

PRINCIPAL'S
SPOTLIGHT
UPPER ADAMS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

**February / March
2026 Edition**



Attendance Heros Checking In

Our HERO Attendance initiative has been going very well. We're happy to report that our attendance continues to be strong. Despite being the cold and flu season, we've been able to maintain a 94% or above daily attendance rate. The following SuperHERO Teams have received power boosts for their attendance:



- **For February** - Team Flash (5th Grade) finished the month with an average daily attendance rate of 94.2% and Team Superman (6th Grade) finished just slightly higher at 94.4%. Given the close proximity of the two teams, they both won a Power Boost for February.
- **For March** - Team Batman (4th Grade) finished the month with an average daily attendance rate of 94.5% which won them a Power Boost for the month.

Keep up the great work, Canners!



FRIENDSHIP

Our February character trait of the month was Friendship. This means the state of being friends; being there for someone not just in the good times but also during the rough times. Each homeroom teacher chose a student who displayed amazing friendship traits this month. Congratulations to our February Characters of the Month!

- **From Mrs.. Kuhn's Class** - Skylar Kauffman
- **From Mrs. Althoff's Class** - Cooper Simmens
- **From Mrs. Klunk's Class** - Meadow Stewart
- **4th Grade** - Charlotte Hersh, Brenlynn Shive, Kylie Sutton, Brooklyn Topper, and Axel Zepeda-Reyes.
- **5th Grade** - Camila Calderon, Brigitte Granados Granados, America Munoz-Robledo, Creedon Nichols, and Eleanor Patrono.
- **6th Grade** - Charlie Castillo Cernas, Alahna Hodges, Izzi Rappa, Sebastian Steckler, and JJ Whitmoyer.

FEBRUARY



4th Graders



5th Graders



6th Graders

Winter 2026 Orchard of Excellence Winners



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

- **4th Grade:** Allie Dubbs, Lilly Knouse, Katelynn Stringer, Eleanor Tolar, and Bode Wilkinson.
- **5th Grade:** Kevin Bailey, Cole Chronister, Carley Nimmon, Victor Schneider, Rosaleigh Seiler, and Ella Winand.
- **6th Grade:** Ellie Davis, Leonardo Salazar-Arredondo, Corbin Selby, Giovanni Velsquez-Gonzalez, and Gwen Winand.

CANNER CHARACTER AWARDS:

- **4th Grade:** Trenton Charlesworth, Stefania Ramirez Manzo, Elliot Sauble, Meadow Stewart, Evelyn Waldron, and Alexis Zavala Magana.
- **5th Grade:** Gisella Bobadilla, Annica Brown, Stella Patrono, Yulisa Ruiz-Reyes, and Isabella Serrano.
- **6th Grade:** Peyton Hartman, Zoe Hertz, Natalie Orner, Avery Rhodes, and Anthony Sierra-Manzo.

Congratulations!

That's a Wrap!

At the American Heart Association they believe everyone deserves the opportunity for a longer, healthier life. For nearly 100 years it's been their mission to fulfill that vision. Over its 100-year history, the organization has worked to save and improve countless lives. The **Kids Heart Challenge** funds research that helps kids to have longer, healthier lives. Your participation gives families of survivors hope. **Thank you to the 14 students who participated and raised money for the American Heart Association. Together they raised \$1,615.31. Congratulations to Emma Cole in Grade 6 who raised the most funds (\$480.66) during our event.** Thank you gifts for the participants will be arriving in approximately 4 weeks.

Read Across America Week

The first week in March brought with it dress up days related to Dr. Seuss and some of his wonderful books for children. Here are a few of the pictures we caught.



Thing One and Thing Two Day



Dr. Seuss is in the House!



Hat Day

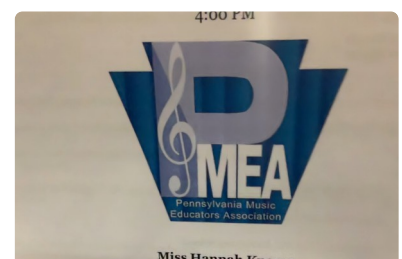
Jazz Band visits UAIS

Students and staff at UAIS were in for a special treat on Thursday, March 12th, when the Biglerville High School Jazz Band stopped by. It's always great to see students again who once traipsed our halls and the music is always amazing!



District 7 Song Fest

On Saturday, March 28, four of our UAIS students participated in the PMEA District 7 Elementary School Song Fest, lead by director Hannah Knauss from Downingtown. The event was held at Big Spring Middle School in Newville, and selected students from eight



different counties (Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York) were involved. The audition and selection process was held in December, and the student musicians selected to represent UAIS were: Peyton Harman, Maya Kelly, Elaina Licharowicz, and Trinity Strawsburg. The girls needed to learn and memorize 6 different songs within a month, participated in a full-day of rehearsals on the 28th, and performed an amazing concert later that day for the community, and their families and friends. Congratulations again to Peyton, Maya, Elaina, and Trinity!



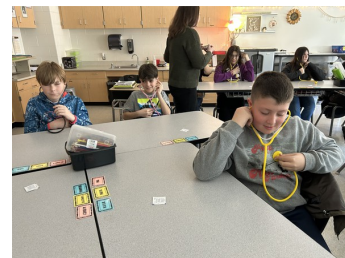
Career Day

Upper Adams Intermediate School welcomed a group of dedicated community professionals on Monday, March 23, as sixth grade students participated in the school's annual Career Day. The event provided students with a valuable opportunity to explore a variety of career paths through engaging, hands-on presentations designed to spark curiosity and broaden their understanding of the working world. Throughout the day, students rotated through five interactive sessions that each offered unique insights into five different fields:

- Walker Woods, a professional dog trainer, introduced students to the skills and knowledge required to train working dogs, particularly hunting dogs.
- Chef Anna Fetter brought the culinary arts to life by sharing her experiences working in a professional kitchen.
- Laura Sheads-Cole, a Nurse Practitioner, provided an engaging lesson on the human heart.
- Lawrence Arthur, an Agricultural and Biological Engineer, introduced students to the intersection of technology and agriculture.

- Brandon Deardorff, General Manager of Gettysburg Tours, Inc., shared insights into managing daily tour operations.

Career Day at Upper Adams Intermediate School continues to be a meaningful experience for students, connecting classroom learning with real-world applications. By engaging with professionals from diverse fields, students gain a deeper appreciation for the wide range of career opportunities available to them in the future.



GROWTH MINDSET

Our March character trait of the month was Growth Mindset which means the quality of being independent and accountable. Throughout the month, teachers observed their students and chose one representative from each classroom who truly embodied this trait.

Congratulations to our March Characters of the Month!

- **From Mrs.. Kuhn's Class** - Randy Arnold
- **From Ms. Althoff's Class** - Kevin Bailey
- **From Mrs. Klunk's Class** - Kasen Michael
- **4th Grade** - Jensen Lua, Wilson Marquez-Bueso, Callen Pelc, Camila Reyes, and Colt Van Dyke.
- **5th Grade** - Kaidence Lambdin-Stoneroad, Sophia Miller, Ava Morris, Aaliyah Nolasco, and Jayden Zavala Lua.
- **6th Grade** - Jocelyn Bailey, Allyson Lopez, Kaylie Reyes, Corbin Selby, and Gwen Winand.

MARCH





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