

PRINCIPAL'S SPOTLIGHT

UPPER ADAMS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Early Fall 2025
Edition



Artist In Residence

UAIS wrapped up another year of their long withstanding tradition of the Artist in Residence Program with a lively art show on the evening of September 15th. Students proudly displayed the photographs they took under the expert guidance of resident artist Carla Long. During the art show, 4th grade leaders led miniature lessons in studio spaces scattered throughout the area, and taught the audience the new photography techniques they had learned during the residency.



Did You Catch It?

We hope you were able to catch our 6th Grade Chorus performance on the Wake Up Call by News 8. Our video clip was aired on Tuesday, Sept.30th. Our students were at our very first rehearsal of the year and with music like that, we anticipate a strong year of making music together. If you missed our TV debut, you can find the "Wake Up Call" video online at: [Channel 8 Wake Up Call.](#)



Walk to School

On Wednesday October 1st , 83 students and 14 staff members at Upper Adams Intermediate School participated in Walk to School Day, which is a worldwide event intended to help children incorporate physical activity into their day. Students met staff members on the square in Arendtsville and after a brief talk on how to safely walk in town, everyone walked to school. We encourage you and the children in your life to seek out opportunities to become more active every day. Your body will thank you!





Race for Education is in the Books!

Our 2025 Race for Education was a huge success! The weather on October 3rd was amazing, but the best part was the announcement that **WE MET AND EXCEEDED OUR GOAL** of raising \$20,000!! As of Race Day, our total came to a little over \$21,500, and we're still receiving little yellow envelopes! So, as promised, our kiddos will be having a DJ Dance Party in December!

But, back to the race . . . here are stats from each grade level, showing how many laps the class logged and who the top boy and girl runners were:

4th Grade - With 749 laps totaling 187.25 Miles:

- **Wilkinson = 140 total laps**
 - Landon Gibson = 10 laps
 - Brady Knouse = 10 laps
 - Wyatt Selby = 10 laps
 - Bode Wilkinson = 10 laps
 - Kinslei Miller = 9 laps
- **Moritz = 143 total laps**
 - Garrett Kime = 11 laps
 - Matthew Parra = 11 laps
 - Virianna Pena-Lua = 8 laps
- **Hertzog = 147 total laps**
 - Evelyn Waldron = 11 laps
 - Ben Carver = 9 laps
 - Jaxon Seville = 9 laps
- **Lawrence = 151 total laps**
 - Hazel Hankey = 10 laps
 - Jensen Lua = 12 laps
- **Gomez = 168 total laps - Highest Total of the 4th grade classes!**
 - Alexis Zavala Magana = 11 laps

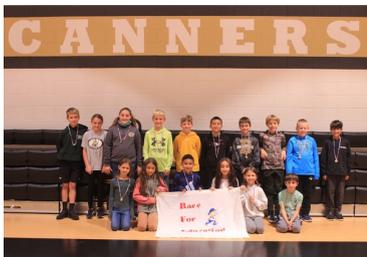
- Camila Garcia Pena = 9 laps
- Chloe Wright = 9 laps

5th Grade and Mrs. Kuhn, Mrs. Klunk, and Mrs. R. Althoff's classrooms - with 942 laps totaling 235.5 miles:

- **Kuhn, Klunk, Althoff = 80 total laps**
 - Ashly Salazar-Castillo = 8 laps
 - Dylan Lua = 8 laps
 - Kasen Michael = 8 laps
- **Miller = 156 total laps**
 - Xavi Diaz-Hinojosa = 12 laps
 - Garrett Herr = 12 laps
 - Kyleigh Fultz = 10 laps
- **Deardorff = 171 total laps**
 - Cole Chronister = 11 laps
 - Gabriel Garcia = 11 laps
 - Brandon Garibay = 11 laps
 - Ava Morris = 10 laps
- **Althoff = 175 total laps**
 - Rowan Becker = 13 laps
 - Lindsay Contreras Paz = 9 laps
- **Stine = 176 total laps**
 - Andrew Coy = 12 laps
 - McKenzie Dosch = 11 laps
- **King = 184 laps - Highest total of all 5th grade classes!**
 - Creedon Nichols = 12 laps
 - Emma Vines = 12 laps

6th Grade - with 862 laps totaling 215.5 Miles:

- **Bennett = 145 total laps**
 - Mia Perez-Aguilar = 11 laps
 - Brett Rill = 10 laps
- **McCleaf = 160 total laps**
 - Anthony Sierra-Manzo = 13 laps
 - Jocelyn Bailey = 7 laps
 - Mackenzie Westbrook = 7 laps
 - Jaycee Wilson = 7 laps
- **Gruver = 176 total laps**
 - Casey Hays = 12 laps
 - Elaina Licharowitz = 10 laps
- **Karn = 190 total laps**
 - Mason McCleaf = 13 laps
 - Mckinley Blankenship = 11 laps
- **McLean = 191 total laps AND highest total laps of all 6th grade classes!**
 - Cale Becker = 13 laps
 - Peyton Hartman = 13 laps



Grade 4 - Most Laps



Grade 5 - Most Laps



Grade 6 - Most Laps

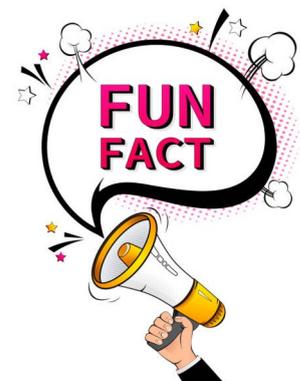
Race for Ed Fun Facts

Students at UAIS completed 638.25 Miles:

- Grade 4 completed 187.25 miles
- Grade 5 completed 235.5 miles
- Grade 6 completed 215.5 miles

If you would leave the Intermediate school and travel 638.25 miles in each direction (N,S,E,W), where would you end up?

- traveling north you would end up in a Canadian province of Ontario, near the city of Thunder Bay.
- traveling south you would end up in Georgia.
- traveling east you would end up in the Atlantic Ocean!



- And, traveling west you would end up in Moline, Illinois, located across the Mississippi River from Davenport, Iowa.

Great Job, Cannors!

Spirit Day and Apple Crunch Combine for a Sweet Time!

On Friday, October 10th, students and staff participated in a school-wide event called Spirit Day. Students and staff competed in fun, challenging football activities like hot potato football, passing and catching games, and throwing footballs at a target, just to name a few. The event was all about getting everyone up and moving! Students wore their favorite football jersey's and/or black and gold to celebrate the day. The event came to an end with a bit of a 'crunch.' The Apple Crunch activity, which is celebrated during National Apple Month (October,) encourages students and families to enjoy apples and apple products like applesauce, juice, and cider, as healthy snack options. Apples make healthy eating fun and exciting!



The one competition from this day that gains a lot of attention is the **6th grade Punt Contest**. The following 6th grade students (two boys and two girls from each homeroom) represented their class in this contest.

From Mrs. Bennett's Class:

- Ellie Davis & Zoe Hertz
- Kwyn Eby & Brett Rill

From Mr. Gruver's Class:

- Elaina Licharowicz & Morgan Wilkinson
- Neymar Barrance & Sebastian Steckler

From Mrs. Karn's Class:

- Alahna Hodges & Kaylie Reyes
- Jerry Tivo Contreras & (other student was absent)

From Mrs. McCleafs Class:

- Miranda Garrison & Reagan Kime
- Emmanuel Beltran & Kyal Vaughan

From Mrs. McLean's Class:

- Hayden Wilkinson & Trinity Strawsburg
- Cale Becker & Jamison Melhorn

Pictured Below . . .

- **Winner for girls: Trinity Strawsburg**
- **Winner for boys: Neymar Barranco**

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Get Your Move On!

Music begins with beat, and there is no better way to experience the beat than with movement. Dance, aerobics, movement, basketballs, scarves, parachutes, and more, are all part of the bodily kinesthetic approach to learning to feel music through steady, and sometimes unsteady, beat. One of our new favorite opening activities is a seated dance called, "Follow the Leader", and in General Music classes, all students are now tapping their toes and jumping high to the beat.

Nature Club

Students from grades 4-6 meet in the mornings to learn about nature with Mrs. Kissner and Ms. Jowanowitch. This month, they are starting to document the species that live around our schoolyard. On October 8 they found 10 organisms of 7 different species in our front drainage pond area. They used the Seek app on their iPads to identify what kinds of insects they located. Look for more details of our finds in the months to come!



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