

October 2025

News from Upper Adams Intermediate School

Principal Points

The month of September was filled with many exciting activities. I am pleased that we could begin to move towards offering a variety of experiences for your children such as Sole Sisters, Chorus, Band, Book Club, Advancing Science, Artist in Residence, and field trips, to name a few. Read on about our busy month ahead.

Hold on to Your Hat . . . October is a busy one!

In addition to fields trips, club meetings, and learning happening this month, our school is going to be aflutter with lots of activity. Be sure to ask your students about the following:



- **Race for Education Day - Friday, October 3rd.** We hope you will stop by and join in our Race Day. More specifics will be shared in another communication specific to the event.
- **Spirit day Friday, October 10.** This whole-school event gets students and faculty up and moving while they complete in fun, challenging football activities such as hot potato football, passing and catching footballs, and throwing a football at a target just to name a few. **Students are asked to wear their favorite football jersey or black and gold and of course sneakers are needed for safety while participating in this event!**
- **Apple Crunch activity on Friday, October 10th** - Celebrated during National Apple Month (yep, October!), Apple Crunch Day encourages students and families to enjoy apples and apple products (e.g. applesauce, juice, cider) as healthy snacks. Pennsylvania's unique position as one of the nation's top apple producers makes this celebration even more meaningful. By participating in Apple Crunch Day, we show our support for local farms, showcase the state's rich agricultural heritage, and introduce students to fresh, delicious produce grown in their own backyard.

- **Week of October 20th - Ag Lab Visit** - this mobile learning lab gives our students hands on educational experiences focused on the Agricultural industry and insight into the local farming community and all that it provides for us.
- **Week of October 20th - Red Ribbon Week** - We hope you will encourage your students to Just Say No to drug and alcohol abuse. See the Student Council activities list later in this newsletter for the dress up days that they are hosting for Red Ribbon Week.
- **Apple Queen visit for 4th grader students** - on October 21 the newly-crowned Apple Queen will be stopping by UAIS to visit with the 4th grade students. This is a special day for the students to learn more about our local apple industry.



Important Reminder for our Car Riders!

Car Riders and School Transport Vans both use the entrance in the front of the school building for pick up and drop off. At no time during arrival or dismissal should cars or vans attempt to enter the driveway at the back of the building.

Parent vehicles are to use the lane closest to the sidewalk; school transport vans use the other lane. Parents who are dropping off or picking up students may not enter the lobby area or wait on the porch. Additionally:

- Students are asked to always exit their vehicle on the **sidewalk side**. At no time should a student exit from the driver's side of the vehicle. Doing so can potentially cause an accident with a school transport van.
- Also, **once in line, STAY IN LINE**. At no time should a car in the pick up line attempt to leave by swerving around the car in front of them! Please be patient and follow the cars in front of you in an orderly manner.

Thank you for keeping these guidelines in mind. We must insist on the safety of the students at all times, and we appreciate your cooperation.



We Need You!

The UAIS PTO is very active and coordinates many activities for our students to enjoy. Included in these events are the bi-annual Book Fairs. Held in the Fall (around conference time) and again in the spring, the fairs are tons of fun for the kids and adults alike! But, it takes a lot of hands to run a successful fair, and that's

where we fall short at times. We need LOTS of volunteers to help keep the fair open during school hours, as well as those times when we run into the evenings (like during conferences) or when we do special events in connection with the fair.

Can we count on you? The sign-up information to help with our fair will not be open for a while yet since it doesn't start until mid November, **but NOW IS THE TIME TO BE SURE THAT YOUR**

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES ARE IN ORDER so that when the sign-ups open, you're ready to go. If you do not have your clearances in order, you will not be able to help!

Please reach out to Karen Swartz at 717-677-4300 or k.swartz@upperadams.org to verify your status. If you need to start from scratch, visit the [Volunteers Page](#) on the UASD Website to get started. *Remember, once you have your clearances completed, they remain active for 5 years.*

Our students thank you!

Collaborating for Youth After-School Program Opportunity @ UAIS

Click here to learn more about this after-school program that meets every Monday - Friday at UAIS. While the school helps to facilitate this program, it is ran by Collaborating for Youth (Gettysburg) and all questions should be directed to them.



Kelly Education

Inspiring
the next
generation—
all in a day's
work.

Substitutes Needed

iPad Care

iPads are used throughout the day at school. We continuously practice safety measures to keep these devices in working order. We also discuss our expectations on appropriate internet use. Please talk to your child about the points below:



- iPads are only to be used for school work.
- Students should only visit sites that are outlined by their teacher.
- No taking pictures of others unless given direction by the teacher.
- Plug in devices at school so they are charged each day.
- Always place iPad on a solid surface.
- No drink or food should be used near the iPad.

Heart and Headlines

From our Friends at the American Heart Association

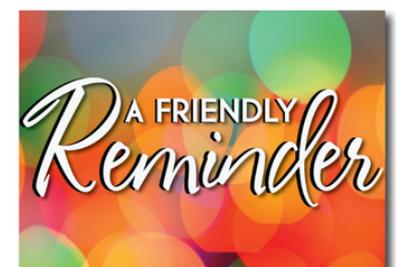
Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held November 24th and November 25th from 12:00-7:30pm. More information will be coming home with your child later this month and you will have a chance to sign up through MyConferenceTime for an appointment that works best for you. We look forward to sharing the progress your child has made during the first few months of school.



Reminders

- Dismissal instructions are to be clarified each morning at home before your child comes to school. When a change is needed, a note is to be sent to school in the morning explaining the change. **Except in cases of emergency, please refrain from calling the school in the afternoon to change your child's dismissal instructions for that day.** We strive to keep interruptions to the classroom at a minimum so all children can benefit from uninterrupted class time. It is our goal to relay messages in a timely manner; however, **we can not guarantee that calls received after 2PM will be relayed to your child in time for afternoon dismissal.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!



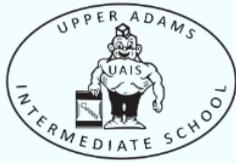
- **A Note About Switching Buses:** please remember that **your child may not ride home with another student on another bus** for any reason except in the event that an emergency situation arises and the Principal has approved the change. Please understand that taking a child to an after-school practice, going to a friend's house to play, etc., are not considered emergency situations. If you need to make a permanent bus change for your child, please contact Jack Citrone in the Transportation Office by calling 717-677-7191, Ext. 2711, or by email at j.citrone@upperadams.org.
 - **Moving?** If you need to change your child's bus because your family has moved to another home within our district, please know that you need to come in to the school office and submit a new proof of residency before any changes will be made.
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When Visiting Our Building. . .

When coming to our building to for any reason, **please stand on the gold footprints painted on the porch** (to the right of the door), ring the doorbell on the wall in front of you, and be ready to state your reason for wanting to enter the building. You may be asked to provide appropriate identification before being admitted into the building. Unless prior approval has been granted by a teacher and/or the principal, parents will not be permitted to visit classrooms for any reason.



If you are volunteering or have made prior arrangements with a teacher to visit the classroom, you will need to check in as a visitor on the Kiosk located in the school office. To avoid unwanted delays during the check in process, you will need to have your driver's license. (Please note that when signing students in or out, a driver's license is not required.)



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Needs You!

You CAN Make a Difference!

Our PTO volunteers work to enhance the educational experience for every student who attends Upper Adams Intermediate School. We have amazing volunteers that consistently support PTO initiatives, but they can't do it alone. We need your help and the experiences you can bring to the discussion table. Please consider joining us. There are many rolls to fill . . . some on the front line, but many behind the scenes. Whichever you prefer, we've got a job for you!

Meetings

Mark your calendar to join us in the school Library at 6:30 PM on the dates listed below!

October 15th	February 18th
November 19th	March 18th
December 17th	April 15th
January 21st	May 20th

Please Join Us!

Contact Us

UAISPTO@gmail.com

Have questions for us?
Please reach out via email.

Please keep in mind that if you want to volunteer in the school setting, you need to have your clearances up to date. Please contact the school office at 717-677-4300 to check your status! Need to get started?

[Volunteer Paperwork](#)

Current Illness Guidelines

Click here for important information from our School Nurses.

Calendar of Events

Click here to see what is happening at UAIS!

I'm Hungry!

Click here to see menus for Breakfast and Lunch



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