



# Cardinal Country Highlights

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*"Don't you know what that is? It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you DO want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"*  
— Mark Twain, *Tom Sawyer, Detective*

As I write this newsletter, I am looking out at our snow and ice-free parking lot on a day that we may experience temperatures near 50 degrees...in February! To say that this has been a mild winter is an understatement. Regardless, I will gladly accept it and look forward to a busy Spring season here at UAS.

Spring brings a number of rituals to every school year that are significant. This year is no exception as we will be busy with our Capital Improvements Project, setting our budget for the next fiscal year and advocating for rural schools during this year's legislative session. Here is a quick update on what will be happening.

### **Capital Improvements Project**

We are still in the design and development phase of the project. Contractors have been hired and materials for the project are being ordered. The demolition and construction phases of the project will begin as soon as the school year concludes and progress throughout the summer months. We are still on target to have the project completed by the time school begins next September as long as we do not encounter any significant delays along the way. Look for a project update coming later this Spring that will highlight the project in more detail as soon as all design details have been finalized.

### **District Budget and Finance Update**

At this point, I am sure you have heard the news regarding the District's Statutory Operating Debt (SOD) status. After a series of deficit budgets, we have exhausted our reserve balance and were designated to be in SOD according to the statutory guidelines. So what does this mean for UAS? We will be working closely with MDE to examine our budget in order to remove this status as soon as possible. We have submitted a plan to

MDE to do this with minimal impact to our programming and operations, which will allow us to reduce any adverse impacts to students. There were a number of factors that contributed to the deficit spending, primary among these were a significant enrollment decrease during and after the pandemic years, as well as significant increases in expenditures in the areas of transportation, maintenance/operations, and special education. In addition, the federal grant funds we received during the COVID pandemic have been exhausted. All of these factors we had anticipated and planned for, however, these factors were significantly greater during the 2022-2023 school year.

The increases in funding we received from the State this year will help us on the path to recovery, however, the majority of this new funding will be directed towards the new mandates of the 2023 legislature. With this in mind, we will be developing our budget for fiscal year 2025 with our primary focus on providing the best possible education for our students and providing them with the learning and experiences that will prepare them for whatever future they choose to pursue.

### **2024 Legislative Session**

Another ritual of Spring is the meeting of the Minnesota Legislature. The 94th Continuing Regular Session of the Minnesota Legislature began on February 12th and will conclude on May 20th. The regular session of 2023 brought about significant legislative changes, many of which will have direct impacts to school districts, in particular rural districts, going forward. Earned Safe and Sick Time, Paid Family and Medical Leave, universal meals, unemployment insurance, the READ act are just some of the mandates that schools will have to navigate this year and in the near future. In March, I will join with many of my colleagues from Region 5 to visit with our legislators at the Capital to impress upon them the significance that this legislation will have on rural school districts. We are still unsure what consequences may come from last year's legislation, which makes it very difficult to plan for. Stay tuned for updates on this legislative session and the potential impacts to UAS that may occur.

One of the most important Spring rituals that occurs at UAS is the commencement of our graduating seniors. On May 24th, our seniors will graduate from UAS and we will wish them the best as they embark on the newest



What a difference a year makes! I hope everyone is enjoying this mild winter weather. It is hard to believe we are almost through winter and that spring is right around the corner. Hopefully Mother Nature doesn't give us a late winter! He is a quick update at what has been going on at Upsala Schools.

## Notes:

We were recently notified that Upsala Schools has achieved Level 1 status in the Marzano High Reliability Schools Program. This is quite the honor and took the work of many staff members! This is a national recognition! More information will be coming soon.

Sourcewell awards teachers in Region 5 with Educators of Excellence Awards. This year from Upsala, Sourcewell has recognized Grace Rahn and Jacob Drimel as Educators of Excellence. Ms. Rahn is a special education teacher in the elementary and Mr. Drimel is a 5-12 Social Studies 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 Noah Boeckermann and Brooke Opatz will represent Upsala Schools at a banquet this spring. Congratulations to both Noah and Brooke!

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## Superintendent's Corner (cont.)

stage in their journey through life. A central component of our mission here at UAS is to make sure that each of our graduating seniors is prepared for whatever future path they have selected. This may involve attending a post-secondary institution to receive additional education and/or training in preparation for a desired career, or transitioning directly into the workforce. Whatever option our students choose, we have worked diligently to prepare them for what they will experience. As they go forward

K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 21st and March 25th 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 1st. Any student that will turn the age of five by September 1st, 2024 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: 320-573-2174.

We have a new addition to our staff. Emily Malikowski is currently a long term substitute teacher for physical education and health. She will be with us until mid-April. Pete Suska is a new paraprofessional working with both high school and elementary students. Welcome to both of them!

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. Last year we awarded over \$20,000 for the class of 2023 that goes towards scholarships. If you are interested in becoming part of this group, please contact me.

Good luck to all our winter activities who are beginning their playoffs next week!

Thanks again for all your support!  
Have a great Spring!  
Go Cardinals!

*Nick Klug,  
K-12 Principal  
Upsala Area Schools*

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on their journey, we are confident that the education they have received from UAS has prepared them for success and we look forward to their individual accomplishments with gratitude and pride. If you have any questions, or would like more information regarding our programs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Vern Capelle, Ed.S.  
Superintendent of Schools*

# December Students of the Month

## Elementary

Mrs. Peterson  
Dawson Roerick  
Aria Eggert

Mrs. Wolbeck  
Kaylee Swanson  
Caleb Vetsch

Mrs. Bengston  
Tommy Boeckermann  
Emery Sobiech

Ms. Jackson  
Ray Primus

Mrs. Duclos  
Avery Achmann

Mr. Van Sloten  
Owen Fuchs

Mrs. Nienaber  
Izabella Bixbyl

Mr. Riitters  
Izabella Johnson

Mrs. Fuchs  
Cam Loudon

Ms. Justen  
Karsen McLaughlin

Music  
Trevor Thompson

Bauer PE  
Alex Fuchs

Leither PE  
Lexi Ley

Art  
Hannah Hoffman

## Junior High

English  
Trygg Aleckson

Math  
Owen Klug

Social Studies  
Eddie Horvath

Science  
Benett Pilarski

PE  
Aaron Schneideri

Health  
Emmalyn Harren

Ag/Voc Ed  
Skyler Landowski

Art  
Bella Warga

Music  
Madison Goebel

## Senior High

English  
Brandon Mugg

Math  
Erica Roske

Social Studies  
Jacob Gunderson

Science  
Calvin Leners

PE  
Dylan Warga

Health  
Annalee Gerads

Ag/Voc Ed  
Dillon Krebs

Technology  
Victoria Wiechmann

Art  
Lucy Scepaniak

Music  
Quinn Guthrie

World Language  
Aiden Brannan

FCS  
Aaron Hiltunen

## Athletes & Activities



Hockey  
Noah Zinniel



Drama  
Evelynn Aleckson



Boys Basketball  
Jack Primus



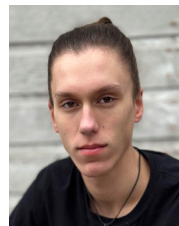
Girls Basketball  
Dakota Soltis



Wrestling  
Brandon Mugg



FFA  
Eric Landowski



Mentor  
Jacob Gunderson

## Elementary

Mrs. Peterson  
Skylar Kingston  
Jackson Lehner

Ms. Jackson  
Gavin Oldakowski  
Jace Ludwig

Mr. Riitters  
Jaiden Oldakowski

Music  
Madilyn Gerads

Mrs. Wolbeck  
Grady Roe  
Levi Biniekl

Mrs. Duclos  
Kaden McLaughlin

Mrs. Fuchs  
Cody Johnson

Bauer PE  
Rey Juarez-Lucio

Mrs. Bengston  
Colton Salber

Mr. Van Sloten  
Emma Jean Pflipsen

Ms. Justen  
Ella Achmann

Leither PE  
Sawyer Valencia

Mrs. Nienaber  
Emma Servatius

Art  
Kendra Goebel

## Junior High

English  
Madison Goebel

Science  
Natalee Hoffman

Health  
Isabella Warga

Art  
Jakson Blenker

Math  
Carter Steinhofer

PE  
Edward Horvath

Ag/Voc Ed  
Addisyn Hovland

Music  
Daniel Gunderson

Social Studies  
Bryce Roerick

## Senior High

English  
Alyssa Young

Science  
Samuel Laliberte

Ag/Voc Ed  
Isaiah Sobiech

Music  
Holly Johnson

Math  
Eli Johnson

PE  
Joe Guthrie

Technology  
Carter Gudvangen

World Language  
Victoria Wiechmann

Social Studies  
Desiree Kuhl

Health  
Matthew Tschida

Art  
Madison Tschida

FCS  
Jacob Gunderson

AVID

Carson Primus

## Athletes & Activities



Robotics  
Kalaeb Rene



Drama  
Abby Carlson



Boys Basketball  
Noah Boeckermann



Girls Basketball  
Isabel Ripplinger



Wrestling  
Jake Leners



FFA  
Evie Aleckson



Mentor  
Brenna Graves

# February Students of the Month

## Elementary

Mrs. Peterson Bryson Fuchs Lexi Ley	Ms. Jackson Rey Juarez-Lucio Bryson Nelson	Mrs. Nienaber Logan Ley Irria Theisen	Music Kaelyn Vetsch
Mrs. Wolbeck Dakota Reece Hailey Fronning	Mrs. Duclos Lily Fuchs	Mr. Riitters Haylee Heesen	Bauer PE Vincent Bahn
Mrs. Bengston Hunter Lathrop Afton Servatius	Mr. Van Sloten Gabe Barthel	Mrs. Fuchs Westley Dobmeier	Leither PE Jackson Finken
		Ms. Justen Andrew Eggert	Art Ruby Klug

## Junior High

English Avery Hallerman	Science Bryce Roerick	Health Madison Goebel	Art Evan Pipenhagen
Math Aaron Schneider	PE Bradon Lange	Ag/Voc Ed Bennet Pilarski	Music Bianca Mrozek
Social Studies Elyn Zinniel			

## Senior High

English Brenna Graves	Science Isaiah Sobiech	Ag/Voc Ed Calvin Leners	Music Joseph Guthrie
Math TBD	PE Erica Roske	Technology Brandon Mugg	World Language Yovanni Juarez Lucio
Social Studies Lukus Daniel	Health Lynn Arvig	Art Kira Poppenhagen	FCS Courtney Roske

## Athletes & Activities

AVID  
TBD



Girls Basketball  
Emily Wiechmann



Boys Basketball  
Aden Warga



Robotics  
Holly Johnson



Mentor  
Jack Primus



FFA  
Isabelle Klug



Drama  
Noah  
Boeckermann

## “A” HONOR ROLL

### Grade 12

Bryce Binek  
 Noah Boeckermann  
 Natasha Crowe  
 Brenna Graves  
 Jacob Gunderson  
 Dillon Krebs  
 Isabelle Leners  
 Kaylea Loscheider  
 Monica Nienaber  
 Brooke Opatz  
 Erica Roske  
 Alyssa Young

### Grade 11

Evelynn Aleckson  
 Eli Johnson  
 Hailie Luedtke  
 Brayden Mack  
 Jack Primus  
 Beau Ripplinger  
 Isabel Ripplinger  
 Joseph Steuck

### Grade 10

Aiden Brannan  
 Holly Johnson  
 Austin Klein  
 Isabelle Klug  
 Courtney Roske  
 Isaiah Sobiech  
 Victoria Wiechmann

### Grade 9

Lucylee Aleckson  
 Lynn Arvig  
 Emily Ashbrook  
 Ethan Ashbrook  
 Abigail Carlson  
 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  
 Nicholas Young

### Grade 8

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

### Grade 7

Jakson Blenker  
 Madison Goebel  
 Emmalyn Harren  
 Natalee Hoffman  
 Owen Klug  
 Benett Pilarski  
 Emily Ripplinger  
 Bryce Roerick  
 Aaron Schneider  
 Owen Servatius  
 Carter Steinhofner  
 Isabella Warga

## “B” HONOR ROLL

### Grade 12

Claire Arvig  
 Hunter Boeckermann  
 Lukus Daniel  
 McKenna Graves  
 Joseph Guthrie  
 Aaron Hiltunen  
 Kaylee Kremers  
 Madison Tschida  
 Aden Warga  
 Dylan Warga  
 Dustin Yurczyk

### Grade 11

Lilieana Daniel  
 Dominic Eggert  
 Nicholas Guthrie  
 Dakotta Hartsock  
 James Jensen  
 Allie Maciej  
 Corryn McDermond  
 Brandon Mugg  
 Samantha Pilarski  
 Kira Poppenhagen  
 Dakota Soltis

### Grade 10

Sierra Bense  
 Paul Blonigen  
 Jacob Brinkman  
 Hannah Heesen  
 Meeli Krueger  
 Desiree Kuhl  
 Jake Leners  
 Kalaeb Rene  
 Jack Sowada  
 Mackeel Wenker  
 Noah Zinniel

### Grade 9

Caleb Guthrie  
 Nolan Kuepers  
 Jack Peterson

### Grade 8

Daniel Gunderson  
 Avery Hallermann  
 Skyler Landowski  
 Ayden Pitcher  
 Aubree Roerick  
 Dalton Welinski  
 Ethan Young

### Grade 7

Suzette Guthrie  
 Edward Horvath  
 Avery Kleve  
 Sandra Kuepers  
 Bradon Lange  
 Brogan Mack  
 Ori Prokott  
 Isaac Roerick  
 Brookelynn Schmidt  
 Owen Schulte



## National Honor Society



The Upsala chapter of the National Honor Society inducted two new members in December. Congratulations to senior Brenna Graves and sophomore Isabelle Klug! They join current members Claire Arvig, Natasha Crowe, Alyssa Young, Evelyn Al-eckson, Dillon Krebs, Isabelle Leners, Beau Ripplinger, & Eric Roske.



## ACT Test Information



The ACT with writing is a national assessment that provides information to students, their families, and the district regarding the level of preparedness for postsecondary success. The assessment is given on paper and must be administered on an assigned test date. Minnesota schools are required to offer students in grades 11 and/or 12 the option to take the ACT with Writing Assessment during the school day.

Testing Date and Time: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 8:30AM-2:00PM, Upsala High School.

## Music Notes

The senior high band is preparing for their biennial band tour. Students will perform at Give Kids The World in Orlando before departing on a cruise ship to the Bahamas where they will participate in a clinic.

Select high school band students participated in an 8th-10th grade honor band clinic and concert at Elk River High School on Saturday, Jan. 13. Members who participated included Aiden Brannan, Bianca Mrozek, Genevieve Mrozek, Anne Ripplinger, Jacob Brinkman, Holly Johnson, Ethan Young, Trygg Aleckson, Lucylee Aleckson, and Quinn Guthrie.



## 5-12 SPRING BAND CONCERT

MONDAY, APRIL 29 at 7:30PM  
UPSALA AUDITORIUM



## ONE ACT PLAY CONTEST

The drama club once again participated in the MSHSL Section 5A One Act Play competition. They performed “Once Upon A Playground” by Jack Frakes and placed 3rd - one spot away from advancing to the finals.

The one act cast this year included Evelynn Aleckson, Eli Roerick, Kira Poppenhagen, Lucy Aleckson, Abigail Carlson, Addie Scepaniak, Trygg Aleckson, Addisyn Hovland, Raven Nienaber & Caleb Guthrie.



## SPRING MUSICAL

This year’s spring musical is “Legally Blonde.” Based on the 2001 movie of the same name starring Reese Witherspoon, the story follows sorority girl and fashion-loving Elle Woods (Evie Aleckson) as she heads off to Harvard Law School in an attempt to win back her ex-boyfriend Warner. Along the way Elle discovers that she actually has a knack for the legal profession, studies hard, and ultimately goes on to win a big case.

The rest of the cast of 25 includes Noah Boeckermann, Jacob Gunderson, Isabelle Leners, Lilieana Daniel, Olivia Kleve, Hailie Luedtke, Bridgette La May, Eli Roerick, Isabelle Klug, Victoria Wiechmann, Lucy Aleckson, Abby Carlson, Genevieve Mrozek, Nicholas Young, Caleb Guthrie, Quinn Guthrie, Nolan Kuepers, Calvin Leners, Sam Laliberte, Carson Primus, Trygg Aleckson, Bianca Mrozek, Aubree Roerick, and Addisyn Hovland.



Performances are scheduled for April 19-21, 2024.

## UPSTAGE PLAYERS

This summer the Upstage Players will be producing “Charlie And The Chocolate Factory.” Performances for “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” are scheduled for July 26-29.

The Upstage Players are also planning to hold another youth theatre camp this summer the week of August 5-10. This year’s camp will be working on a performance of “The Little Mermaid Jr.”

Follow the Upsala Upstage Players on Facebook or visit [upstageplayers.org](http://upstageplayers.org) in the coming weeks for additional information on both opportunities.



This spring in the Ag Department we are seeing some excellent growth in skills and craftsmanship with our students! We have a very busy Ag Carpentry Woods class that is doing a good job in stretching themselves to design and create more complex projects with more craftsmanship and detail. Also a very productive group! Several beautifully designed tables, chairs, and other projects using techniques such as mortise and tenon joints and lap joints with angles.

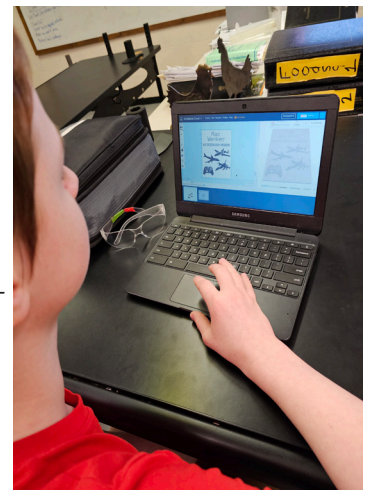


Our Intro to Ag Science class has finished a unit on soils, and will begin a unit on animal housing, in which they will build models of their ideal livestock facilities, keeping in mind all of the requirements the animals need to thrive. This is a class of hard working, super respectful students that really works hard.



Back this year is a class in Hydroponics, which is growing plants without soil. Students will learn about plant science and will build their own systems to grow plants they choose in those system, working to create an environment that will be productive, reduce plant disease, and use some physics and lots of chemistry to make that happen.

Students will be conducting chemistry tests on those systems and recording data in spreadsheets everyday. One whole row of the greenhouse will be devoted to these hydroponic systems they designed.



This spring we are proud to announce we have a brand new class: Called Ag Business Design and Production. This class is team taught by Mrs. Schleper and Mr. Robertson. The focus is on students who have had some experience in our woods, welding and robotics classes; to have them advance technical skills by training them in the use of some of

our technical shop equipment: the Laser Engraver, The X-Carve CNC machine, the Plasma Cam, the Waterjet cutter and the Logic Trace board as well as the Cricut machine.



Using materials they are familiar with such as wood and metal, they are getting a deep immersion into the technical programming and operation of these machines, to create projects. It is very challenging and requires a ton of focus by these students. They are doing an excellent job so far this semester! It's so exciting to host a class that will really develop some marketable skills for careers for these students!

Our Ag 7 students have begun seeding in the greenhouse, and we are gearing up for production for our plant sale in the spring. We are blessed to have such a nice greenhouse combined with engaged students for this project.

Ag 7 students will be learning production, marketing, principles of design, and sales and communication skills while they focus on the ornamental and vegetable crops they tend everyday. We sneak in practical math skills as well. Watch the greenhouse facebook site for updates and spring sale dates and hours!

**Upsala FFA Ag Week (February 26- March 1)**

Ag Week for the Upsala Community means a lot. We encourage participation from not only the school but also those in the community!

We have activities throughout the whole week including Ag Olympics (March 1), lunch activities, activities with the elementary kids, an animal hunt around the school, and a scavenger hunt throughout the community. A few of the games we do in the Ag



Olympics are tug of war, a “race to the sunset” relay, bean bags, watermelon eating contest, roping game, and more!



Our FFA members 7-12 are also invited to help lead the younger kids in activities that we do with them. Some of the activities include reading books, making soil layers out of pudding, and even making butter! We as a small school try to get the younger kids involved so they have a good connection to FFA and what it has to offer.

FFA officers had a live interview with reporter from Morrison County record about leadership development in FFA. pictured Paul Blonigen, Hailie Luedtke, Eric Landowski, Isabelle Klug, Sierra Bense and Evie Aleckson.



**1,000 POINTS!**

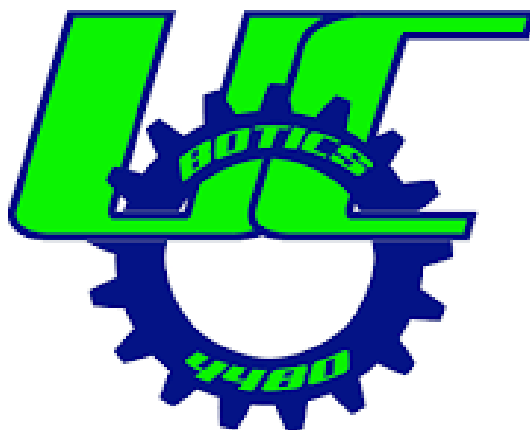
Congratulations to Upsala junior Jack Primus on scoring his 1,000th career point on February 16 in the game against LPGE.

**ROBOTICS COMPETITION**

The Robotics Competition for UC-botics, will be held in St. Cloud at the River’s Edge Convention Center on April 5th, 6th, and 7th.

The 5th will be our practice and inspections day, the Qualifications begin Saturday Morning around 9:00am!

A Live stream link will be made available Social Media when becomes posted!”



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# Awards

## Sourcewell Students of Character

Seniors Noah Boeckermann and Brooke Opatz will represent Upsala Schools at the Students of Character banquet this spring. This award recognizes high school juniors and seniors throughout Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties for their quiet leadership, perseverance, and dedication to their community, school, and fellow students.



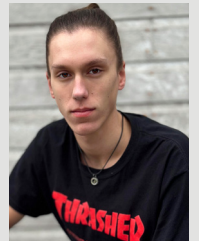
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## Triple A Award Winners

Isabelle Leners and Jacob Gunderson are this year's Triple A (Academics, Arts, & Athletics) Award Representatives from Upsala Schools. Recipients must be a high school senior, have a GPA of at least 3.0, participate in at least one league-sponsored athletic program and at least one arts program.



## ExCEL Award Winners

Samantha Pilarski and Jack Primus are this year's ExCEL Award representatives from Upsala. ExCEL stands for "Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership" and is designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities and who are model citizens.

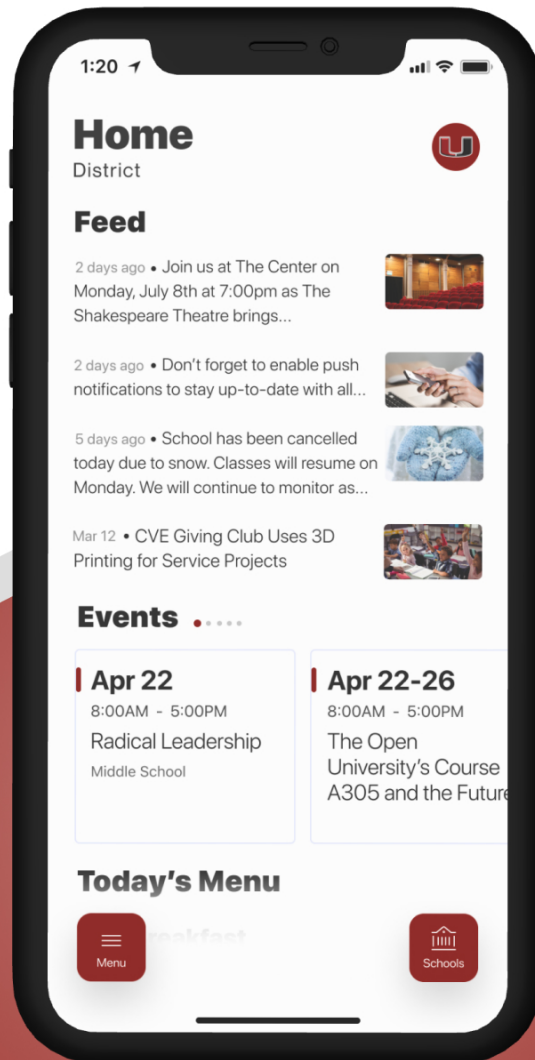


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<https://upsala.k12.mn.us/page/upsala-community-education>

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.**

### *Summer Baseball & Softball*



Registration for summer ball will begin sometime in mid-March.

### *Upstage Junior Theatre Camp*



Upstage Junior Theatre camp will be Aug 5-10 and will feature a performance of "The Little Mermaid." Registration for grades 2-11 will begin in mid-April.

### *Potspot*



The next session for PotSpot Paint Your Own Pottery is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30 after school in the FCS room. This session will feature a spring assortment including small planters. PotSpot brings your projects back to their shop to be kiln fired and then returns them to school in about two weeks. Cost is \$15.

*Register for Community Education classes  
at the school's web store:  
[upsala.revtrak.net](http://upsala.revtrak.net)*

### *After School Sessions*



#### **COTTON CANDY MAKING**

Learn how cotton candy is made with and without a machine. Kids will learn how cotton candy is made by heating and spinning flavored sugar and Jolly Ranchers. There will also be carnival games and prizes!

Tuesday, March 19, Grades K and up.

#### **COOKIE DECORATING**

Come and have some fun with spring-themed cookie decorating. At the end of class you will bring home some beautifully decorated cookies for your family. A fun class activity is planned for when cookies are drying.

Wednesday, April 17, Grades K and up.

#### **ICE CREAM MAKING**

Kids will make their own ice cream using simple techniques (freezer bags and ice), while also learning about other ice cream making methods used in the business world.

Thursday, May 16th, Grades K and up

#### **Upsala Community Education Advisory Council**

Vern Capelle, Superintendent/Director	
Dan Cheney	Elizabeth Gunderson
Brittany Harren	Wendy Rene
Dan Klein	Jennifer Servatius
Denise Cheney	Jessica Wenker



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

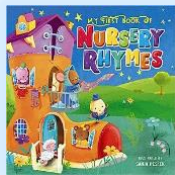
**UPSALA PUBLIC LIBRARY- 117 Main St. • Phone: 320-412-2048 • [griver.org/events](http://griver.org/events)**

### 1,000 Books before Kindergarten

This reading program will increase awareness of the importance of early literacy and to encourage parents to embrace their roles as their child's first teacher. Plus, there will be prizes. Sign up any time! No limit; register at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library.

### Books for Babies

Open a library card account for your newborn (age 0-12 months) and receive a FREE book of nursery rhymes. Sponsored by the Friends of the Upsala Public Library.



### Make and Take Crafts

Starting in September we will be making alphabet crafts! Crafts will change weekly. Available each week while supplies last. During library open hours. **During library open hours.**

### Pete the Cat Poem Hunt

Pete the Cat Poem Hunt Pete has lost his buttons and shoes. Help him get his groove back by finding his items. Create a poem or picture from the words/items you find.

**March and April During library open hours**

### 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 Thursday of the Month from 4 to 5 p.m. or other dates/times by pre-arrangement. Pre-registration is required.

**Wednesdays: March 6 & Apr. 3 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

### Colors Storytime

Join Miss Madelyn for a storytime about the colors. We will read some stories, make a colorful craft, try to find a pot of gold, and learn about the letter L for Luck and Leprechaun. Our storytimes teach listening comprehension, letter recognition, and vocabulary. Enjoy time with your child while building a foundation for reading success while having fun! For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Limit 15. Registration required.

**Tuesday, March 19 from 4:00-4:45 p.m.**

### Lego Hour Challenge

Inspire your creativity with our 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. Registration is required for each date.

**Wednesdays: March 13 & April 17 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

### Crafternoon

Join us for a fun craft project led by Upsala librarians. All supplies will be provided. Limit 12. Registration required for each date. **Fridays: March 15 & April 19 at 3:30 p.m**

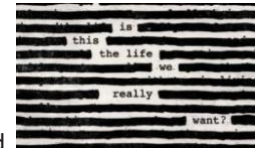
### Between the Covers Book Club

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: March 25 & April 22 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

### Make and Take Poems

Make a Poem & Take a Poem Celebrate National Poetry Month with Acrostic Poetry, Blackout poetry or poem in your pocket.



Pick up a handout at the library and create your own poem. Return to the library for a treat and to be included in our display. All ages. **April - During library open hours**

### Spring Storytime

Join Miss Madelyn for a fun filled storytime about spring. We will read springtime stories, decorate a pot for planting, match letters, and enjoy a snack. Our storytimes teach listening comprehension, letter recognition, and vocabulary. Enjoy time with your child while building a foundation for reading success while having fun! For ages 3 to 8 and their families. Limit 15. Registration required.

**Tuesday, April 23 from 4:00-4:45 p.m.**

### Author Candace Simar

SPUR Award Winning author Candace Simar will introduce, *Sister Lumberjack*, the latest addition to her Fort Abercrombie Series of books. Set in the logging camps of Northern Minnesota, the novel brings together three mismatched characters including Widow Solveig and a traveling nun. Books available for purchase. Teens and Adults. This program was made possible with Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.



**Monday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.**

Find your next great read with the help of a GRRL Librarian! Fill out the form, and you will receive a customized list of 3-5 book titles.  
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### BASEBALL

4/4 @ Brandon-Evansville  
4/9 vs Holdingford  
4/11 @ Osakis  
4/12 vs Pequot Lakes  
4/15 @ Breckenridge  
4/16 @ LPGE  
4/18 @ West Central Area  
4/19 vs Browerville @ MAC  
4/23 @ Milaca  
4/25 vs Parkers Prairie  
4/30 @ Border West  
5/2 vs Osakis  
5/3 @ Ogilvie  
5/7 vs LPGE  
5/9 @ Ashby  
5/10 vs Crosby-Ironton  
5/14 @ Browerville  
5/16 @ New York Mills  
5/17 vs Royalton  
5/23 vs BBE



## SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

### SOFTBALL

3/28 vs West Central Area  
4/1 @ Menahga  
4/9 vs Browerville  
4/12 vs Milaca  
4/15 @ Clinton-Graceville-B  
4/16 vs Osakis  
4/18 vs Crosby-Ironton  
4/23 @ Swanville  
4/24 vs Holdingford  
4/24 vs Brandon-Evansville  
4/25 @ LPGE  
4/30 @ Browerville  
5/2 @ Osakis  
5/3 vs Bertha-Hewitt  
5/6 vs Ogilvie  
5/9 vs Swanville  
5/10 vs Mille Lacs  
5/14 vs LPGE  
5/16 @ BBE  
5/17 @ Parkers Prairie

Every Student  ... Every Day



*A few second grade students took a brief break from art class to pose for this quarter's newsletter cover photo with some red feathered friends.*

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