



Welcome

Back To School

5 BY FRIDAY - MONDAY EDITION



Principal Points

As summer break winds itself to a close over the next several days, we have LOTS to share with you as a parent of an Upper Adams Intermediate School student!! Today we kick off our Back to School **5 by Friday** mini-newsletter series. By Friday, you will have received 5 mini-newsletters that are jam-packed with all sorts of information you and your child need to know to kick off a successful school year!! Read these mini-newsletters together with your child so that you are both aware of the expectations at UAIS.

So, without further delay, let's get started with today's first of our '5 by Friday' series topics – **Principal Points for the New School Year!**

Our Goal

Our primary goal at UAIS is to provide your child with an excellent educational experience every day. We will do our best to make your child's time with us full of challenging activities that will help them to learn and grow. But we can't do it alone! As a parent/guardian, YOU are an important part of your child's education and a valued member of our team!



- **We urge you to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher.** We use Class DOJO and school email as our primary communication tools. When you have questions, PLEASE ASK! Don't let misunderstandings creep into your child's world and cause frustration!! Always come right to the source and get the answers you need.
- Always take a few minutes to read the information we share with you so you are up to date on school happenings! **Be sure that we have your current email address** because most

information we share will be pushed out through email. Also be sure we have your current phone number on file as well. **Update your child's profile - found in their back to school paper packet - so that we have current contact information** for you. And when changes occur, just email our school office so we can make the updates!

- Finally, consider getting involved with our PTO or consider volunteering time to help your child's teacher. **If this interests you, be sure your volunteer clearances are up-to-date and on file in the school office, because you may not volunteer until they are.** Are you uncertain if your clearance paperwork is current? Email Karen Swartz at k.swartz@upperadams.org to find out.

UASD 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

Click here to view the Upper Adams School District calendar for the school year. Changes to this calendar will be shared through monthly newsletters, as well as through the District Parent Notification System.

UAIS 6-Day Cycle Calendar

Stay on Top of What Schedule Day it Is at Biglerville Elementary School and Upper Adams Intermediate.

UAIS Building Calendar

Keep up to date with what's going on at UAIS! We urge you to save this link and check the calendar often!

We Hope to See You!

By this time, you should have received information from us about your child's homeroom assignment and the Open Houses that are planned - **August 11th for 4th graders only** and again on **August 18th for 5th and 6th graders**. We hope you have solidified plans to attend! Both events start promptly at 5PM in the UAIS gymnasium.

Your child's teacher will have a **Back to School Packet** for you to take home. This packet will contain items for you to complete and return on your child's 1st day of school. Look for:



1. **Student Profile Sheet** - information printed on this form needs to be reviewed by a parent, updated where necessary, signed, and returned so we can update your student's record accordingly.
2. **UAIS Handbook Acknowledgement Sheet** - review the listed documents, complete the form, and return. You can check this item off your 'to-do' list by viewing our [Parent/Student Handbook](#) online. Or, you can find it printed in the front of your child's agenda, which they will receive on the 1st day of school.
3. **Computer Protection Coverage Form** - This form **needs to be completed whether you choose coverage or not and returned to school**. **Be sure that if you choose coverage, you attach the required payment**. Coverage will not be in effect until payment is received. Don't want coverage? Simply check the appropriate space to opt-out, sign the form, and return it to school.
4. **Library Contract Form** - review with your child, sign the form together, and return it to school. No library books or materials may be checked out by your child until Mrs. Bort, our school librarian, has this form.
5. **COPPA Form and Use of Photo Form** - these two forms are **only required from our 4th grade students**. Please complete them accordingly and send them back to school so we can update your child's file.

Everything else in the packet is informational and can be reviewed at your convenience. Thank you for taking care of this important paperwork quickly!



Phone Usage

Students are not permitted to call home during the school day for forgotten items or to inquire about changing end-of-day instructions. PLEASE take time every morning to clarify with your child what is to happen after the school day. We must ask that, **except in cases of emergency**, you refrain from calling the school in the afternoon to change your child's dismissal instructions for that day.



Notes Needed

Notes are needed when:

- you plan to pick up your child early, OR
- you plan to pick up your child at the end of the school day. Remember, **we CAN NOT rely on verbal instructions your child shares with us. If we don't get a note from you, your child will be sent home their normal way**, OR
- your child has been absent or is late to school (remember, medical appts. and absences of 3 or more days require a dr. note for verification)



Travel To and From School

At the start of the school year, your child is given a specific bus assignment. This assignment can only be changed through our Transportation Office. **A student may not ride home with another student on another bus** for any reason *except when an emergency arises*. The Principal must approve all emergency requests.

Moving? if you need to change your child's bus because of a move, you must come into the

office to complete a change of address form and present current proof of residency for your new address BEFORE a bus change can be made.

Did You Know? UASD Is Smoke Free!

When on school grounds, please remember that School Board Policy #222 prohibits the use of tobacco by any student, staff member, or visitor on school property during the educational day or while attending any school-sponsored event. Please adhere to this policy aimed at promoting a healthy atmosphere in and around our school building.



UAIS Parent/Student Handbook Link

The Parent/Student Handbook is printed in your child's agenda, so if you have questions about school rules, please check there OR click here to view the handbook on our website.

Students and their parents are expected to know the rules!



UASD Weapons Policy

UASD has taken a strong stand on weapons, look-alike weapons, and hazardous substances. According to Act 25 of 1995 and UASD Board Policy #218.1, any student who possesses a weapon, look-alike weapon, or hazardous substances will be subject to strict

disciplinary measures. Students and parents need to be aware that those items that are not permitted on school property include, but are not limited to:

- Any knife, cutting instrument or tool
- Nun-chuk
- Firearm, shotgun, or rifle
- Any realistic replica of a weapon
- Noxious, irritating, or poisonous gasses
- Accelerants, poisons, or drugs
- Any other tool, implement, instrument, material or substance capable of inflicting serious bodily injury

Any student who is determined to have brought a weapon onto school property or who is in possession of a weapon on school property shall be expelled for not less than one year, unless the Superintendent recommends discipline short of expulsion. Any student who assists another

student in any actions related to this policy will also be subject to disciplinary action, which may include expulsion. Whenever a weapon, prohibited by law from being carried onto school property is discovered, the Superintendent will notify the local law enforcement officials. A copy of the entire Board Policy #281.1 is available for review in the school office and on the district website at <https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/uada/Board.nsf/Public>.



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