

PRINCIPAL'S SPOTLIGHT

UPPER ADAMS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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2025 Edition



PEACE Poster Contest

Every year the art department at UAIS partners with the Lions Club to participate in the International Peace Poster Competition. This year's theme was "Together as One." The winners of the Peace Poster Competition were officially announced at the Veterans Day Assembly on November 11th. Congratulations to our first-place winners: Elaina Licharowicz, Patience Chapman, and Casey Hays. We also celebrate our talented finalists: Emma Davis, Legacy Fortney, Maddy Groft, Rohwan Rivera, Anthony Sierra, and Hayden Wilkinson, as well as our Teacher's Choice Winner, Trinity Strawsburg. A big thank you to everyone who participated and shared their creativity!

JUST IN - we recently learned that Elaina Licharowicz's picture is moving on to the International Level of competition!! Awesome!!



Book Fair

The Fall Book Fair opened its doors on Monday, November 17th. Teachers and students alike previewed the books available at the fair and several fifth graders shared info about books they were reading during morning announcements. We're happy to report that the fair was very successful. With the funds from the fair and gifts from families, we were able to get new books into the teachers' libraries. The fair also provided a great learning opportunity for some of our 6th

grade students who were given the opportunity to work at the book fair and practice their money changing skills.

Special THANK YOUS to:

- the families who joined us for Donuts with Grownups and to those who visited during paint night. These events added shopping hours to our fair and increased its success.
- the PTO for their donation of donuts for our Preview Event, as well as the Grownups and Donuts events.
- Mrs. Kerry McCleaf and her student helpers for their time in setting up and helping run the fair.
- Mrs. Erin Henderson and her team of volunteers who helped to run the fair.

We really appreciate all of you! Be watching this spring for news about our Spring Fair!



Family Paint Night Fun

We held our Annual Winter Paint Night on Friday, Nov. 21st. Those participating enjoyed a fun evening filled with painting and holiday cheer. The money raised will help UAIS Science teachers bring the Mobile Ag Education Science Lab to UAIS next fall. The Ag Lab provides an opportunity for students to learn about agriculture - Pennsylvania's number one industry - in a fun and hands-on way. Thank you to everyone who supported this cause.



World Record Broken

784,036 stackers from 2,429 schools/organizations took part in the 2025 World Sport Stacking Association's event on November 18th, 19th, and 20th, to help set a new World Record for the "Most People Sport Stacking at Multiple Locations." Upper Adams Intermediate School students were among those who helped break this record! This year's total number of cup stackers bypassed last year's number by over 31,000 stackers! Thank you to Mrs. Yargar-Reed for organizing our participation here at UAIS! For more information, check out this link: speedstacks.com/stackup/2025/the-sport/?rid=45634

Turkey Trot

The annual turkey trot around the community of Arendtsville was held on November 21. As we returned from our trot around the community we kept the tradition of giving away 2 turkeys. These are given to the two students (a boy and a girl) who had completed their Fall Mile with the fastest time in the school. The winners of the **Fall 2025 turkey's** were:



- **Peyton Hartman with a time of 8:05**
 - **Anthony Sierra Manzo with a time of 8:07**
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Wreath Project Field Trip

On Friday, December 5th, a group of 6th grade students from Upper Adams Intermediate School participated in the Gettysburg Wreath project. The trip began with a visit to the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitors' Center where the students viewed the film, "A New Birth of Freedom," and observed the cyclorama. At the National Cemetery, Mr. Stan Clark spoke to the students about the importance of patriotism and honoring those who protect our freedom. Students honored Veterans by placing wreaths on their graves. Mr. Hoptak, a licensed battlefield guide, shared insights about the Gettysburg Address and its significance. The last stop before heading back to school was a visit to Beyond the Battle Museum. The students had a scavenger hunt through the museum and the opportunity to be in the house simulator. The students ate their brown-bag lunch at the Dobbin House, which was built in 1776. While there, students saw the slave hideout and toured the oldest standing house within the town limits of Gettysburg.

The temperatures were cold, but the day proved to be a wonderful and meaningful experience for the Intermediate Students.

Special Thanks to:

- Biglerville American Legion Post 262, who funded the transportation for students on the field trip.
- Gettysburg VFW Auxiliary who donated flags for each of the students.
- Gettysburg Moose Club for providing the wreaths and the challenge coins that were given to each student.
- Mrs. Deborah Yargar-Reed for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our students!



Attendance Heros Checking In

Our HERO Attendance initiative has been going very well. We're happy to report that for the first few months, we've been able to sustain a 94% attendance rate . . . or above! The following SuperHERO Teams have received power boosts for their attendance:



- **For September**, we had 2 teams tie for the top spot . . . Team Batman (4th gr.) and Team Flash (5th gr.) both ended the month with a rate of 95%.
- **For October**, the winner, with a rate of 96%, was . . . Team Batman (4th gr.)
- **For November**, the teams who tied, with a rate of 95% were Team Batman (4th gr.) and Team Superman (6th gr.).

Keep up the great work, Cannery!



Deck the Halls

We want to thank members of the BHS Leo Club and Mr. Dennis Cope for helping us to 'deck our halls' with Christmas lights. They took time over their Thanksgiving break to come in and help hang lights in the hallways. We appreciate their time and talent for helping to make our building a little merrier!

Ring Those Bells!

The evening of December 8th found some of our Student Council members and advisors at the Gettysburg Walmart ringing the Salvation Army Bell. It was certainly a cold night to be out, but many thanks to those who braved the cold for this great cause!



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Holiday Music Concert

The UAIS Band and Chorus students put on a spectacular holiday performance Thursday evening, December 11, 2025. The bands played a selection of songs that highlighted the skills our instrumentalists have been learning throughout the year. The Chorus shared a variety of songs, from the oldest Canadian Christmas carol up through a very modern song written by the composer PINKZEBRA called, "A Very Merry Christmas." The chorus was accompanied by Mrs. Patti Fetrow on the piano, and Mrs. Deardorff on the drums. The festive holiday event came full-circle with the added accompaniment of kazoo's. This was truly an unforgettable experience for our elementary band and chorus students. We hope you had a chance to share our joy with this musical evening.



The Attitude of **GRATITUDE**

This month, our focus was on the character trait of Gratitude, which embodies the feeling of thankfulness and joy for both the big and small blessings in life. It involves learning to express "thank you" and demonstrating appreciation for the kindnesses others extend. Throughout the month, classroom teachers observed their students, looking for those who best embodied this trait. Congratulations to our November Characters of the Month!

- **From Mrs.. Kuhn's Class** - Drake Cernas
- **From Mrs. Klunk's Class** - Jaxen Cruz

- **4th Grade** - Orry Bollinger, Ketzaly Castillo-Cernas, Camila Garcia Pena, Jaxon Seville, and Katelynn Stringer.

- **5th Grade** - Annica Brown, McKenzie Dosch, Logan Havens, Paxton Kump, and Isabella Serrano.

- **6th Grade** - Isabella Boisvert, Elliott Deardorff, Christian Guzman, Morgan Wilkinson, and Jaycee Wilson.

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