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SUMMER 2023



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CONGRATULATIONS





We have reached the end of another school year at UAS and, like many of the years past, there are a number of achievements that we are proud to celebrate as well as planning for the year ahead. As we send off the Class of 2023 graduates, we are also busy planning for summer maintenance and improvement projects. Here are a few things of note that I'd like to share.

Congratulations UAS Class of 2023

On May 26th, we will celebrate the commencement of the Class of 2023. 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. Congratulations to our honor students and those members of the graduating class who were awarded individual honors in various co-curricular programs. We will celebrate their achievements during our commencement ceremony.

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

As part of our commencement program, we will also be celebrating and recognizing the centennial anniversary of the first graduation from UAS. 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).

Capital Facilities Project

Planning is underway to present another Capital Facilities plan to district residents and ask for their support on a bond referendum vote in August. Feedback from our previous failed attempts has been thoughtfully considered by the UAS School Board and the plan has been modified to reflect this feedback.

The referendum vote will consist of 2 questions. The first to approve funding in the amount of \$4,675,000 to complete deferred maintenance projects that are urgently needed. These projects include HVAC/heating system upgrades and replacement of primary system components. The current systems have become outdated and inefficient resulting in significant increases in our operating costs.

The second question requests an additional \$4,060,000 in funding to provide for construction of additional facility space for career and technical education, early childhood education, and district support services. This question also includes funding to complete accessibility improvements to our facilities.

We will be scheduling some informational meetings for the public in the near future and will post more information on our website with detailed information.

2023 Legislative Update

At the time of this writing, the 2023 legislative session has one week to go until the session ends. This legislative session has resulted in a record number of bills introduced with many of them passed. Early indications are that we will see an increase in school funding, however, there is still quite a bit of uncertainty regarding new legislative mandates that we will have to implement.

One concern I have regarding much of the new legislation is how much will the new funding be restricted by mandates and the impact that there will be on local decision making. Local control is a unique and advantageous aspect of public education in Minnesota. UAS is a community school governed by the Board members elected by the community.

In my opinion, the UAS Board governs in the best interest of our community and eroding that responsibility at the State level will put undue pressure on our programs and operations. Providing our district with new funding without restrictive mandates will allow our Board to utilize this funding where it matters the most...having a positive impact on our students.

I have been advocating with many of my Region 5 colleagues for fewer State mandates and restricted funding programs. It remains to be seen if our efforts will have any impact. Stay tuned.

Vern Capelle
Superintendent

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Are you thinking about open enrolling to Upsala?

Call the front office at 320-573-2174 to schedule your tour!



Greetings!

It's hard to believe the 2022-2023 school year is coming to an end! It seems like yesterday we were starting the school year.

Speaking of "yesterday," the class of 2023 will be the 100th graduating class of Upsala High School! The graduation ceremony will take place Friday,

May, 26th at 7pm. Good luck to the 100th graduating class of Upsala Schools!

This spring has been a busy one! We have had a lot going on here at school with field trips and activities! Thanks to everyone that supports our students and school not only in the spring, but year round!

Upsala Area Schools has been working on becoming a Level 1 Certified High Reliability School. Hopefully we receive news this summer that we have met the criteria. I will update families in the fall newsletter on what this all means. Stay tuned!

Some dates to get in your calendars for late summer/early fall:

July 31st-August 11th
Kindergarten Readiness
(for all incoming kindergarteners)

August 1st
All Sports Meeting in the Auditorium 7pm

August 14th
Fall Sports and Activities begin

August 30th
Open House and 7th Grade Orientation

September 5
First Day of School

With the 2022-2023 school year in the rearview mirror, we are planning and looking forward to the 2023-2024 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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



Tue/Wed/Thu from 7am-1pm (subject to change)

March Students of the Month

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Jace Ludwig

Ms. Wolbeck
Aaron Wolbeck

Ms. Bengston
Asher Roering

Ms. Kruzel
Kaden McLaughlin

Ms. Fuchs
Gabe Barthel

Ms. Duclos
Connor Hoffman

Mr. Van Sloten
Raelyn Gross
Kaleb McLaughlin

Ms. Nienaber
Aleighia Vetsch

Mr. Riitters
Westley Dobmeier

Ms. Thell
Haley Roske

Ms. Justen
Natalee Hoffman

Music
Emily Ripplinger

Phy Ed
Emery Sobiech
Charlie Hallermann

Art
Cameron Van Sloten

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Hunter Steuck

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Erica Roske
Math: Jake Leners
Social Studies: Alyssa Young
Science: Jack Primus
PE: Brenna Graves
Health: Jacob Brinkman
Ag/Voc Ed: Natalie Wensmann
Technology: Brandon Mugg
Art: Claire Arvig
Music: Hannah Luedtke
FCS: Brooke Opatz
World Language: Dominic Eggert
AVID: Desiree Kuhl

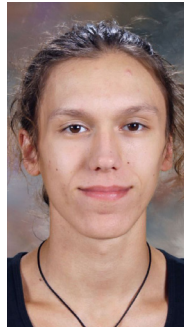
JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Tiffany Marty

Subject Students of the Month

English: Bianca Mrozek
Math: Bianca Mrozek
Social Studies: Vincent Eggert
Science: Trygg Aleckson
PE: Zoey Leners
Health: Emma Dickinson
Ag/Voc Ed: Carter Blenker
Art: Landon Krebs
Music: Carson Primus



Drama
Jacob Gunderson



Boys Basketball
Braedan Rene



Girls Basketball
Madin Koetter



Robotics
Hunter Steuck



Robotics
Allison Cymbaluk



FFA
Evie Aleckson

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Ms. Peterson
Bryson Nelson

Ms. Wolbeck
Matthew Ervin

Ms. Bengston
Colby Erickson/Lily Fuchs

Ms. Kruzel
Emma Becker

Ms. Fuchs
Lacie Winter

Ms. Duclos
Reese Schmidt
Hunter Sturm Hughes

Mr. Van Sloten
Brayden Harren
Irria Theisen

Ms. Nienaber
Wayne Bloom

Mr. Riitters
Wesley Bense

Ms. Thell
Eric Pflipsen

Ms. Justen
Owen Klug

Music
Madison Goebel

Phy Ed
Alec Morrison
Izabella Bixby

Art
Chloe Goebel

SR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Madalin Koetter

Subject Students of the Month:

English: Monica Nienaber
Math: Tiago Leite
Social Studies: Aiden Brannan
Science: Evelynn Aleckson
PE: Kaylea Loscheider
Health: Kalaeb Rene
Ag/Voc Ed: Desiree Kuhl
Technology: Eric Landowski
Art: Keaton Gudvangen
Music: Isabelle Leners
World Language: Brayden Mack
FCS: Erica Roske
AVID: Aiden Brannan

JR HIGH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Sam Laliberte

Subject Students of the Month

English: Landon Krebs
Math: Evan Pipenhagen
Social Studies: Daniel Gunderson
Science: Annalee Gerads
PE: Alexis Pilarski & Lynn Arvig
Health: Abigail Eggert
Ag/Voc Ed: Evan Pipenhagen
Art: Abigail Carlson
Music: Aubree Roerick



Softball
Isabelle Leners



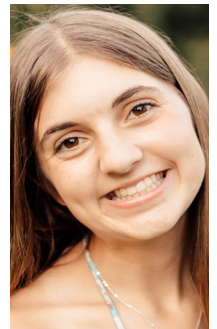
Baseball
Tyson Leners



Boys Track
Joseph Guthrie



Girls Track
Madison Tschida



FFA
Hannah Luedtke



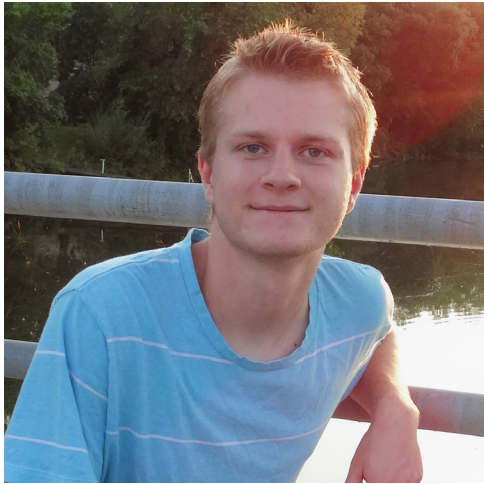
class of 2023

CLASS COLORS : Light Blue & Silver

CLASS FLOWER : Marigold

CLASS SONG : "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" by Harol Arlen

CLASS QUOTE: "You can never be old and wise, if you were never young and dumb" - Anonymous



ANDREW ALECKSON
Jesse & Michelle Aleckson



SILAS ARVIG
Scott & Sara Arvig



CHRISTIAN BENSON
Chris & Crystal Benson



MITCHELL GEORGE
Tim & Sheila George



PAIGE GERADS
Jamie & Rebecca Gerads



AXEL JOHNSON
Steve & Sheri Johnson

Class Of 2023



RYAN JOHNSON
Chad & Lacy Johnson



MADALIN KOETTER
Paul & Kathy Koetter



NICHOLAS KULLA
John & Carolyn Kulla



MAX LANGE
Duke & Jayne Lange



TIAGO LEITE
Alexsandro Leite & Catia Borges



MOLLY LENERS
Chris & Carie Leners



TYSON LENERS
Jamie & Jennifer Leners



HANNAH LUEDTKE
Mark & Lisa Luedtke



ALEXIS REIMERS
Pete & Lisa Reimers

Class Of 2023



BRAEDAN RENE
Andre & Wendy Rene



JACOB ROERICK
Dan & Sarah Roerick



EMMA SCEPANIAK
Jared & Jenny Scepianiak



HUNTER STEUCK
Cindy Jacobs & Joe Steuck



SAVANNAH STUMPF
Sheila Christian & Mark Stumpf



ALIAH WARGA
James & Sam Warga



NATALIE WENSMANN
Scott & Jennifer Wensmann



BRYCE WESTRICH
Mike & Alice Westrich



MIKAL WOIDYLA WOOD
Robin & Melissa Woidyla Wood

Top 5 Honor Students

The top 5 honor graduates for 2023 at Upsala High School are:

SILAS ARVIG

Silas Arvig of Grey Eagle, is the son of Scott and Sara Arvig. During high school, he has participated in Upsala's National Honor Society as the Treasurer, FIRST Robotics, Upsala's Trap Shooting team, Knowledge Bowl and as an St. Rose of Lima altar server. Arvig will attend North Dakota State University to obtain a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Silas is graduating with his Associate of Arts degree from Central Lakes College. He also receives the honor of Class of 2023 Valedictorian. He graduates with a 3.99 gpa.



PAIGE GERADS

Paige Gerads of Albany, is the daughter of Jamie and Becky Gerads. During high school, she has participated in Varsity Swimming, Girls Softball and Basketball, Senior Class President, National Honor Society President, M & M Student Mentoring Program, Upsala Drama Club, FFA President and Student Council Secretary. Paige is also a children's religious teacher at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Upsala. Gerads has a 3.97 gpa and plans to attend Mankato State University for a degree in Psychology and Social Work. Paige has received the honor of Class of 2023 Salutatorian.



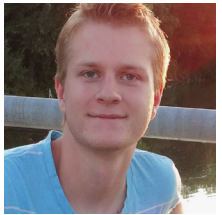
NATALIE WENSMANN

Natalie Wensmann of Upsala, is the daughter of Scott and Jennifer Wensmann. During her high school career, she has been involved in Varsity Basketball, Volleyball, and is the manager for Varsity Softball, National Honor Society, Student Council, and the M & M Student Mentoring Program, Concert Band, Pep Band, FFA Reporter, Upsala Drama Club. Paige is also a children's religious teacher and a youth group leader at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Upsala. Wensmann has been admitted to Winona State University for a degree in Elementary Education. She has a 3.88 gpa.



ANDREW ALECKSON

Andrew Aleckson of Burtrum, is the son of Jesse and Michelle Aleckson. During his high school career, he has been involved in National Honor Society, Concert Band, Pep Band, Knowledge Bowl, FIRST Robotics, Track & Cross Country, Upsala Drama Club, and Community Covenant Church server and volunteer. He plans to attend the University of Northwestern St. Paul, majoring in Media Production and a concentration in Film & Video. He has a 3.87gpa.



HANNAH LUEDTKE

Hannah Luedtke of Bowlus, is the daughter of Mark and Lisa Luedtke. During her high school career, she has been involved in the National Honor Society, Student Council President, Concert Band, Pep Band, Varsity Volleyball, Basketball and Softball, M & M Student Mentoring Program, Upsala Drama Club, FFA treasurer, and is currently Senior Class Representative. Hannah is graduating with her Associate of Arts degree from Central Lakes College. She has a 3.82 gpa. She will be attending North Dakota State University, majoring in Radiologic Sciences.



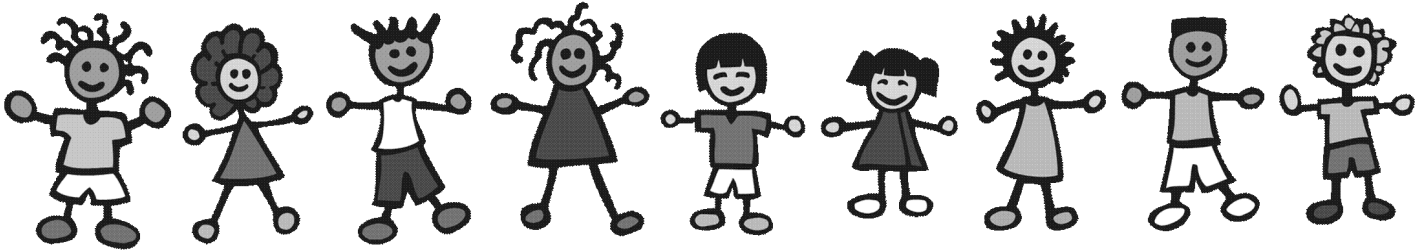
Word Search

This word search with the last names of all high school students appears in this year's high school yearbook!

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Aleckson	Brinkman	Gudvangen	Klein	Laliberte	Middendorf	Primus	Sowada	Westrich
Arvig	Bushaw	Gunderson	Kleve	Landowski	Mosier	Reimers	Steuck	Wiechmann
Ashbrook	Carlson	Guthrie	Klug	Lange	Mrozek	Rene	Stumpf	Woidyla Wood
Benson	Crowe	Hallermann	Koetter	Leite	Mugg	Ripplinger	Takach	Wroblecki
Binek	Cymbaluk	Hartsock	Kokett	Leners	Nienaber	Roerick	Thompson	Young
Blais	Daniel	Heesen	Krebs	Loscheider	Opatz	Roske	Tschida	Yurczyk
Blenker	Dickinson	Hiltunen	Kremers	Luedtke	Peterson	Scepaniak	Walker	Zinniel
Blonigen	Eggert	Hovland	Krueger	Maciej	Pilarski	Schulte	Warga	
Boeckermann	George	Johnson	Kuepers	Mack	Pipenhagen	Smith	Welinski	
Brannan	Gerads	Juarez Lucio	Kuhl	Marty	Pitcher	Sobiech	Wenker	

Summer Preschool



Upsala Summer Preschool 2023

Upsala Public School is excited to be able to offer a Preschool Program for summer fun and learning!

June Session Dates:

Week One - June 5, 6, 7, 8 **Week Two** - June 12, 13, 14, 15 **Week Three** - June 19, 20, 21, 22

Each day of preschool runs from 9:00am - 11:30am.

Summer preschool is open to all children who will be 5 by Sept 1st, 2023.

(children who are eligible for Kindergarten this fall)

Summer preschool will have an outdoor focus and learning objectives of:

- Learning Through Nature
- Building on Zoophonics (letter recognition and sounds)
- Continuing with School Readiness Skills

You may sign up for 2 or 4 days per week. These programs are made possible at no cost to families by a Grant from MDE, helping equip all students to be ready for school!

No transportation is available for this program.

We will provide a light snack for the morning for students.

Please email your registration or scan it to: bswisher@midstate.k12.mn.us

(You can also leave a message at 320-631-2509 with: Child's name, Date of Birth, Allergies, and your contact phone #, along with which days you'd like them to attend.)

Registration Deadline: May 31st

Slots will be filled in the order that slips are received. Thanks!

Child Name: _____

Child's Birth Date: _____ Child Allergies?: _____

Parent Name(s): _____ Parent Phone: _____

My child will attend (please check all that apply):

2 days a week: M/W _____ T/TH _____ 4 days a week: M/T/W/TH _____

Robotics Recap

The Upsala Robotics Team - UC-Botics traveled to Sedalia Missouri this year for their Central Missouri Regional Event! At the event, we were Competing with a total of 28 teams from around the US. This year's competition game was called 'Charged Up' presented by the Gene Haas Foundation. Our goal was to create a robot that could travel across the field, and pick up two different game objects, a Cone and an Inflatable Cube similar to a beach ball. After picking up the game object, we then needed to travel back to our Side of the field and place the objects either on a post for cones, or a flat platform for the cubes. Getting 3 in a row for any game pieces gave us bonus points. At the end of the match, within the last 30 seconds, you will receive bonus points for Climbing onto and balancing on a platform with your partners. The more partners there and if you remain balanced, the more bonus points you receive.



Overall at Competition the Students worked hard and did an excellent job being involved, talking with teams, increasing our robot's potential, and also managed to work and talk with Judges sharing our amazing small town team, and the awesome activities and projects we do in our State of Minnesota for Robotics. Overall our robot did run into difficulties through unfortunate breaks and tears. Our lifter mechanism had shattered in our first match. This made for a bit of stress going back to the pit area, as we needed to then figure out and make a solution to fix it within 45 minutes before our next match. Overall our team had some difficulties, but as a whole our progress made by the end was shown. Our team was selected by the 5th ranked alliance for playoffs, and in the end our alliance did place 6th overall for the tournament.

Our two Impact Award Presenters, Hunter Steuck and Brayden Bushaw, did a fabulous job presenting to a panel of judges about UC-Botics and Upsala Schools. Hunter and Brayden both gave a 7 minute presentation explaining the different programs our team is involved in, How UC-Botics has been an advocate for FIRST Robotics within the state of Minnesota by attending events and sharing our program, But most importantly how our FIRST Robotics team makes an impact on our students here in Upsala. Following their presentation, the judges then had a 5 minutes Question and Answer portion which both students did a remarkable job with. Unfortunately we did not receive the Impact award. However those two had done such an incredible job and really impressed the panel of Judges, our team came home with the "Judge's Award" instead. Still an incredibly High Honor, and an amazing outcome from this event!

Thank you to our Seniors this year who attended the Central Missouri Regional. Mikal Woidyla-Wood, Silas Arvig, and Hunter Steuck! You three had done an excellent job representing Upsala, UC-Botics, and FIRST as a whole at the event. We wish you the best for your future endeavors as Alumni of FIRST!

For the next school year UC-Botics will be traveling to the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference Championship event (Similar to the one hosted in Upsala in 2021) in Babbitt, MN. We are looking forward to the new season, and Many thanks to our incredible sponsors and supporters here in the local community! If you would like to become involved with UC-Botics, please reach out to Mr. Robertson for more information! No professional experience necessary! We are looking for mentors from all careers who are willing to learn a little about FIRST and more-so how this program makes a difference for our students.





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

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Summer Reading Program Begins June 5!

The program is open to all kids ages 0-18 and is divided by age: pre-readers (ages 0-3), kids (ages 4 to 6th grade), and teens (6th to 12th grade).

Sign up starting June 5 to receive a free book bag!

The Upsala Public Library has a great assortment of Summer Reading Program prizes generously donated by the Friends of the Library. With the first reading record returned we will be offering an age appropriate treasure chest prize and free book. Each slip returned afterwards increases your chances to win one of our great weekly prizes and/or one of the many grand prizes after the program ends.

**Join the Great River Regional Library
SUMMER READING PROGRAM
For kids ages 0 - 18**

FIND YOUR VOICE!

June 5 thru
August 5



For registration details contact your library or visit griver.org/kids/summer-reading-program

Storytimes

Join Miss Greta for a fun filled storytime. We will read stories, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Limit 15. Preregistration encouraged.

Jungle Animal Storytime Wed., June 21 from 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Building Storytime Wed., July 19 from 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Superheroes Storytime Wed., Aug.16 from 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Lego Hour Challenge

Inspire your creativity with our Lego challenges. All blocks provided to build. For ages 5 to 12. Limit 12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library. Registration is required for each date.

Wednesdays, June 14 & Aug. 23 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tiny Art Show

Display your artistic talents in our Tiny Art Show! Register now for a mini artist kit to be picked up starting June 5. Once complete return it to the library by Friday, June 30 to be part of the exhibit. The show will run from July 10 through August 5. For ages 8 and older. Registration required.

Walking Book Club

Want to get moving, meet new people and discuss good reads? Join the Walking Book Club! Meet at the Library, then walk and talk with other readers to hear what they have been reading this month and what they would recommend you read next. We will meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Wednesdays: June 14, July 15, August 9 & Sept. 13 at 6:30 pm

Between the Covers Book Club

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

Mondays, June 26, July 24 & Aug 28 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Author Pam Nowak

Join award winning author Pam Nowak as she discusses one of her latest books "NEVER LET GO" follows the lives of five women from the time they left home to their settlement at Lake Shetek on the Minnesota frontier and through the Dakota Conflict of 1862. One abandoned on the prairie with two small children, one left for dead, and three taken captive. Their entwined, true stories are realized in this women's historical fiction.

Wednesday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Dazzling Dave Show

Dave is a YoYo professional. He travels the world teaching with his yo-yo's and spintops. He teaches the basic physics behind spinning things and the skill involved to learn them while entertaining. For all ages. A Legacy event.

Tuesday, June 13 at 3:00 p.m.



Zoo to You

Hemker's Zoo to You program is a unique way to learn about and experience zoo animals. Visit will include hands on learning sessions, and educational talks on the animals including habitat, and special adaptations, how they are cared for. **This program was funded through donations to the Locally Growin' campaign.**

Monday, July 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Mike Lynch Minnesota Starwatch Program

Following a short orientation in the library, you'll enjoy quality time outside under the heavens getting to know the stars. We'll also use large telescopes, among the largest mobile telescopes in Minnesota and Wisconsin, for close-up views of the many wonders in the fall sky.

Mike Lynch is a retired meteorologist and has been hosting star watch parties and teaching astronomy for over 50 years. Even if it's cloudy you'll learn a lot, have a great time!

Friday, August 25 from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Watch for more information on our other upcoming programs at <https://events.griver.org/>



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 2-12, which will end with a production of the Disney Jr musical "Finding Nemo."

"Finding Nemo" auditions will be June 11 at 6pm. Pre-camp rehearsals are June 28 & July 26. The camp runs August 7-11 from 9am-4pm, with performances Friday evening August 11 and Saturday morning August 12.

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 August 7-11 & August 14-18 from 1:30pm-4:30pm. The price is \$496.25 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 2 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 Wednesdays 9:00-10:00am and 7:00-8:00pm.

Program is free, but registration is required to participate.

Every Student...



... Every Day!



Community Education

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

Summer Programs



Fidgets, Games & Music

Wednesday, June 7 from 9:00-10:30am
 Grades K and up
 Cost \$20 (includes all supplies)

Learn how to use Popit fidgets to create candy, make music and play games! EVERYONE will bring home at least one fidget of choice.

Ice Cream Science

Monday, June 19 from 12:30-2:00pm
 Grades K and up
 Cost: \$25 (includes all ingredients)

This class is designed to have fun while learning some science concepts. We will use freezer bags and ice to make ice cream, but also teach methods of business in today's world.

Fidget Chocolate

Monday, July 17 from 12:00-1:30pm
 Grades K and up
 Cost: \$25 (includes all supplies)

Let's make some M&M chocolate bars using a Popit Fidget! At the end of class you will bring home your own Popit Fidget as well as some chocolate for your family.

Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, August 16 from 9:00-10:30am
 Grades K and up
 Cost: \$20 (includes all supplies)

You will bring home some beautifully decorated summer and beach themed cookies for your family.

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.

AR - Summer Reading

Class #: SU18 0548
 Group: Comm Ed SU19
 Date: 6/4/2019 - 6/7/2019
 Days: Tu, We, Th
 Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 Location: Upsala Elementary Cora Eckstrom Elementary Media Center

[CLICK HERE to Register for this Class](#)

Who are you registering?

Please select the person you would like to register for:

(self)

(other)

A New Person

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Numbers

One of the following phone numbers is required to proceed

Home Phone

Work Phone

Activities will be held when school has been cancelled or closed early due to bad weather. Please right to cancel classes if enrollment is below needed minimum. Registrants will be notified and activities are announced on our website.

Schools and its employees are not responsible for accidents or injuries resulting while participating.

[Add and Go to Shopping Cart](#) [Add and Continue To Shop](#)

Review & Submit

BILLING [EDIT](#)

BILL TO:

ITEMS

AR - SUMMER READING \$0.00

Quantity: 1

06/04/2019 - 08/01/2019 9:00 AM

June 4 - August 1 (no meetings July 1-5) Tuesdays & Wednesdays; 9:00 11:00 am Thursdays; 6:00 8:00 pm Cora Eckstrom Elementary Media Center

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2023-2024

Jul 31-Aug 3/7-10	Kindergarten Readiness
Aug 28-30	Teacher Workshop
Aug 30	K-12 Open House (4:00 to 8:00 pm)
Sep 04	Labor Day (No School)
Sep 05	Classes Begin for K-12 Students
Oct 06	Early Release (Staff PD)
Oct 19 - 20	Fall Break
Nov 03	End of Quarter 1
Nov 06	No School (Teacher Trade Day)
Nov 07	Start of Quarter 2
Nov 16 & 20	K-12 Parent Conferences (3:30 to 7:30 pm)
Nov 22	Early Release (Staff PD)
Nov 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 22	Early Release (Trade Day)
Dec 23-Jan 1	Holiday Break
Jan 02	K-12 Classes Resume
Jan 12	End Semester 1/Quarter 2
Jan 15	No School (In-Service)
Jan 16	Start of Spring Semester/Quarter 3
Feb 16	No School (In-Service)
Feb 19	No School (Presidents Day)
Mar 15	End of Quarter 3
Mar 18	Start of Quarter 4
Mar 21 & 25	K-12 Parent Conferences (3:30 to 7:30 pm)
Mar 28	No School (Teacher Trade Day)
Mar 29-Apr 1	No School (Spring Break)
Apr 19	Early Release (Staff PD)
Apr 27	Prom
May 10	Early Release (Staff PD)
May 24	Commencement (7:00 pm)
May 24	Early Release - Last Student Day
May 27	Memorial Day - No School
May 28	Teacher Workshop

Student Days (S) = 172 Teacher Days (T) = 180

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Sep (S)19 (T)19	Feb (S)19 (T)20
Oct (S)20 (T)20	Mar (S)19 (T)20
Nov (S)19 (T)20	Apr (S)21 (T)21
Dec (S)16 (T)16	May (S)18 (T)19

Quarters/Semesters	
Quarter 1: Sept 5 - November 3	42 Days
Quarter 2: November 7 - January 12	41 Days
Fall Semester = 83 Days	
Quarter 3: January 16 - March 15	42 Days
Quarter 4: March 18 - May 24	47 Days
Spring Semester = 89 Days	

- Summer Kdg Readiness
- No School for Students/Staff
- Start/End Quarter/Semester
- Prom/Commencement
- Teacher Workshop/In-Service
- Early Release - Noon Dismissal
- Parent-Teacher Conferences

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2023-24 Weather Make Up Days

- First Day - No Make Up
- Second Day - January 15, 2024
- Third Day - February 16, 2024
- Fourth Day - March 28, 2024
- Fifth Day - May 28, 2024
- Additional Days Beginning With May 29

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