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## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and took time to reflect on all the things you are grateful for. December usually proves to be very busy both at school and at home, so please help your children to stay focused and get plenty of rest so that they are able to stay active and healthy during this busy time. Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season!



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## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be closed from December 24th through January 2nd. The office will re-open at 8:00 AM on Monday, January 5th. Everyone at Upper Adams Intermediate School extends our wishes to you and your family for a very happy holiday season!

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## Reminders from our PTO

Did you check out the Elf Tree in the lobby when you were at school for Conferences? Our teachers placed 'wishes' on the tree for our families to help fulfill. If you missed it, there's still time to help out! Just call the school office and ask them to send an ornament home with your child. Then, pick up the item on the ornament, wrap it if you like (this is optional), and send it to school labeled with the tag. We appreciate the hard work our teachers do for us all year long!

Remember, your child works with many teachers throughout the building, not just their homeroom teacher. So help us to spread holiday joy and say, "Thank You," to all our educators and staff for their commitment to our children!



**Volunteers Needed!** Be a part of a team that makes a difference at Upper Adams Intermediate! There's a lot of truth in the statement that many hands make light work. Accordingly, the PTO is looking for volunteers for activities that they sponsor. Please consider applying for your clearances now so you have them when an opportunity to help arises. If you think you have clearances on file, please check with the office to make sure they are current. **Note: chaperones for field trips DO need current clearances on file to participate in the trip.** So don't wait! Get yours done today!!

Did you know that this fall our PTO supported the following field trips and educational learning experience at UAIS?

- 5th Grade field trip to Mud College
  - 4th Grade field trip to Field of Adventure
  - Mrs. Kuhn's class field trip to Fields of Adventure
  - Family Paint Night
  - Artist in Residence
  - Book Fair
  - and we plan to add many more things to this list in the coming months!
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Merry Christmas!

### **Canner Foundation - A Community Investment**

With the holiday season upon us, shopping demands can become laborious very quickly. May we suggest a simpler approach? Consider a holiday donation (in honor/memory of a loved one) to the Canner Foundation (formerly the Canner Fund)!

Created to enhance the quality of the educational experience provided to students of the Upper Adams School District, Canner Foundation provides a way to support our district through teacher grants and student scholarships. Each school year, staff and faculty have the ability to apply for a grant to purchase classroom materials, offer extra curricular activities, or support school field trips that are not able to be covered by the District budget.

We encourage you to explore the Canner Foundation website to learn more about how you can support our students. We hope you will consider 'giving a gift of education' this season. Doing so will allow us to continue to build upon our endowment so we can continue to support UASD students for many years to come. Visit [cannerfunds.com](http://cannerfunds.com) to learn more!

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### **Plan Ahead for Winter Weather**

Please keep in mind that with the arrival of wintery weather, unexpected early dismissals become a possibility. With this in mind, please take time NOW to make alternate arrangements for your child should an early dismissal occur. Make sure that your child is aware of what to do or where to go if school is dismissed early. **School Closings and related announcements will be generated through our Parent Notification System.** School closing information will also continue to be aired on local television and radio stations as listed in the UASD Calendar.



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you have updated your phone number or email address since the start of school, please be sure to call or email the office to update your information so that you continue to get important messages when you need them.

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## Dress for the Weather

As we move our way into winter, the temperatures can vary greatly during the course of the school day. Please keep in mind that students will be taken outdoors for recess so long as the temperatures and/or wind chills remain above 20 degrees. That means that your child should have a winter coat, gloves, hat, and a scarf to keep them warm. **If your child is not properly dressed for the weather, they will not be allowed to go outside. They will need to remain indoors during their recess time(s).** Accordingly, it is extremely important that your child brings everything to school that they need to be comfortable during recess or outside activities.

If providing these winter essentials is proving hard for you this year, please reach out to our School District Social Worker, Melisa Calderon, for help. You can reach her by calling her office at 717-677-7191, Ext. 2512, or by email at [m.calderon@upperadams.org](mailto:m.calderon@upperadams.org).

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## 6th Grade Physical Examination and Immunizations

**If your child is currently in 6th grade**, he/she is due for a school physical and updated immunizations before they are able to enter 7th grade. If you have planned to have this done at your family doctor, we suggest that you take care of both items during the same appointment. After the appointment, **please remember to turn in the completed physical form along with a copy of your child's updated immunization record.** The school nurse will add the forms to your child's file so that it is ready for next school year. **Students are not able to start 7th grade without verification of completed immunizations.** Accordingly, if you signed up to have a physical done at school, you don't have to worry about the physical form, but you will still need to take your child to your doctor to have their immunizations updated. Questions? please contact our school nurse, Jenna Landis @ [j.landis@upperadams.org](mailto:j.landis@upperadams.org).

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## Attendance Heros

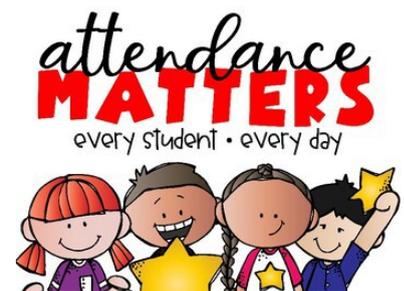
If your child is sick and will be absent from school, **PLEASE notify the school office by 9:05.** If we don't hear from you, you can expect to get a phone call from our parent notification system.

### Excuse Notes - Always Needed

Our **call in policy DOES NOT take the place of an excuse note.**

Accordingly, please be sure to send us a note every time your child is absent from school. There are multiple ways for you to submit an excuse note:

- Send a note with your child,
- Send a note to your child's teacher via Class Dojo,
- Email Mrs. Swartz at [k.swartz@upperadams.org](mailto:k.swartz@upperadams.org),
- Fill out a google form on our School Website at <https://www.upperadams.org/Page/327>; or
- Fax a note to 717-677-4330



## Avoid the Headache of Illegal Absences

- **UASD School policy states that a note must be received within 3 days of your child's absence.** If we do not receive an excuse note within three days of your child's absence, it will be considered an illegal absence.
- **If your child is absent for 3 or more consecutive days, a doctor's note is needed in order to excuse the absence.**
- **After 10 absences confirmed by a parental excuse, doctor notes are required** in order to excuse future absences. If a dr. note is not received, the absence will be marked as illegal.

If your child accumulates **3 or more illegal absences**, you can expect to hear from us! Your child is required by Pennsylvania Law to be in school, and it is your job to help enforce that. If your child is dealing with extenuating circumstances or you have questions about our attendance policy, please reach out to our Assistant Principal, William Thomas. Most times trouble can be averted if we communicate and work together!

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### Lunch Link

Click here to view UASD menus. Questions for the Food Service Department can be directed to Kim Cless ([k.cless@upperadams.org](mailto:k.cless@upperadams.org))

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### Calendar of Events

Click here to find out what is happening at UAIS!



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