



Cardinal Country Highlights

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As I write this article, I am looking out of my office window at the results of our recent snowstorm that brought us another 8 inches of snow and forced another school closure. It is hard to think of Spring approaching with more than a foot of snowpack still on the ground.

The winter season of 2022-2023 has been a challenging

one with many calendar adjustments due to weather. The disruption of our school routines is only one of the impacts that result from inclement weather and we all understand the stress that school closures and delays bring to our students and families.

We have currently adjusted our calendar to make-up 2 of the snow days for students and staff. We are also going to recommend that the Upsala School Board revise the school calendar to change April 6 from a non-student/staff day to a regular school day for students and staff. As of today, we are not planning to add any more student days to the end of the year, however, we will have to wait and see what the weather does over the next few weeks. Stay tuned for more updates in the near future.

Spring not only brings many changes in our weather, but we also see a number of other events that come with the change of seasons. The winter sports are gearing up for postseason contests. Our arts activities are preparing for Spring contests and performances. The Robotics team is preparing for its major competition which involves a trip to Missouri this year and our Spring activities are preparing to begin their seasons.

I've stated this many times over my career, but I am always amazed at how fast the school year goes. Soon, we will be preparing for our commencement ceremony to celebrate the Class of 2023. The 2023 Commencement will also mark the 100th anniversary of the first graduating class from UAS. The first class of five student graduated from UAS in May of 1923. We will be beginning our planning for this year's commencement celebration in the near future.

Spring also brings the busy legislative session at the State Capital. This session has already begun and the pace has been very fast with a large number of bills being introduced into committees. As you may be aware, our District is represented in the State House by UAS alum Isaac Schultz.

Legislative advocacy on behalf of our students is something that I take very seriously. The issues that

we advocate for are issues that we feel will benefit the students and community of UAS. UAS is a member of the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) which advocates on behalf of rural school districts around the State of Minnesota. Some of the key issues to follow include:

- Increases in the basic education aid formula.
- Reduction of the Special Education cross-subsidy.
- Funding and policies to help schools with facilities maintenance.
- Improving the equalization formulas to provide local tax relief.

I will be participating in a number of advocacy events in the coming weeks to testify to the importance of these issues.

Lastly, I want to recognize and congratulate some of our students and staff. Natalie Wensmann and Nicholas Kulla will be awarded the Students of Character Award by Region 5 and Ms. Chelsea Fuchs and Ms. Gretchen Schleper will be awarded the Educators of Excellence Award by Region 5. These students/staff members exemplify the mission, vision and values of Upsala Area Schools and they are very deserving of this award. Natalie, Nicholas, Ms. Fuchs, and Ms. Schleper will be recognized at Awards banquets later this Spring sponsored by Sourcewell.

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 Chelsea Fuchs and Gretchen Schleper as Educators of Excellence. Ms. Fuchs is a second grade classroom teacher and Ms. Schleper is our 7-12 Ag/Tech Ed. Teacher. They will be honored at a banquet in May. Congratulations to both!

Sourcewell also recognizes students from the Region as well. Two students from the senior class have been selected as Students of Excellence from Upsala. Seniors Nicholas Kulla and Natalie Wensmann will represent Upsala Schools at a banquet this spring. Congratulations to both Nick and Natalie!

K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 23rd and March 27th from 3:30-7:30. Conferences will be held in person. 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 two new additions to our staff. Leann Kuepers is a new paraprofessional in the district. Avery Jackson has been hired as our long term substitute teacher for 2nd grade. Welcome Leann and Avery!

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

Sourcewell Educators of Excellence

Congratulations to our 2023 Sourcewell Educators of Excellence, Chelsea Fuchs & Gretchen Schleper.

This award recognizes educators who demonstrate leadership and have had a positive impact on students and colleagues.



December Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Emery Sobiech
Tommy Boeckermann

Ms. Wolbeck
Kennedy Van Sloten
Afton Servatius

Ms. Bengston
Haylie Kerfeld

Ms. Kruzel
Avery Achmann

Ms. Fuchs
Kolten Ludwig

Ms. Duclos
Evan Swanson

Mr. Van Sloten
Emry Zinniel
Gabriel Hoffman

Ms. Nienaber
Lilly Dickinson

Mr. Riitters
Emily Walker

Ms. Thell
Ella Achmann

Ms. Justen
Jakson Blenker

Music
Ray Primus
Phy Ed
Owen Klug
Dahlton Erickson
Art
Charlie Hallermann

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Brayden Bushaw

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Dillon Krebs
Math: Natasha Crowe
Social Studies: Desi Kuhl
Science: Beau Ripplinger
PE: Yovanni Juarez-Lucio
Health: Brayden Leners
Ag: Hunter Steuck
Technology: Lukus Daniel
Art: Kira Poppenhagen
Music: Alyssa Young
FCS: Molly Leners
World Language: Jack Primus
AVID: Noah Zinniel/Jacob Brinkman



Girls Basketball
Brenna Graves



Wrestling
Brandon Mugg

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Abby Carlson

Subject Students of the Month

English: Annalee Gerads
Math: Quinn Guthrie
Social Studies: Tiffany Marty
Science: Landon Krebs
PE: Bianca Mrozek
Health: Avery Hallermann
Ag: Cal Leners
Art: Evan Pipenhagen
Music: Skyler Landowski



Boys Basketball
Jack Primus

Way To Go!

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Kinley Bonde

Ms. Wolbeck
Colton Salber

Ms. Bengston
Brea Rakotz

Ms. Kruzel
Joelle Vetsch

Ms. Fuchs
Kaelyn Vetsch

Ms. Duclos
Jasmyn Oldakowski

Mr. Van Sloten
Lucas Larson
Annabelle Lehrke

Ms. Nienaber
Izabella Johnson

Mr. Riitters
Connor Steinhofer

Ms. Thell
Andrew Eggert

Ms. Justen
Isabella Warga

Music
Lucas Ley

Phy Ed
Hunter Sturm-Hughes
Allison Pflipson

Art
Emry Zinniel

SR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Hannah Luedtke

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Isaiah Sobiech
Math: Evie Aleckson
Social Studies: Joseph Guthrie
Science: Mackeel Wenker
PE: Kaylee Kremers
Health: Isabelle Klug
Ag: Olivia Kleve
Technology: Alex Blonigen
Art: Brenna Graves
Music: Samantha Pilarski
FCS: Bryce Westrich
World Language: Hailie Luedtke



Drama
Evie Aleckson



Girls Basketball
Dakota Soltis



Boys Basketball
Bryce Westrich



Wrestling
Jake Leners

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Owen Sobiech

Subject Students of the Month

English: Aubree Roerick
Math: Dalton Welinski
Social Studies: Matthew Tschida
Science: Lucylee Aleckson
PE: Lucas Gerads
Health: Evan Pipenhagen
Ag/Voc Ed: Ethan Ashbrook
Art: Aubree Roerick
Music: Trygg Aleckson

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February Students Of The Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Hunter Lathrop
Rey Juarez-Lucio

Ms. Wolbeck
Zoe Prokott

Ms. Bengston
Clayton Fuchs

Ms. Kruzel
Mason Roerick

Ms. Fuchs
Alex Fuchs

Ms. Duclos
Brayden Kerfeld

Mr. Van Sloten
Ethan Goebel
Cameron Van Sloten

Ms. Nienaber
Carter Harren

Mr. Riitters
Leah Fruechte

Ms. Thell
Auden Hovland

Ms. Justen
Bradon Lange

Music
Hannah Hoffman

Phy Ed
Emmalynn Harren

Art
Josie Roerick

SR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Eric Landowski

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Molly Leners

Math: Brenna Graves

Social Studies: Isabel Ripplinger

Science: Dakota Soltis

PE: Molly Leners

Health: Hannah Heesen

Ag/Voc Ed: Mac Wenker

Technology: Dakotta Hartsock

Art: Joseph Guthrie

Music: Aiden Brannan

FCS: Isabelle Leners

World Language: Samantha Pilarski

AVID: Riley Middendorf



Girls Basketball
Samantha Pilarski



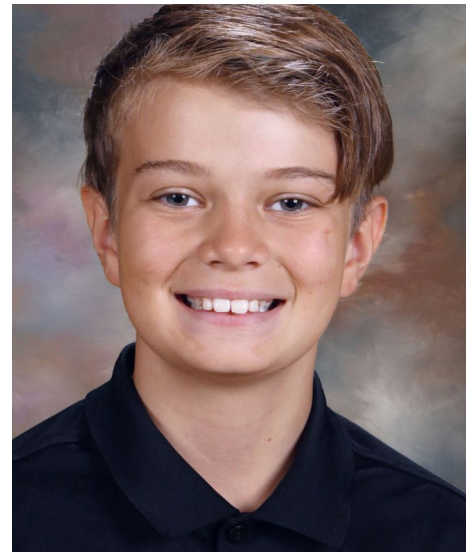
Boys Basketball
Ryan Johnson



Drama

Hannah Luedtke & Molly Leners

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Trygg Aleckson

Subject Students of the Month

English: Matthew Tschida

Math:

Social Studies: Avery Hallerman

Science: Samuel Laliberte

PE: Lydia Kokett

Health: Dalton Welinski

Ag/Voc Ed: Skyler Landowski

Art: Lydia Kokett

Music: Emily Wiechmann



“A” HONOR ROLL

Grade 12

Andrew Aleckson
 Silas Arvig
 Paige Gerads
 Axel Johnson
 Madalin Koetter
 Molly Leners
 Hannah Luedtke
 Savannah Stumpf
 Natalie Wensmann
 Bryce Westrich

Grade 11

Bryce Binik
 Noah Boeckermann
 Natasha Crowe
 Jacob Gunderson
 Dillon Krebs
 Isabelle Leners
 Monica Nienaber
 Erica Roske
 Alyssa Young

Grade 10

Evelynn Aleckson
 Eli Johnson
 Hailie Luedtke
 Allie Maciej
 Brayden Mack
 Samantha Pilarski
 Jack Primus
 Beau Ripplinger
 Isabel Ripplinger

Grade 9

Aiden Brannan
 Hannah Heesen
 Austin Klein
 Isabelle Klug
 Brayden Leners
 Courtney Roske
 Isaiah Sobiech
 Jack Sowada
 Victoria Wiechmann

Grade 8

Lucylee Aleckson
 Lynn Arvig
 Emily Ashbrook
 Ethan Ashbook
 Abigail Carlson
 Allison Cymbaluk
 Vincent Eggert
 Annalee Gerads
 Quinn Guthrie
 Lydia Kokett
 Landon Krebs
 Samuel Laliberte
 Calvin Leners
 Zoey Leners
 Brenden Mack
 Genevieve Mrozek
 Alexa Pilarski
 Carson Primus
 Anne Ripplinger
 Addie Scepaniak
 Owen Smith
 Matthew Tschida
 Emily Wiechmann

Grade 7

Braxton Allie
 Trygg Aleckson
 Avery Hallermann
 Addisyn Hovland
 Bianca Mrozek
 Evan Pipenhagen
 Aubree Roerick
 Owen Sobiech
 Richelle Thompson
 Elyn Zinniel

“B” HONOR ROLL

Grade 12

Mitchell George
 Ryan Johnson
 Tiago Leite
 Tyson Leners
 Emma Scepaniak
 Hunter Steuck
 Mikal Woodyla-Wood

Grade 11

Claire Arvig
 Brenna Graves
 McKenna Graves
 Carter Gudvangen
 Joseph Guthrie
 Daniel Kokett
 Kaylee Kremers
 Brooke Opatz
 Madison Tschida
 Aden Warga
 Dylan Warga
 Dustin Yurczyk

Grade 10

Lilieana Daniel
 Dominic Eggert
 Nicholas Guthrie
 Corryn McDermond
 Brandon Mugg
 Kira Poppenhagen
 Joseph Steuck

Grade 9

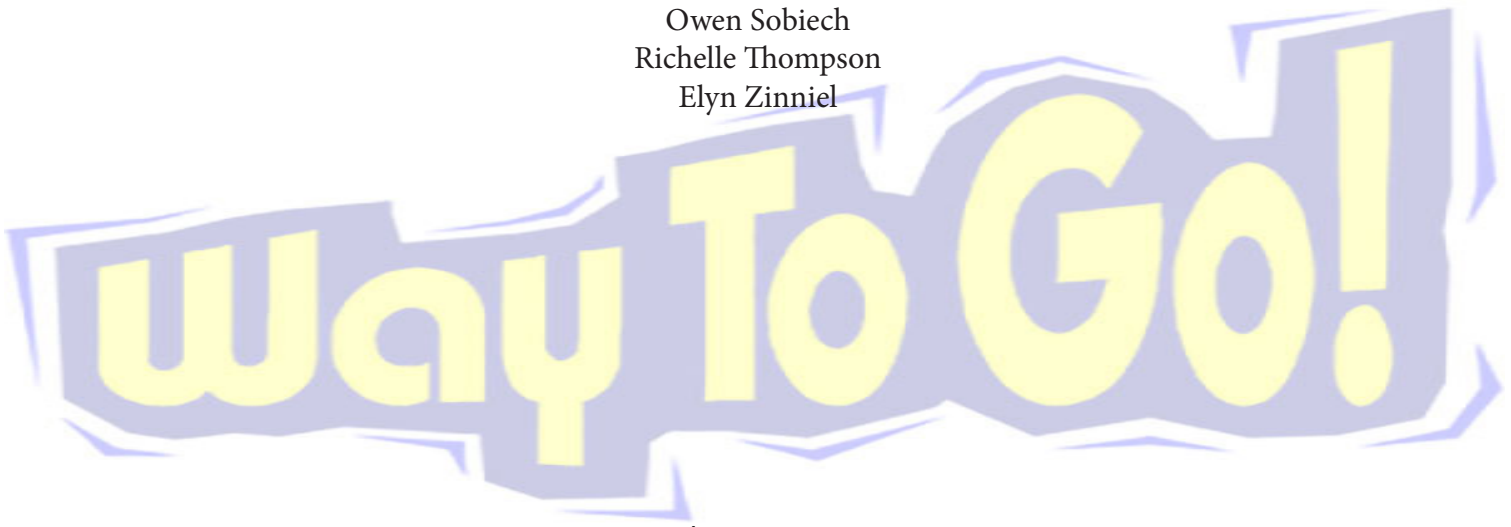
Sierra Bense
 Dominic Blais
 Paul Blonigen
 Jacob Brinkman
 Meeli Krueger
 Desiree Kuhl
 Jake Leners
 Riley Middendorf
 Lucy Scepaniak
 Mackeel Wenker
 Noah Zinniel

Grade 8

Lucas Gerads
 Caleb Guthrie
 Nolan Kuepers
 Jack Peterson
 Noah Ripplinger
 Nicholas Young

Grade 7

Emma Dickinson
 Abigail Eggert
 Colton Kuhl
 Skyler Landowski
 Tiffany Marty
 Zachariah Mosier
 Raven Nienaber
 Dalton Welinski
 Ethan Young



Leaders are made, not born. We started off the year in June with our annual officer training camp. Camp this year consisted of fun games and leadership activities at El Rancho Manana near Richmond Minnesota. Officers made plans for the school year, goals for what they wanted the chapter to accomplish, as well as getting to know each other and how they can work together as a team.



The school year began with early morning officer meetings and getting students ready for CDEs. The first CDE we had students compete this year in was Horse Evaluation. The team consisted of Natalie Wensmann, Dayana Junes, Olivia Kleve, Evelynn Aleckson, and Hailie Luedtke. The team did very well considering four out of the five girls had never competed in Horse Evaluation before, and two out of the five had never competed in a CDE. They learned a lot throughout the experience and had a good time meeting new people and learning new things.

Along with the start of competitions was also the start of Fruit Sales for the Upsala FFA Chapter. Things were a little rough when sales weren't high, a snowstorm hit, and the truck showed up with the wrong supplies, but we kept going. Officers and members that sold fruit worked together to unload fruit, check it, sort it, and do the math to make sure everyone who bought fruit from us was happy and satisfied.

After Fruit Sales, students continued to train for CDE's. Both the Fish and Wildlife Team and the Poultry Team worked hard to study and prepare for competitions. The competition was originally scheduled for December, but was postponed until January. Sadly, one of the team members couldn't make the new date so we had a last-minute fill in for the Fish and Wildlife Team. Teams did exceptionally well despite this and the Poultry Team consisting of Hannah Luedtke, Hailie Luedtke, Claire Arvig, and Lynn Arvig took second place and qualified for the state competition. The Fish and Wildlife Team also did very well taking eighth place and also qualifying for the state competition. This team consisted of Evelynn Aleckson, Paul Blonigen, Daniel Gunderson, and Trygg Aleckson. These teams are now continuing to work hard and prepare for the state competition in April.

In February, we celebrated FFA week. The week was filled with lunch activities, medallion hunts, elementary readings and projects, dress up days, and of course, the Ag Olympics. All week grades seven through twelve (and Staff) competed for the rooster. Teams got points for helping in the elementary activities, dressing up, winning competitions, finding hidden animals (some have still yet to be found), and winning games in the Ag Olympics. The Ag Olympics consisted of crazy games that required students to compete in many challenging and hilarious tasks.. Overall the Seniors won, Sophomores taking a close second.

So far the year has been good, and we are thankful for all those who support our chapter. We are making progress in so many student's lives and really do appreciate all that the school and community has done for us. Thank you!

-Upsala FFA Chapter. Submitted by Evie Aleckson, FFA CDE Coordinator

COMING SOON: FFA SCHOOL VENDING MACHINE?

Our Ag classes have been busy this year doing so many things! Last semester nearly one hundred woodworking projects were designed and completed by students and this continues with a new class this semester. Welding students have been learning the basics, and this semester will get instruction on more technology with the use of the plasma cam and water jet.

Freshmen Introduction to Ag class began this semester with the basics of soil and soil conservation and are now working on building 3-D models of animal facilities, after researching the animal requirements.

Each Ag 9 student has started an SAE (supervised agriculture experience) which is a project they design and do outside of school and record hours and skills they acquire. They will listen to a guest speaker from the Morrison County Soil and Water Conservation District and from Northland College next week. Both will highlight technology and precision agriculture and careers available to students.



Ag Leadership class is reading the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens, wrote scripts for the FFA Week Ag Olympics, is trying to get the milk machine up and running and is starting a project to make binders for all of the FFA Career Development events containing all of the study materials that FFA members could use to prepare for competition.

Finally, our Ag 7 class students also have all started an SAE project, and are starting work in the greenhouse!

The school greenhouse has undergone some renovations, and we are starting work seeding and transplanting like crazy! Look for many of your old favorite species of plants and of course we will always have something new. At this point we hope to begin sales the first Saturday of May as usual, but stay tuned for updates on the Upsala School Greenhouse Facebook site.



Sourcwell Students of Character

Congratulations to our 2023 Sourcwell Students of Character, Natalie Wensmann and Nicholas Kulla.

This award goes to students in the Sourcwell region and recognizes quiet leadership in their communities and schools.



Knowledge Bowl

Upsala Knowledge Bowl teams have attended several meets so far this season, including a second place finish for the senior high team at the Prairie Conference Meet.

Senior high Knowledge Bowl students include Alyssa Young, Jake Gunderson, Claire Arvig, Silas Arvig, Anders Aleckson, Evelynn Aleckson, and Kira Poppenhagen.



Honor Band

Upsala was well-represented at the Central Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Band on Saturday, Jan 14.

Senior high students attending were Brayden Mack, Hailie Luedtke, Samantha Pilarski, & Evelynn Aleckson.

Junior high students were Trygg Aleckson, Quinn Guthrie, Lucylee Aleckson, & Genevieve Mrozek.



I Love To Read Month

February has been "I Love To Read" month, which the elementary has celebrated many ways including guest readers and flashlight reading!



Drama Club

ONE ACT PLAY

The Upsala Drama Club participated in the section 5A One Act Play festival at Albany High School on January 28. Six area school presented plays that could be no longer than 35 minutes.

Upsala presented "This Is A Test" by Stephen Gregg, where a seemingly regular test day turns into an absurd nightmare.

The cast included Evie Aleckson, Eli Roerick, Lucy Aleckson, Abby Carlson, Annalee Gerads, Addie Scepaniak, Aubree Roerick, Addisyn Hovland, and Trygg Aleckson.



SPRING MUSICAL

This year's Spring Musical is Disney's "Descendants," based on the movie that came out in 2015 starring Dove Cameron

The story follows the children of four classic Disney villains - Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella deVil. These descendants try to steal the Fairy Godmother's magic wand in an attempt to free their parents from captivity. But will they turn good along the way?

The cast includes Hannah Luedtke as Mal, Braedan Rene as Ben, Evie Aleckson as Evie, Jacob Gunderson as Jay, Noah Boeckermann as Carlos, Molly Leners as Maleficent, Paige Gerads as the Evil Queen & Belle, Hunter Steuck as Jafar & The Beast, Aliah Warga as Cruella de Vil, Olivia Kleve as the Fairy Godmother, Isabelle Leners as Jane, Eli Roerick as Chad and Hailie Luedtke as Audrey.

Rounding out the cast are Natalie Wensmann, Lucy Aleckson, Genevieve Mrozek, Abby Carlson, Annalee Gerads, Aubree Roerick, Addisyn Hovland, and Trygg Aleckson.

Ticket information will be announced at a later date. Performances are scheduled for March 31-April 2. Friday and Saturday will be evening performances while Sunday will be a matinee.

UPSTAGE PLAYERS

The Ustage Players' summer musical will be "Singin' In The Rain." Auditions announcements will be coming soon, and performances are July 21-24.

Upstage Junior theatre camp will perform "Finding Nemo" this year. Auditions for that will be June 11 with the camp being August 7-11 with performances after that. Visit the community ed section of the website for more info.

www.upsala.k12.mn.us



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.

How to register for classes online

1. Visit our webstore <https://upsala.revtrak.net>
2. Click the **Community Ed** button
3. Select the **program**
4. Select the **class** you want to register for
5. Select the **Click here to register** link
6. In the sign-in screen
 - a. Enter your email address and password if you are a returning customer. **OR**
 - b. If you do not have an account, select **create account**
 - i. Enter your contact information
 - ii. Create a password
7. The participant window will open. Select the participant's name and complete the required fields.
If your child's name does not appear in the participant's list, select **A New Person** Enter their name and click submit. Proceed to fill out the required fields
8. If you have another child to register, click on **Continue to Shop**. If you are finished, click **Checkout** to add your class to the shopping cart and make payment. Your shopping cart window will open.
9. Verify the information for accuracy and click **Go to Checkout**.
10. Verify your registrations. Enter the payment information and click **Place Order** Payment will be processed. Your receipt can be viewed and printed.
11. **View & Print Receipt** Click Log out in the lower left corner. Credit card statements will show payment made to the school district.

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

Cookie Decorating



Come and have some fun with your friends and enjoy some Shamrock cookie decorating!

At the end of this class you will bring home some beautifully decorated St. Patty's cookies for your family! A fun class activity is also planned while the cookies are drying.

The class will be after school on March 7. The fee is \$20 which covers all supplies and ingredients.

Want To Teach A Class?



Do you have a talent or knowledge you would like to share with children or adults 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 23 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. This year's show will be "Finding Nemo" and the dates of the camp will be August 7-12, 2023.

Crazy Cake Pops



There is a cake pops class after school on April 14 for grades K-8. We'll teach you how to combine just the right amount of cake crumbs and buttercream icing to create tasty cake pops in fun designs! Cost is \$25 which includes all supplies and ingredients. Instructor is Charlene Bzdok.

Ice Cream Making



Students in grades 2-8 are invited to stay after school on May 18 to make some homemade ice cream! We will have fun while also learning the science behind the fun. Cost is \$25 which includes all the supplies and ingredients. Instructor is Charlene Bzdok.

Drivers Training



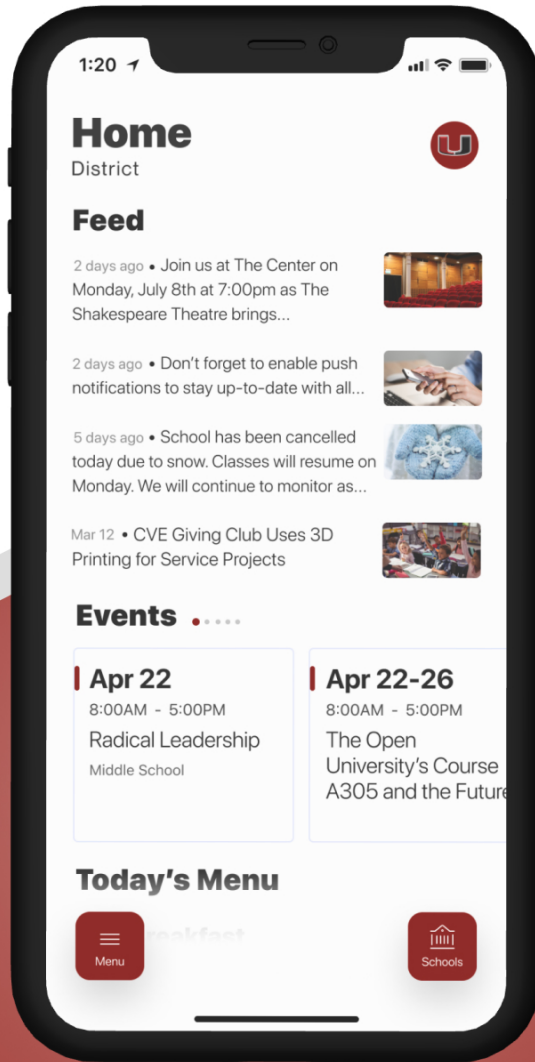
The next Drivers Training course will be held April 17-21 & April 24-28, 2023. Classes will be in the evenings from 6pm-9pm in the media center.


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 \$490 for class & behind the wheel.

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

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Storytimes

Join Miss Greta for a fun filled storytime featuring books written and illustrated by Eric Carle. We will read stories, make a craft, and enjoy a sweet treat. For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Limit 15. Preregistration encouraged.

Eric Carle Storytime Wednesday, March 15, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Spring Storytime Wednesday, April 19 from 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Lego Hour Challenge

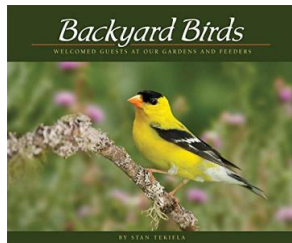
Inspire your creativity with our Lego challenges. The first challenge is an alphabet challenge, featuring a different letter each month, the second challenge will be announced at the session. For ages 5 to 12. Limit 16. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library. Registration is required for each date.

Wednesdays, Mar. 22 & Apr. 12 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Stan Tekiela presents "Backyard Birds: Welcomed Guests at Our Gardens and Feeders"

Magnificent photographs and fascinating facts spotlight the lives of the most captivating and beloved backyard birds. This talk is packed with information that is not found in the ordinary field guide. Hundreds of award winning images of your most favorite backyard birds. Why are so many birds so brightly colored? Why do they sing songs? Life inside an egg and nest. Does feeding birds in your backyard help the birds? How many eggs can a bird lay? For all ages. A Legacy event.

Friday, March 24 at 6:00 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. 27 & Apr. 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 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 4 to 5 p.m. or other dates/times by pre-arrangement. Registration is required.

Wednesdays, March 1 & April 5 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Upsala Public Library 35th Birthday Open House

Stop in for a birthday open house! See how the library has grown and enjoy refreshments. Coloring and activity sheets will be available for kids, and adults and teens may make a craft. While supplies last. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library.

Friday, April 28 - During library open hours

Mike Lynch Minnesota Starwatch Program



Make the stars your old friends as we watch the great celestial show over Upsala.

Following a

short orientation in the library, you'll enjoy quality time outside under the heavens getting to know the constellations like The Big Bear, Orion the Hunter, Leo the Lion, and some of their great stories behind them. We'll also use large telescopes, among the largest mobile telescopes in Minnesota and Wisconsin, for close-up views of the moon, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies, and other wonders in the late winter and early spring skies.

Included is a handout package with user-friendly star maps and constellation charts, apps, websites, a telescope-buying guide, and more!

Mike Lynch is a retired meteorologist and has been hosting star watch parties and teaching astronomy for over 50 years. He also writes a weekly stargazing column for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and is the author of the book "Stars, a Month by Month Tour of the Constellations," that'll be available for purchase. Super cool glow-in-the-dark star shirts will also be available, along with some of Mike Lynch's astrophotography. Even if it's cloudy you'll learn a lot, have a great time!

Friday, April 28 from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Sonic Escape Family Concert

Juilliard-trained violinist Maria Millar and flutist Shawn Wyckoff blend musical styles and explore the world of music! Join us for this lively, interactive family-friendly concert for all ages. Q&A with the musicians throughout. For all ages. This program was made possible with Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment. **Offsite: Upsala Area Schools Auditorium Monday, April 17 at 1:15 p.m.**

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- 4/27 @ Border West
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- 5/9 @ Browerville
- 5/11 @ Parkers Prairie
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- 4/4 @ Hinckley-Finlayson
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- 4/22 vs Rothsay @ Swanville
- 4/24 @ Clinton-Graceville-B
- 4/25 @ Browerville
- 4/27 @ Osakis
- 4/28 vs Parkers Prairie
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Congratulations to the Royalton/Upsala state tournament wrestling team!

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

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