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SUMMER 2022



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CONGRATULATIONS





The 2021-2022 school began in September with a significant amount of uncertainty. After the pandemic disruptions of the 2020-2021 school year, we were uncertain what this school year was going to bring us. Would we need to transition away from our in-person learning plan? Would we be able to conduct our co-curricular activities as we had pre-

pandemic? I'm very happy to say that we have been able to operate normally this year with very little disruption due to the pandemic. We implemented our in-person learning plans with very little modification and we're able to have very successful co-curricular activity seasons. As we wrap up another school year here at UAS and begin preparing for summer break, here is some other news I'd like to share with you...

Congratulations UAS Class of 2022

On May 27th, we will celebrate the commencement of the Class of 2022. This class of students, similar to other recent graduating classes, has endured a lot of uncommon experiences in their educational journeys thus far, and will move on to new experiences and opportunities. As part of our mission here at UAS, we work hard to ensure that all of our graduates are prepared for the next stage of their journey, whatever path they choose to follow. I am confident that each of our graduates will find success and wish each of them the best.

Centennial Graduation Anniversary

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the first graduation class at Upsala Area Schools. The first graduation took place in 1923 and celebrated the commencement of five girls (Vivian Anderson Carlson, Gladys Lundeen Madson, Effie Jorgenson Olson, Alma Peterson Swanson, and Astrid Larson Adams). We will be making plans to celebrate this anniversary during next year's graduation celebration. Look for more information to come!

Facilities Planning

As we approach the summer break, we are busy planning for our summer maintenance projects for the UAS facilities. In addition to our routine cleaning and maintenance, we will be completing the installation of the new playground equipment, resurfacing a few classroom floors and planning for roof replacement/repair. We are

also facing a critical space shortage as we continue to grow and expand our operations and programming. Areas where we have space concerns include classrooms for our preschool programming, classroom and work space in our shop for agriculture and vocational education programs, spaces for student support services and administrative services. In addition, we are still planning for upgrades to the building's heating and HVAC system and replacement of additional roofs in addition to finding solutions for a shortage of storage space. We have a significant number of deferred maintenance and facility space needs that will need to be addressed in the near future.

2022 Legislative Update

At the time of this writing, the 2022 legislative session has concluded with very little change to E-12 education funding and/or policy. The session produced an agreement on a 4-4-4 billion dollar deal on tax cuts, supplemental spending, a bonding bill and the State's reserve. In short, the bill calls for \$4 billion in tax cuts, \$4 billion in supplemental spending, and \$4 billion in reserve, with approximately 1.6 billion bonding projects. In the tax bill, education will see significant improvement in the Local Optional Revenue program equalization and the increase in the Ag2School bond credit from 70% to 85%. If passed, this will provide tax relief to district residents on school-related levies in the next fiscal year. While the supplemental spending bill was not determined at the time of this writing, the largest component of the supplemental spending bill focuses on reducing the special education cross-subsidy. Currently, the cross-subsidy of our district is approximately \$222,734 or \$571.54 per adjusted pupil unit. A financial boost in special education funding would reduce the cross-subsidy and enable our district to allocate the general fund cross-subsidy dollars to other expenditures. All indications are that the legislature is headed for a special session, so we will be actively advocating for additional education funding for UAS.

Thank You Mr. Herbes

In closing, I would like to acknowledge and say thank you to Mr. Mark Herbes for his many years of service and commitment to Upsala Area Schools. Mark will be retiring at the conclusion of this school year and his legacy in Upsala will have an impact for many years to come. Thank you Mr. Herbes! You're one of a kind and we'll miss you. Best wishes.

Go Cardinals!

Vern Capelle
Superintendent



Greeting UAS Families,

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. It has been a challenging, but rewarding year. I am extremely proud of our staff here at UAS and how they really stepped up to the plate and handled all the difficult tasks they were faced with!

Notes:

Mark Herbes has decided to retire at the conclusion of this school year. Mr. Herbes has served in many roles at UAS as a teacher, coach, and over the last eight years as the Activities Director. His time as AD saw many accomplishments that brought more opportunities to the students at UAS. During his time as AD, he was able to create partnerships in swimming and cross country with Holdingford and hockey with Prairie Center. Thank you Mr. Herbes for your 44 years of dedication to the students of Upsala Schools! Enjoy retirement!

Summer school will run again this summer during June. This is the second year we're able to offer a full summer school program to our students K-6. Summer school will run Tuesdays-Thursdays all through June.

We have had a lot to celebrate this spring! First off, the raffle for the playground raised over \$21,000! The goal has been met! Thanks to EVERYONE who supported the fundraising efforts over the past two years! Thanks to all the local businesses who contributed and the Upsala Lions Club for the matching grant. The Playground Committee did a fantastic job making the new playground a reality. Thank you to all of you who volunteered your time to make this all possible. The construction of the playground will start sometime in July.

This has been a great spring for all our spring activities! The USA Patriot track team has done well and are heading into subsections with many athletes coming off personal bests! The USA Patriot Baseball Team has had a great season! They are currently 14-1 and are gearing up for the playoffs. The Upsala Cardinal Softball team is currently 15-3 and won the Prairie Conference for the first time since 2013 and for the 2nd time in 34 years! Congrats to all the athletes and coaches on great regular seasons and good luck in the playoffs!

With the 2021-2022 school year in the rearview mirror, we are planning and looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year. Please stay tuned for the fall newsletter coming out in early August!

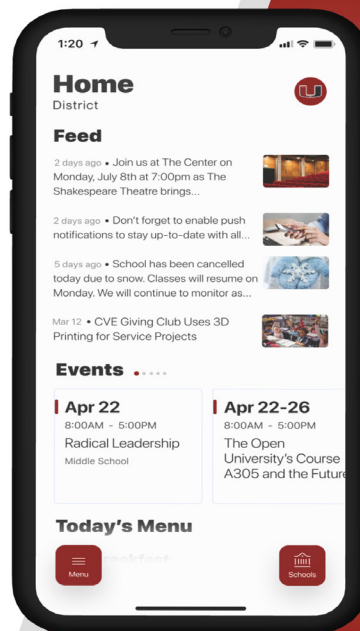
Have a great summer!

Nick Klug
K-12 Principal
Upsala Schools

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March Students of the Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Clayton Fuchs

Ms. Wolbeck
Spencer Dobmeier

Ms. Bengston
Owen Fuchs

Ms. Sales
Thea Voller

Ms. Fuchs
Will Barthel

Ms. Duclos
Allison Pflipsen

Mr. Van Sloten
Connor Steinhofner

Ms. Marcyes
Jayden Peterson

Mr. Riitters
Ella Achmann

Ms. Thell
Owen Servatius

Ms. Justen
Addisyn Hovland

Music
Madison Goebel

Phy Ed
Sawyer Valencia
Jackson Prokott

Art
Auden Hovland

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Luke Harren

Subject Students of the Month:

- English: Karlee Warga
- Math: Alyssa Young
- Social Studies: Nyah Walker
- Science: Dillon Krebs
- PE: Rachel Ainali
- Health: Allie Maciej
- Ag/Voc Ed: Nathan Breth
- Technology: Allie Maciej
- Art: Hunter Boeckermann
- Music: Isabelle Leners
- FCS: Kaitlyn George
- World Language: Claire Arvig
- AVID: Allie Maciej

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Abigail Carlson

Subject Students of the Month

- English: Abigail Carlson
- Math: Holly Johnson
- Social Studies: Jacob Brinkman
- Science: Samuel Laliberte
- PE: Emily Wiechmann
- Health: Calvin Leners
- Ag/Voc Ed: Allison Cymbaluk
- Art: Aiden Brannan
- Music: Nicholas Young



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Trevor Roerick

Ms. Wolbeck
Dahlton Schneider

Ms. Bengston
EmmaJean Pflipsen

Ms. Sales
Lacie Winter

Ms. Fuchs
Aiden Voller

Ms. Duclos
Benjamin Ripplinger

Mr. Van Sloten
Megan Becker

Ms. Marcyes
Avery Servatius

Mr. Riitters
Eric Pflipsen

Ms. Thell
Natalee Hoffman

Ms. Justen
Daniel Gunderson

Music
Ruby Klug

Phy Ed
Madison Goebel
Cameron Van Sloten

Art
Charlie Hallermann

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Gracie George

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Isabel Ripplinger
Math: Savannah Stumpf
Social Studies: Natasha Crowe
Science: Brayden Mack
PE: Nick Kulla
Health: Dakotta Hartsock
Ag/Voc Ed: Hunter Steuck
Technology: Corryn McDermond
Art: Jacob Gunderson
Music: Alyssa Young
World Language: Madison Tschida
FCS: Chloe Mayer
AVID: Beau Ripplinger

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Aiden Brannan

Subject Students of the Month

English: Mac Wenker
Math: Genevieve Mrozek
Social Studies: Carson Primus
Science: Abby Carlson
PE: Lucas Gerads
Health: Anerol Castro
Ag/Voc Ed: Lucy Aleckson
Art: Isaiah Sobiech
Music: Holly Johnson



Drama Award Winners:

Braedan Rene, Evie Aleckson, Molly Leners, Hannah Luedtke, Micah Ripplinger

May Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Jaxson Prokott

Ms. Wolbeck
Mason Roerick

Ms. Bengston
Levi Stuns

Ms. Sales
Wesley Tschida

Ms. Fuchs
Annabelle Lehrke

Ms. Duclos
Raelyn Gross

Mr. Van Sloten
Anthony Ressemann

Ms. Marcyes
Vincent Bahn

Mr. Riitters
Andrew Eggert
Natalya Goulet

Ms. Thell
Jakson Blenker

Ms. Justen
Richelle Thompson

Music
Carter Steinhofer

Phy Ed
Evan Swanson
Derek Marks

Art
Jackie Ainali

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Rachel Ainali

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Brooklyn Bense
Math: Madalin Koetter
Social Studies: Jacob Roerick
Science: Alyssa Young
PE: Levi Lampert
Health: Brayden Mack
Ag/Voc Ed: Brayden Bushaw & Aden Warga
Art: Emma Scepaniak
Music: Joseph Guthrie
World Lang: Brenna Graves
FCS: Aliah Warga

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Jack Sowada

Subject Students of the Month

English: Annalee Gerads
Math: Sam Laliberte
Social Studies: Dominic Blais
Science: Vincent Eggert
PE: Lucylee Aleckson
Health: Owen Smith
Ag/Voc Ed: Nicholas Young
Art: Victoria Weichmann
Music: Lucylee Aleckson

Congratulations to our Spring Sports Teams!



Prairie Conference
Champs in
Softball



Section Qualifiers
in Track



Prairie Conference
Champs in
Baseball

Class Of 2022



CLASS COLOR : Hot Pink

CLASS FLOWER : Carnation

CLASS SONG : "The Nights" by Avicii

CLASS QUOTE: "Don't do stupid things stupidly." - Mr. Klug



RACHEL AINALI

Cristy Ampe & Jon Ainali



BROOKLYN BENSE

Chris & Teri Bense



KRISTINE BINIEK

Charles & Sheila Biniek



EMILY BLONIGEN

Patrick & Kristine Blonigen



MICHAEL BLONIGEN

Patrick & Kristine Blonigen



ZACHARY BOECKERMANN

Pete & Joan Boeckermann



YASMINE CROWE

Ryan & Paulette Crowe

Class Of 2022



HAYDEN EDSTROM
Larry Pilarski & Holly Pilarski



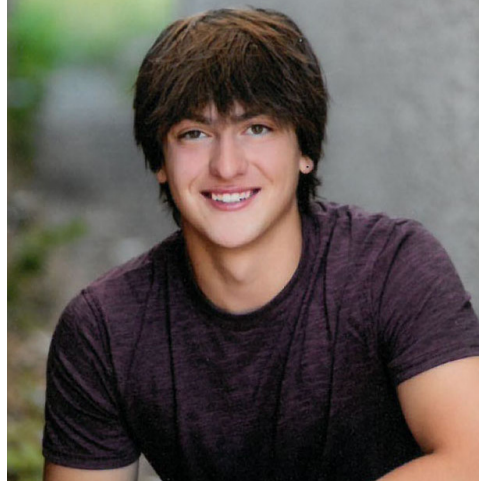
CHRISTEN FOUQUETTE
Kerry Osberg & Chad Fouquette



GRACIE GEORGE
Dennis George & Lisa Zabinski



KAITLYN GEORGE
Tim & Sheila George



LUKE HARREN
Mike & Kim Harren



AUSTIN HILTUNEN
Shane & Eliza Hiltunen



KATERINA JENSEN
Eric & Julie Jensen



LOGAN KING
Christina King, Tim King,
& Jason Theisen



ABIGAIL KLEIN
Dan & Brenda Klein

Class Of 2022



LEVI LAMPERT
Kevin & Carol Lampert



JESSICA LANGE
Beth Lange &
the late Brian Lange



CHLOE MAYER
Stephen & Christina Strohmayer



RILEY MORRISON
John & Jodi Morrison



JAKE MUELLNER
Randy & Jodi Muellner



JEREMY MUGG
James & Allyson Mugg



ANTHONY NIENABER
Mark & Kaye Nienaber



EMILY PRESS
Marlene Vornbrock



BENNET PUNDSACK
Andrea Douvier &
Corey Pundsack

Class Of 2022



CHRISTIAN RIPPLINGER
Nathan & Laura Ripplinger



MICAH RIPPLINGER
Paul & Susie Ripplinger



KYLIE ROERICK
Gerald & Julie Roerick



TYLER SMIEJA
Ken & Lynette Smieja



PEYTON SOLTIS
Jeremy & Sherry Soltis



TAYLOR SOLTIS
Trevor & Melissa Soltis



NYAH WALKER
Beau & Heidi Krueger



KARLEE WARGA
James & Sam Warga



WYATT WOIDYLA
Wayne Woidyla
& Amanda Wahlin

Top 5 Honor Students

The top 5 honor graduates for 2022 at Upsala High School are:

GRACIE GEORGE

Gracie George of Holdingford, is the daughter of Dennis George and Lisa Zabinski. During high school, she has participated in National Honor Society President, Varsity Volleyball, MSHS Academic All State Award, Concert Band, Pep Band, Student Council, Girls State, Drama, Concert Choir and the M & M Student Mentoring Program. She also teaches religious education at St. Mary's Church, Upsala. George will attend the Benedictine College in Kansas to obtain a degree in Biology and then go on to pursue a doctorate in medicine. Gracie has received the honor of Class of 2022 Valedictorian. She graduates with a 4.00 gpa.



BROOKLYN BENSE

Brooklyn Bense of Burtrum, is the daughter of Chris & Teri Bense. During high school, she has participated in Varsity Volleyball, Girls Softball and Basketball, Senior Class Treasurer, Knowledge Bowl, Concert Band, Pep Band, National Honor Society, M & M Student Mentoring Program, and Word of Life Church Children's Sunday School teacher. Bense has a 3.96 gpa and plans to attend Alexandria Community & Technical College for a degree in Accounting & Business Management. Brooklyn has received the honor of Class of 2022 Salutatorian.



KATERINA JENSEN

Katerina Jensen of Burtrum is the daughter of Eric and Julie Jensen. During her high school career, she has been involved in Varsity Volleyball Captain-Prairie Conference All-Academic Award, MSHS Academic All State Award, National Honor Society, Student Council, and the M & M Student Mentoring Program. Jensen has been admitted to the Benedictine College in Kansas for a degree in Business. She has a 3.96 gpa.



RACHEL AINALI

Rachel Ainali of Albany is the daughter of Cristy Ampe and Jon Ainali. During her high school career, she has been involved in Varsity Volleyball Captain- Prairie Conference All-Academic Award, MSHS Academic All State Award, Varsity Basketball, National Honor Society Vice President, Student Council Vice President, M & M Student Mentoring Program, Concert Band, Pep Band, Concert Choir, and Prom Committee. She plans to attend Mankato State University, majoring in social work and specializing in Child Protective Services. She has a 3.92 gpa.



CHRISTEN FOUQUETTE

Christen Fouquette of Upsala, is the daughter of Kerry Osberg and Chad Fouquette. During her high school career, she has been involved in the National Honor Society, Student Council President, and is currently Senior Class President. Christen is graduating with her Associate of Arts degree from Central Lakes College. She has a 3.88 gpa. She will be attending the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, majoring in Forensic Science with a minor in Psychology.



**2022 Sourcewell
Educators of Excellence
Desiree Bengston
& Aaron Fisher**



Our school greenhouse did suffer damage over the whole system of panels, and that is scheduled to be repaired and updated in August. So if you see a crew working on the greenhouse, that is what is happening.

All of our classes are ending up super, a highlight is the Intro to Woods class, they started with little to no experience, and have made a ton of progress and the students tell me everyday how much they learn!

Our FFA Chapter goes into this next year with a new slate of officers:

President: Paige Gerads (one more time!)

Vice President: Hunter Steuck

Treasurer: Hannah Luedtke

Secretary Aliah Warga

Reporter Natalie Wensmann

Sentinel: Isabelle Klug

CDE coordinator team: Evelynn Aleckson, Hailie Luedtke, Victoria Wiechmann

Officer at large: Eric Landowski

They will be a very strong team going into this next year! They are a dedicated and professional group of students that we can all be very proud of.



Music Notes

Congratulations to the music awards winners!

Junior High Band

Director's Award for Leadership, Excellence and Contribution: Isaiah Sobiech, Aiden Brannan, Holly Johnson and Jack Sowada.

Most Improved: Jacob Brinkman

Senior High Choir

Director's Award for Leadership, Excellence and Contribution: Molly Leners, Noah Boeckermann

Senior High Band

Ensemble Excellent Certificates - Flute Ensemble-Alysa Young, Madalin Koetter, Alexis Gilbertson, Natalie Wensmann, Hailie Luedtke, Evelynn Aleckson, Trombone Trio - Micah Ripplinger, Tyler Smieja, Jacob Gunderson

Director's Award for Leadership, Excellence and Contribution: Tyler Smieja, Christian Ripplinger

Spirit Award: Braedan Rene

John Philip Sousa Band Award: Micah Ripplinger



And the band had a great time on our Florida band tour - including a clinic with a professional Disney musician!





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

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Summer Reading Program Begins June 6!

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) will begin the annual Summer Reading Program (SRP) on Monday, June 6, continuing through Saturday, August 6.

Registration starts on Monday, June 6, in the Beanstack app, on griver.beanstack.org, or by visiting your local library during open hours.

Participants track their reading in the Beanstack app or by using a paper log which you return to your library. Participants are eligible for prize drawings at the end of the program. In addition, each branch offers a unique assortment of prizes!

This year's theme, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path," encompasses a world of different summer experiences: hiking, campfires, stories, nature programs, arts and crafts, music, and more! The program is open to all kids ages 0-18 and is divided by age: pre-readers (ages 0-3), kids (ages 3 to 12), and teens.

Our mission of the program is simple: **Encourage children and teens to read throughout the summer!** Summer reading isn't just fun; it's extremely beneficial. Regular reading goes far in combating the "summer slide," the phenomenon of students losing academic footing during a long academic break. Students who join public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate – in some cases, significantly higher.

Learn more on our GRRL SRP page at <https://griver.org/kids/summer-reading-program/>! Learn more about [Beanstack here](#) at <https://griver.org/services/beanstack>.

Read Beyond the Beaten Path
2022 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 6 - August 6
Join in the way that works for you:

- Early literacy program for ages 0-3.
- Independent reading programs for kids.
- Pick up a reading log at your library
- OR, use **Beanstack** to log your reading and activities griver.beanstack.org OR **Beanstack Tracker app**

Enter prize drawings and earn online badges.

Programming

Adventures in Monoprinting

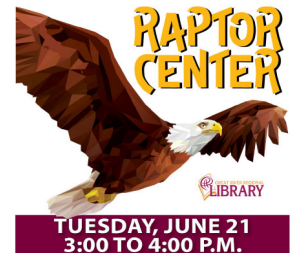
Creative Cart Studio is a mobile maker art space, so you can drop in anytime during this event to explore the joy of monoprinting and make one of a kind prints using botanical materials! Monoprinting is a printmaking technique where the artist creates a single, unique print, rather than multiple images of the same print in traditional printmaking. Collect leaves and grasses and bring them, or use some natural objects that have been foraged by our art team. For all ages (young children will need adult help). A Legacy event.



Wednesday, June 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Raptor Center

Learn about the different raptors found in Minnesota and their role in the environment. Learn the three key features of all raptors, why they are different from other birds and how The Raptor Center protects them. An educational specialist from the University of MN will present four raptors which will include a bald eagle. For families.



Offsite location: Upsala Public Schools Auditorium, 415 Main St, Upsala, MN 56384

Tuesday, June 21 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Paper Plains

You're invited to learn papermaking with Paper Plains! Like a free food-truck for art, Paper Plains rolls into town and is available for anyone to try a new craft. Participants make paper that's embedded with native prairie seeds. Whether it hangs on the fridge or gets planted in the garden, the paper you make is yours to keep. For all ages, though young children will need assistance from an adult. A Legacy event.

Monday, July 18 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Watch for more information!

We are busy scheduling additional programming for summer. We are hoping to have additional authors and craft programs booked soon for fall and winter.

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.



Dan Cheney, Community Education Coordinator (dancheney@upsala.k12.mn.us)
<https://upsala.k12.mn.us/page/upsala-community-education>

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.

Upstage Junior



The Upstage Players are running a summer theatre camp for students going into grades 1-12, which will end with a production of the Disney Jr musical "Moana."

"Moana" auditions will be June 5 at 6pm. Pre-camp rehearsals are June 22 & July 13. The camp runs August 8-11 from 9am-4pm, with performances August 12 at 7pm and August 14 at 1pm.

Cost is \$40, which includes a show t-shirt! Get more info and register on the school website. Registration is almost full as of this writing.

Drivers Training



Summer drivers training classroom sessions will be held in the high school media center July 11-15 & July 18-22 from 9am-noon. The price is \$475 which includes 6 hours of behind the wheel with home pickup and drop off. The contract lets you take behind the wheel up to a year after the class ends.

Payment is required with registration. Registration is now ONLY through Today's Driving School. Do not pay at the school office. Their phone number is 844-374-8315. <https://www.todaysdrivingschool.com/upsala.phtml>

AR Summer Reading Program



Program runs June 7 - August 4 for students PK-6.

Students will be able to check out books, take quizzes, accumulate points, and use points in the AR store. Drawings will be held weekly.

Elementary library will be open Tuesdays 9-11am, Wednesdays 9-11am, and Thursdays 6-8pm. Program is free, but registration is required to participate.

Every Student...



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Community Education

Dan Cheney, Community Education Coordinator (dancheney@upsala.k12.mn.us)

<https://upsala.k12.mn.us/page/upsala-community-education>

STEM Camps



Drone Programming

Aug 1-3, 9am-noon

Grades 3-9

Cost \$70

Students will learn to program and fly at the same time! Groups of students will use drones that can be programmed to perform aerial maneuvers with entry level block based coding. The fun and excitement of flying drones makes it easy to forget students will be learning valuable 21st century programming skills in the process. The camp will consist of a variety of fun challenges where students will put the programming skills that they learn to the test. Parents are welcome to stop in at the end of each day to see what their child has learned.

Drone Photography

Aug 1-3, 1pm-4pm

Grades 3-9

Cost: \$70

Students will start off Drone Photography by learning how to fly an entry level photography drone. Once they've mastered the basics, they'll be taught more advanced techniques that will help them take higher quality photos and videos with their drones. Photo and video editing software tutorials will enable students to create awesome media content that they can download and keep after the camp. Students are encouraged to bring a flash drive to save and share their creations!

How to register for classes online

1. Visit our webstore <https://upsala.revtrak.net>
2. Click the **Community Ed** button
3. Select the **category**
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.

Upsala Community Education Advisory Council

Vern Capelle, Superintendent/Director

Dan Cheney, Coordinator

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2022-2023

Aug 1-4 & 8-11	Kindergarten Readiness
Aug 29-31	Teacher Workshop
Aug 31	K-12 Open House (4:00 to 8:00 pm)
Sep 05	Labor Day (No School)
Sep 06	Classes Begin for K-12 Students
Oct 14	Early Release (Staff PD)
Oct 20 - 21	Fall Break
Nov 04	End of Quarter 1
Nov 07	No School (Teacher Trade Day)
Nov 08	Start of Quarter 2
Nov 17 & 21	K-12 Parent Conferences (3:30 to 7:30 pm)
Nov 23	Early Release (Trade Day)
Nov 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 22	Early Release (Staff PD)
Dec 23-Jan 2	Holiday Break
Jan 03	K-12 Classes Resume
Jan 13	End Semester 1/Quarter 2
Jan 16	No School (In-Service)
Jan 17	Start of Spring Semester/Quarter 3
Feb 17	No School (In-Service)
Feb 20	No School (Presidents Day)
Mar 17	End of Quarter 3
Mar 20	Start of Quarter 4
Mar 23 & 27	K-12 Parent Conferences (3:30 to 7:30 pm)
Apr 06	No School (Teacher Trade Day)
Apr 7-11	No School (Spring Break)
Apr 29	Prom
May 05	Early Release
May 26	Commencement (8:00 pm)
May 29	No School (Memorial Day)
May 31	Early Release - Last Student Day
Jun 01	Teacher Workshop

Student Days (S) = 172		Teacher Days (T) = 180	
Aug (S)0 (T)3		Jan (S)20 (T)21	
Sep (S)19 (T)19		Feb (S)18 (T)19	
Oct (S)19 (T)19		Mar (S)23 (T)23	
Nov (S)19 (T)20		Apr (S)16 (T)17	
Dec (S)16 (T)16		May (S)22 (T)22	
		June (S)0 (T)1	

Quarters/Semesters	
Quarter 1: Sept 6 - November 4	42 Days
Quarter 2: November 8 - January 13	40 Days
Fall Semester = 82 Days	
Quarter 3: January 17 - March 17	42 Days
Quarter 4: March 20 - May 31	48 Days
Spring Semester = 90 Days	
Summer Kdg Readiness	Teacher Workshop/In-Service
No School for Students/Staff	Early Release - Noon Dismissal
Start/End Quarter/Semester	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Prom/Commencement	

January '23						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February '23						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March '23						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

April '23						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

May '23						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

June '23						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

2022-23 Weather Make Up Days

- First Day - No Make Up
- Second Day - January 16, 2023
- Third Day - February 17, 2023
- Fourth Day - April 6, 2023
- Fifth Day - June 1, 2023

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