

PRINCIPAL'S SPOTLIGHT

UPPER ADAMS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Spring 2026.



Attendance Heros Checking In

The numbers for April are in!

- 4th Gr. - Team Batman - achieved an average daily attendance rate of 95.4%
- 6th Grade - Team Superman - finished neck and neck with Team Batman with a rate of 95.2%.
- 5th Graders - Team Flash - **finished the month on top** with an average daily attendance rate of 96.6%, which means they earned a Power Boost for April.



You may remember that we said that the team that earned the most power boosts throughout the year would win a prize for their efforts. **Congratulations to Team Batman (4th Grade)**. They came out on top with 6 Power Boosts and each student earned a yummy treat from Mr. G's in Gettysburg!

Out for Lunch!

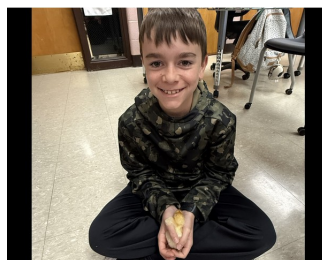
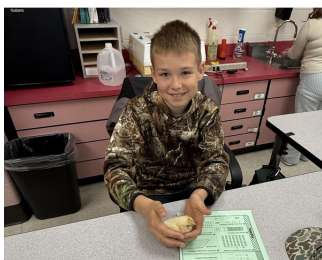
The following students were the top 5 students within the school who collected the most donations for the Kids Heart Challenge. As promised, these students were treated to 'lunch out' with Mrs. Buckley and Mr. Thomas on Tuesday, April 7th, at Mamas in Biglerville. Thank you for supporting the American Heart Association. Your contribution will go a long way in helping individuals who do not have a healthy heart! Congratulations to the following students:

- Callan Pelc - Grade 4
- Emma Henderson - Grade 5
- Lillian Bender - Grade 5
- Mason Stiffler - Grade 5
- Emma Cole - Grade 6



4th Grade Chicks

In March, our 4th grade students had the exciting opportunity to observe the hatching of baby chicks right in their classroom. After carefully incubating the eggs, anticipation grew each day as students eagerly awaited the big moment. The room was filled with excitement and wonder as they watched the chicks begin to hatch, bringing their learning to life in a truly memorable, hands-on experience.



Some Fine Ads!

Each year the Gettysburg Times Design An Ad Contest pairs participating businesses with classrooms throughout Adams County. This year, 951 students in grades 4-12 put their creativity to the test, designing ads for 50 area businesses. Did you happen to see them in the Times Design

An Ad supplement this past spring? If not, here a list of the students who had their designed picked by their sponsoring organization:



- America Munoz-Robledo - Grade 5 - Gettysburg Ace Hardware/Schmuck
- Elaina Licharowicz - Grade 6 - Hollabaugh Bros.
- Itzel Velasquez-Gonzales - Grade 5 - Esquire Hair Replacement Center
- Emma Henderson - Grade 5 - Cooper Veterinary Services
- Bentley Wilkinson - Grade 6 - Auntie Anne's
- Avery Rhodes - Grade 6 - Historic Round Barn
- Mia Perez-Aguilar - Grade 6 - Kozmo Kuts Pet Salon
- Owen Colon - Grade 5 - Boyer Nurseries & Orchards, Inc.
- Peyton Hartman - Grade 6 - Adams County Nursery, Inc.
- Addison Dick - Grade 5 - Hickory Bridge Farm



COURAGE

This month we focused on the character trait of courage, which is another term for bravery. It's the ability to make good choices even if they are scary. Throughout the month, teachers observed their students and chose one representative from each classroom who truly embodied this trait. Congratulations to our April Characters of the Month:

- **From Mrs.. Kuhn's Class** - Yareli Manzo Garcia
- **From Ms. Althoff's Class** - Bently Blankenship
- **From Mrs. Klunk's Class** - Jaycen Riggins

- **4th Grade** - Jeovanny Angeles Mancilla, Genesis Garcia, Payton Gochenour, Hazel Hankey, and Delilah Keith.

- **5th Grade** - Reuben Brant, Kaylee Forsythe, Yaiza Garcia-Castizo, Haylee Henry, and Raven Robinson-Kessler.

- **6th Grade** - Paislie Kingston, Julian Salazar-Angeles, Hailey Tuckey, Kyal Vaughan, and Aubrey Wagaman.

APRIL



Spring Band and Chorus Concert

On Wednesday, May 6, the Upper Adams Intermediate students created musical memories that will last a lifetime. The program opened with a full stage of band students performing their best with the childhood classic "Twinkle, Little Star" and offered upbeat contemporary music as well. The music continued with selections by the chorus. The chorus sang a collection of songs that demonstrated different styles of music, including classical, folksy, Native American, and spiritual. One fun selection even allowed the audience to come onto the stage to sing along with their child.

We were joined by guest artists, Mr. Rei Phillippi, BHS Band Director; Mrs. Amanda Deardorff, 5th grade teacher; Ms. Patti Fetrow, retired music teacher; and Mrs. Georgia Hollabaugh, retired Elem. Band Director, who added their talent to our presentations. Thank you to the band boosters, teachers, administrators, and many BHS & UAMS music students who helped as stagehands and technicians. This was a truly memorable evening that appealed to all ages as performers and audience joined together in song and celebration. It was truly a beautiful culmination of what the students have accomplished this year in both band and chorus.



Spring 2026 Orchard of Excellence Winners



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

- **4th Grade:** Orry Bollinger, Brady Knouse, Camari Misner, Callan Pelc, and Virianna Pena-Lua.
- **5th Grade:** Naomi Baldonado Tallabas, Rowan Becker, Serenity Christian, Anthony Garcia, Ava Morris, and Emma Vines

CANNER CHARACTER AWARDS:

- **4th Grade:** Coen Felts, Payton Gochenour, Copeland Guise, Delaney Herr, Leslie Lua Miguel, Brooklyn Topper
- **5th Grade:** Angel Alvarez-Acosta, Joselyn Gonzalez Rico, Bree Showers, and Jayden Zavala Lua

Congratulations!

Color Day Recap

Color Day #69 is in the books! And what a great day it was!! Huge shout out to Mrs. Yargar-Reed for organizing this event and to all who helped her pull it off. Here are some of the stats from the day:

Tug of War Winners:

- Grade 4 . . . Boys - Mrs. Wilkinson's homeroom / Girls - Mrs. Moritz's homeroom
- Grade 5 . . . Boys - Mrs. King's homeroom / Girls - Miss Miller's homeroom
- Grade 6 . . . Boys - Mr. Gruver's homeroom / Girls - Mrs. McCleaf's homeroom

Winners of the Team Games:

- Grade 4 - Kickball - Boys - Mrs. Moritz's homeroom / Girls - Mrs. Hertzog's homeroom
- Grade 5 - Soccer - Boys - Mrs. Althoff's homeroom / Girls - Mrs. Althoff's homeroom
- Grade 6 - Volleyball - Boys - Mrs. Karn's homeroom / Girls - Mrs. McLean's homeroom

200 yd Relay Winners

- Grade 4: Boys - Mr. Gomez's homeroom / Girls - Mr. Gomez's homeroom
- Grade 5: Boys - Mrs. Deardorff's homeroom / Girls - Mrs. Deardorff's homeroom
- Grade 6: Boys - Mr. Gruver's homeroom / Girls - Mrs. McLean's homeroom

Walker Board Relay Winners

- Grade 4: Boys - Mr. Gomez's homeroom / Girls - Mr. Gomez's homeroom

- Grade 5: Boys - Mrs. King's homeroom / Girls - Miss Miller's homeroom
- Grade 6: Boys - Mr. Gruver's homeroom / Girls - Mr. Gruver's homeroom

1/4 Mile Run - 1st Place Finishes

- Grade 4 - Jasmine Ponce 1:56 and Jensen Lua 1:41
- Grade 5 - Kyleigh Fultz 1:37 and Creedon Nichols 1:31
- Grade 6 - Paislie Kingston 1:30 and Lincoln Batts 1:25

TEAMWORK



This month, we focused on the character trait of Teamwork, which means working together with peers to achieve a common goal. Throughout the month, teachers observed their students and chose one representative from each classroom who truly embodied this trait. Congratulations to our May Characters of the Month!

- **From Mrs.. Kuhn's Class** - Dylan. Lua
- **From Mrs. Althoff's Class** - Noah Nolasco Zavala
- **From Mrs. Klunk's Class** - Meadow Stewart

- **4th Grade** - Copeland Guise, Miley Hernandez Morales, Jacob Kellison, Kinslei Miller, and Jesus Zarate-Tovar.
- **5th Grade** - Addison Dick, Brady Julius, Mason Stiffler, and Adam Vines.
- **6th Grade** - Greyson Lambert, Mia Perez-Aguilar, Alexis Smith, Garrison Smyers, and Bentley Wilkinson.



MAY



4th Grade



5th Grade



6th Grade



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