Ed: Olivia Klasen

Art: Riley Middendorf

Music: Quinn Guthrie



BOYS BASKETBALL

Luke Harren

WRESTLING

Bryce Binek

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Paige Gerads

FFA

Paige Gerads

DRAMA

Hannah Luedtke

ROBOTICS

Hunter Steuck

The Upsala chapter of the National Honor Society held their induction ceremony in January and four new members were added to the rolls.

The new members were:

- Rachel Ainali
- Claire Arvig
- Levi Lampert
- Tyson Leners



Triple A Winners

Kristine Biniak and Christian Ripplinger are this year's Triple A (Academics, Arts & Athletics) Award Representatives from Upsala Schools. Eligible students must be a senior, have a GPA of 3.0 or better, participate in at least one athletic program and one arts program and comply with the MSHSL Student Code of Conduct.



ExCEL Winners

Aliah Warga and Nicholas Kulla are this year's ExCEL Award representatives from Upsala. ExCEL stands for "Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership" and is a unique recognition program sponsored by the MSHSL. It is for high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who are model citizens.



Agriculture Class News

Our classes have been very busy this year! Our welding class has learned all of the fundamentals of the different welding processes and have been busy exploring the new technology pieces that we have: the new Arclight plasma table and the waterjet. These students have lots of ability and embrace the use of technology as well as being good welders!

Our woods class last semester made lots of beautiful projects and also completed a shed that the preschool will be using to store toys outside. This was a great experience, most of the students had not done any construction type of work, and we all learned a lot! This spring sees a continuing class of experienced woods students and a new class of intro to woods, (mostly sophomores) that did not get to make a woods project in eighth grade, because of covid. We will work hard to catch up on some basic woodworking skills and safety in using machines.



Eighth grade had a good introduction to the world of Agriculture and also all completed a wood project last fall, so we are caught up with those skills! We had a Freshman Intro to Ag Science class that learned forestry, animal science, and soil conservation. We capped off that class with getting those students into the wood shop also, which was very rewarding! They really appreciated that opportunity and many want to take woodworking classes again!

Ag Food Science last semester earned a chemistry credit learning how food ingredients react with each other to make tasty things happen in the kitchen, and applied that knowledge and learned new skills and techniques to pull that information all together.

Animal Science/Veterinary Technology is learning about animal diseases, processes and systems of the body, medical terminology and functions of organs so far. As the semester progresses we will be doing work with live animals to learn about examinations for health, how to give injections and treatments and animal handling and restraint. We have had discussions about animal welfare and animal rights nearly every day!

This spring our seventh grade class will be working hard in the greenhouse, doing our usual magic to make customer dreams come true with veggies, hanging baskets and beautiful ornamentals. Along the way we will learn lots of plant science basics, labs that teach plant care and design of arrangements. Students will be coached in customer service and sales, and learn how to ask questions as they consult with customers to meet expectations. Seed and plant supplies are super tight this year, but we have things pretty well in line to produce what we need. We usually open the first Saturday in May, stay tuned for more information on when spring sales start! Information is posted on the Upsala School Greenhouse Facebook page.



Our FFA chapter is in a bit of a rebuilding year, since during covid restrictions we were not able to compete in person for two years, and also were unable to attend many gatherings. So, not a lot of teams competing this year. Some young members did compete in Livestock Evaluation in September for the first time and definitely enjoyed it! Evie Aleckson, Sierra Bense, Keyona Carlson, Victoria Wiechman and Hailie Luedtke were on the team.

We did a great fruit sale in November/December with wonderful community support! Our chapter was the host for our Region FFA Horse Judging event in November, unfortunately this advisor was out with emergency surgery that day. Our wonderful FFA Alumni stepped in to help make that event a total success! Over 125 students and advisors attended that event which was held at Rocking R Farm near Foley.



We are getting our chapter members together with some fun activities! We had some students attend the FFA Fall Leadership Rally and took all of the Ag Classes (more than 50 students) to the FFA Winter Leadership rally in Brainerd in February.

In January, our chapter got together for a fun night of moonlight bowling, which was a great time! For National FFA Week in February, our chapter leaders worked extremely hard to plan and deliver fun and educational activities each day of FFA Week, capped off

on the last day with Ag Olympic games for the entire 7-12 classes. For the elementary students, FFA members did fun and informative activities with classes such as making butter, soil pudding cups, reading books to classes and held a scavenger hunt for the whole school!

As soon as FFA week wraps up we will be planning our petting zoo for this spring, which the community really loves!

We want to thank Tractor Supply of Little Falls with a kind donation of welding supplies, Central Minnesota Builders Association for a grant to purchase a new router and Kreg table for the wood shop, Sunrise Ag cooperative for a grant for our FFA chapter that we can use to defray the cost of FFA jackets and costs for events and leadership camps. We have had some real blessings. Also a shout out to Kremers construction for the timely repair of the greenhouse, we would not be able to do class this spring without your help! Many blessings we have had this year!



Knowledge Bowl

Nine students participated in senior high knowledge bowl for the 2022 season: Evie Aleckson, Kira Poppenhagen, Claire Arvig, Jake Gunderson, Joe Guthrie, Alyssa Young, Anders Aleckson, Silas Arvig, and Bennet Pundsack.

Upsala Team 1 (pictured) took 2nd place at the second Region 5 meet held on February 17 in Nisswa and 4th place at the Prairie Conference meet held in Osakis on February 16.

Both teams competed in the Region meet on February 28. This meet determines which Region 5 teams will advance to the State Meet held in April at Cragun's.



Florida Band Trip

The Upsala band will be traveling to Florida March 19-23 and spend time enjoying the sites and learning from Disney music professionals. We had some extra room, so we invited Swanville band members to join us!

Drama Club

ONE ACT PLAY

The Upsala Drama Club participated in the section 5A One Act Play festival at Albany High School on January 29. Six area school presented plays that could be no longer than 35 minutes.

Upsala presented "Us & Them" by David Camp-ton. The cast included Hunter Steuck, Olivia Kleve, Abby Carlson, Quinn Guthrie, Caleb Guthrie, Annalee Gerads and Nicholas Young. A couple cast members got sick and Evelynn and Lucylee Aleckson filled in at the last second and did a great job!



SPRING MUSICAL



This year's Spring Musical is Disney's "Camp Rock," based on the movies that came out in 2008 & 2010 starting Demi Lovato and the Jonas Brothers.

The roles include Hannah Luedtke as Mitchie, Braedan Rene as Shane, Micah Ripplinger as Nate, Jacob Gunderson as Jason, Evie Aleckson as Caitlyn, Hailie Luedtke as Tess, Paige Gerads as Ella, Jessi Lange as Peggy, Olivia Kleve as Rosie, Noah Boeckermann as Barron, Tyler Smieja as Sander, Eli Roerick as Andy, Hunter Steuck as Brown, Savannah Stumpf as Dana, Nicholas Metler as Luke and Anders Aleckson as Axel.

Rounding out the cast are campers Molly Leners, Isabelle Leners, Natalie Wensmann, McKenna Graves, Lilieana Daniel, Abby Carlson, Lucy Aleckson, Quinn Guthrie, Caleb Guthrie, Nicholas Young and Alic Tepley.

Ticket information will be announced at a later date. Performances will be Friday & Saturday, April 8-9. There will be no Sunday matinee this year. There may be a Saturday matinee added or a Thursday evening show. Stay tuned!

UPSTAGE PLAYERS

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

The Upsala First Graders put together a time capsule of items that represent themselves right now in 2022. They each were provided a gallon ziplock bag to fill with anything from toys to their favorite candy wrapper, as well as a note from a loved one.

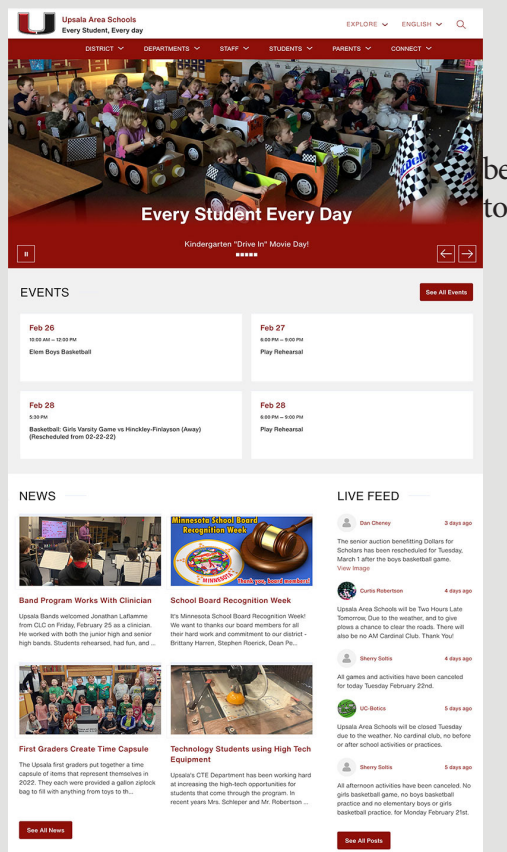
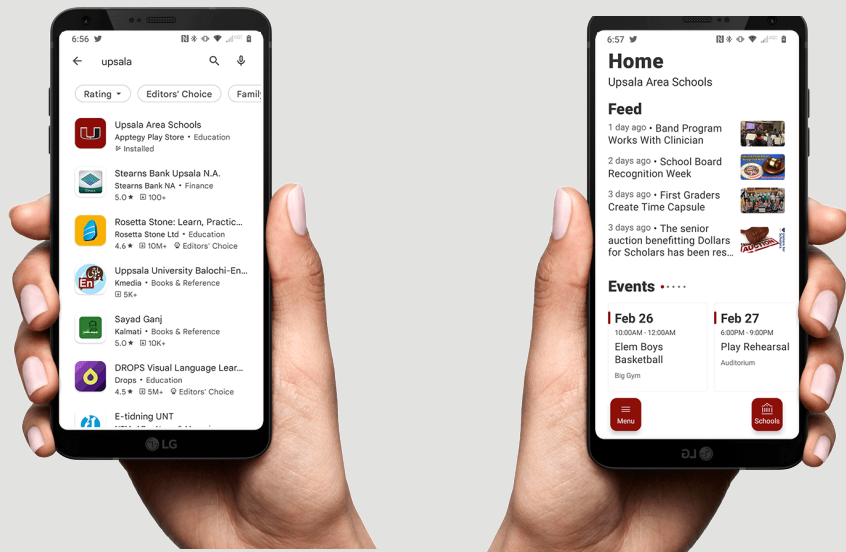
Each child also completed a packet that included facts about themselves, memorable events that happened in 2022, as well as a hand and footprint. These artifacts along with a photo, a newspaper and a few other items were sealed up and placed in the elementary library for all to see.

The time capsule is scheduled to be opened on March 3, 2033 (3/3/33) during their senior year. The students will open the capsule at that time and be able to reflect on their elementary years.



NEW WEBSITE & APP COMING!

We have been working on developing a brand new school website which should be ready to go live later in March. Along with the new site we will be launching an app for your phone to help provide even easier access to all the important school information you need!





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 in the statistics table



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The screenshots show the registration process for a class titled 'AR - Summer Reading'. The first screen displays class details: Class # 5U78 0548, Group: Comm Ed SUip, Date: 6/4/2019 - 8/1/2019, Days: Tu, We, Th, Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, and Location: Upsala Elementary Core Eckstrom Elementary Media Center. A red circle highlights a 'CLICK HERE to Register for this Class' link. The second screen asks 'Who are you registering?' with options for '(self)', '(other)', and 'A New Person'. The third screen shows a form for entering address, city, state, and zip, along with phone numbers. A red circle highlights the 'Add and Go To Shopping Cart' button. The fourth screen shows a 'Review & Submit' page with a 'BILLING' section and an 'ITEMS' section listing 'AR - SUMMER READING' for \$0.00. A red circle highlights the 'PLACE ORDER' button.

Craft Class



Becky Moe from the County Extension Office is offering a fun afternoon of crafting two different projects - a painting bee craft and a yarn bunny craft.

The class will be after school on April 11. The fee is \$10 to help cover the cost of materials.

Want To Teach A Class?



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

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

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

Self Defense Class



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

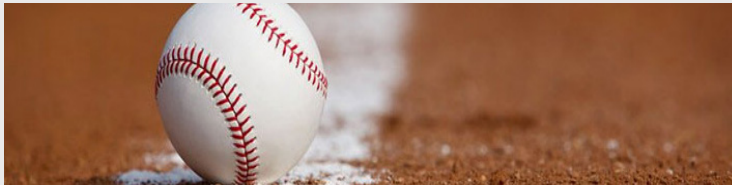
When: Tue, May 24 from 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Small Gym

Instructor: Adam Patterson

Cost: \$15 per person (max of 15 people)

Summer Ball Registration



Registration for Junior Victory League Baseball and JO Softball will begin very shortly. We need to know what our numbers are so we can register the appropriate number of teams with the leagues.

Upstage Junior



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

Cookie Decorating



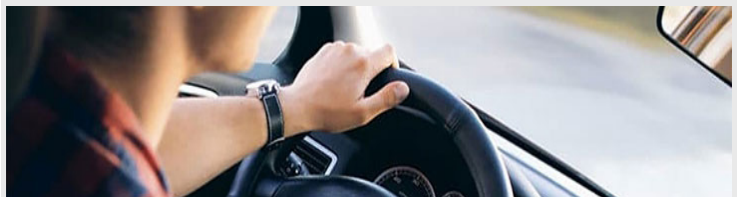
There is a spring cookie decorating class after school on March 29 for grades K-8. Decorate and bring home cookies to share with your family! Cost is \$20 which includes all supplies and ingredients. Instructor is Charlene Bzdok.

Ice Cream Making



Students in grades 3-8 are invited to stay after school on May 5 to make some homemade ice cream! We will have fun while also learning the science behind the fun. Cost is \$30 which includes all the supplies and ingredients. Instructor is Charlene Bzdok.

Drivers Training



The next Drivers Training course will be held July 11-15 & July 18-22, 2022. Classes will be in the morning from 9am-noon in the media center.

Students must be at least 14, but it is highly recommended they be as close to 15 as possible.

Registration and payment is now handled directly by Today's Driving School. There is information on our website, but you need to register on their website: <https://www.todaysdrivingschool.com/upsala.phtml>
Cost is \$450 for class & behind the wheel.

Playground Fundraiser

We are getting close, but we still need your help!

We currently have \$178,000 raised towards our \$200,000 goal.

March 24-April 19th students will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win \$500 or 1 of 8 themed baskets! Tickets will be \$5 each. See a student or the school office for your tickets.

A community build is planned for mid June and we will need your help! Please pencil it into your calendar.

Upsala Elementary School is in the process of fundraising for a new playground. This inclusive playground will serve Upsala Elementary students during the school day, along with members of our community and surrounding communities. The joy of "play" in a child's day is very important. Play improves brain functioning, develops social skills, boosts creativity, and relieves stress. We are seeking to raise \$200,000 to build an **inclusive** playground **THIS SUMMER** that will include fun for children of all ages and abilities.

Our current donations are \$178,000. We need your help to meet our goal and build this summer. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration and time. We hope for your support.

Please make donations payable to:

Upsala Elementary School

Send Donations to:

Upsala Elementary School

Attn: Playground Fund

415 South Main Street

Upsala, MN 56384



Business, Organization, or Individual Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Levels of Sponsorship:

- Cardinal (\$10,000)
- Platinum (\$5,000)
- Gold (\$1,000)
- Silver (\$250)
- Bronze (\$100)
- Other _____

All donations are tax deductible. Upsala Elementary School is a nonprofit organization.



Monday 10-4, Tuesday 2-6, Wednesday 2-8, Friday 2-8, Saturday 10-1

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Locally Growin' Begins March 1st

We are ready for spring! "Locally Growin'," the fundraising campaign at Great River Regional Library (GRRL), runs Tuesday, March 1st through Thursday, March 31st, 2022. Our Locally Growin' campaign keeps donations 100 percent within the branch library. The Upsala Public Library's goal is \$500 for nature and science programming for the summer. We plan to host the Raptor Center this summer and Mike Lynch's Star Watch program in late August.



Make a difference at your library by giving at the Upsala Public Library or by giving online at <https://griver.org/locally-growin>. Make sure to select Upsala as your branch.

Digital Library Update: it's all about Libby

If you use the Overdrive app to access digital library materials, you will need to switch to the Libby app by the end of the year. The Overdrive app has already been removed from all app stores and will no longer be supported. Get started here: <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>



Watch for more information!

We are busy scheduling programming for spring, summer and fall of this year. We are hoping to have additional authors and craft programs booked soon for spring.

If there is an author, craft program or event you would like to see email marisag@grrl.lib.mn.us with your ideas or recommendations.

We are bringing back Tech Time starting this March. The library system has made a huge investment in additional digital resources in the past few years and we would love to help you learn more about or how to access them from your device.

Programming

Brick Builders

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

Wednesdays, Mar. 16 & Apr. 13 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Online Storytimes

Join Miss Jennifer for online storytimes from the comfort of your home! We will read a story, make a craft, sing a song and dance/move, and learn about the letter of the month.

Our storytimes teach listening comprehension, letter recognition, and vocabulary. Enjoy time with your child while building a foundation for reading success! Sign up online and pick up your storytime kit from the library.



Zoom information provided in the packet. For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Registration required.

Spring Storytime Thursday, March 10, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Earth Day Storytime Thursday, Apr. 21, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Between the Covers Book Club

Join "Between the Covers" book club for adults the fourth Monday of every month. Refreshments are sometimes provided. Stop in for a copy of the book in print or audiobook (when available) ahead of time.

Mondays, Mar. 28 & Apr. 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Friends of the Upsala Public Library

Join the group that makes the library GO! Help us raise funds and awareness of library programs. Friends meet the fourth Monday of the month.

Mondays, Mar. 28 & Apr. 25 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tech Time

Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website or use ebooks but aren't sure how to?

Tech help will be on the first Wednesday of the Month from 3 to 4 p.m. or other dates/times by pre-arrangement. Registration is required.

Wednesdays, *March 9 & April 6 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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BASEBALL

- 3/31 vs Bertha-Hewittl
- 4/5 @Breckenridge
- 4/7 @ Pequot Lakes
- 4/11 vs Ogilvie
- 4/12 vs St Johns Prep
- 4/14 vs Osakis
- 4/21 vs Border West
- 4/22 vs Browerville @ MAC
- 4/26 vs LPGE
- 4/28 @ Crosby-Ironton
- 4/29 @ St John's Prep
- 5/3 @ Osakis
- 5/5 vs Parkers Prairie
- 5/6 vs Benson
- 5/10 vs Browerville
- 5/17 @ LPGE
- 5/19 @ Brandon-Evansville
- 5/20 vs Royalton
- 5/24 vs Holdingford
- 5/26 vs BBE



**SPRING
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 SCHEDULES**

SOFTBALL

- 4/7 @ Osakis
- 4/8 vs Breckenridge
- 4/11 vs Milaca
- 4/14 vs Crosby-Ironton
- 4/18 vs Clinton-Graceville-B
- 4/19 vs Swanville
- 4/21 vs LPGE
- 4/25 vs Mille Lacs
- 4/26 vs Browerville
- 4/29 vs Osakis
- 5/3 @ Brandon-Evansville
- 5/5 @ Swanville
- 5/6 @ LPGE
- 5/10 @ Browerville
- 5/13 vs Bertha-Hewitt
- 5/14 vs Benson @ Swanville
- 5/14 vs Hinckley @ Swanville
- 5/17 @ Ashby
- 5/19 @ Kimball
- 5/20 @ BBE



Congratulations to the Royalton/Upsala state tournament wrestling team!

Wrestlers from Upsala Schools on the roster include Jeremy Mugg, Bryce Binek, Max Lange, Brandon Mugg, Jake Leners and Brayden Leners.

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