



Welcome

Back To School

5 BY FRIDAY - MONDAY EDITION

Gearing Up for the 2026-2027 School Year!



Principal Points

As summer break winds itself to a close over the next several days, we have LOTS to share with you as a parent of an Upper Adams Intermediate School student!! Today we kick off our **Back-to-School 5 by Friday** mini-newsletter series. By Friday, you will have received 5 mini-newsletters that are jam-packed with all sorts of information you and your child need to know to kick off a successful school year!! Read these mini-newsletters together with your child so that you are both aware of the expectations at UAIS.

So, without further delay, let's get started with today's first of our '5 by Friday' series topics – **Principal Points for the New School Year!**

Our Goal

Our primary goal at UAIS is to provide your child with an excellent educational experience every day. We will do our best to make your child's time with us full of challenging activities that will help them to learn and grow. But we can't do it alone! As a parent/guardian, YOU are an important part of your child's education and a valued member of our team!



- **We urge you to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher.** We use Class DOJO and school email as our primary communication tools. When you have questions, PLEASE ASK! Don't let misunderstandings creep into your child's world and cause frustration!! Always come right to the source and get the answers you are looking for.
- Always take a few minutes to read the information we share with you so you are up to date on school happenings! **Be sure that we have your current email address** because most

information we share will be pushed out through email. Also, be sure we have your current phone number on file as well. **Update your child's profile - found in their back-to-school paper packet - so that we have current contact information** for you. And when changes occur, just call or email our school office so we can make the updates!

- Finally, consider getting involved with our PTO or consider volunteering time to help your child's teacher. **If this interests you, be sure your volunteer clearances are up-to-date and on file in the school office, because you may not volunteer until they are.** If you are uncertain whether your clearance paperwork is current, email Karen Swartz at k.swartz@upperadams.org to find out.

UASD 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

Click [here](#) to view the current Upper Adams School District calendar. Changes to this calendar will be shared through monthly newsletters, as well as through the District Parent Notification System.

UAIS 6-Day Cycle Calendar

Help your child stay on top of what schedule day it is. Biglerville Elementary and UAIS both use this calendar.

UAIS Building Calendar

Keep up to date with what's going on at UAIS! We urge you to save this link and check the calendar often!

We Hope to See You!

By this time, you should have received information from us about your child's homeroom assignment and the Open Houses that are planned on **August 17th for 4th and 5th graders** and on **August 18th for 6th graders**. We hope you have solidified plans to attend! Both events start promptly at 5PM in the UAIS gymnasium.

Your child's teacher will have a **Back to School Packet** for you to take home. This packet will contain items for you to complete and return on your child's 1st day of school. Look for:



1. **Student Profile Sheet** - information printed on this form needs to be reviewed by a parent, updated where necessary, signed, and returned so we can update your student's record.
2. **UAIS Handbook Acknowledgement Sheet** - review the listed documents, complete the form, and return. You can check this item off your 'to-do' list by viewing our [Parent/Student Handbook](#) online. Or, you can find it printed in the front of your child's agenda, which they will receive on the 1st day of school.
3. **Upper Adams School District Annual Technology Device Protection Plan** - please read this carefully. The form **needs to be completed and returned to school whether you choose coverage or not. Remember, if you choose coverage, you must attach the required payment.** Coverage will not be in effect until both the form and payment are received. Don't want coverage? Simply check the appropriate space to opt-out, sign the form, and return it to school.
4. **Library Contract Form** - review with your child, sign the form together, and return it to school. No library books or materials may be checked out by your child unless Mrs. Bort, our school librarian, has this form.
5. **COPPA Form and Use of Photo Form** - these two forms are **only required from our 4th grade students**. Please complete them accordingly and send them back to school so we can update your child's file.

Everything else in the packet is informational and can be reviewed at your convenience. Thank you for taking care of this important paperwork quickly!

Please Send Notes!

Please remember to send notes in the following circumstances:

- **Late Arrivals** - we need a note any time your child arrives late. If late because of a medical appointment, please obtain a note from your medical provider. If late for another reason, a parent note is fine.
- **Early Pick Ups** - a note is needed when you intend to pick your child up before the end of the school day.
- **End of Day Car Rider** - always send a note in the morning when you intend to pick your child up in the car line at the end of the day. We can not take your child's word for it that they are to be picked up at the end of the day.
- **After an Absence** - when your child misses school, we require a note within 3 days of the absence so that we can consider excusing the absence. If your child is absent for 3 or more consecutive days, a dr. note is required to excuse the absence. **Absence notes can be faxed (717-677-4330) or emailed to k.swartz@upperadams.org.**

Did You Know? UASD Is Smoke Free!

When on school grounds, please remember that School Board Policy #222 prohibits the use of tobacco by any student, staff member, or visitor on school property during the educational day or while attending any school-sponsored event. Please adhere to this



UAIS Parent/Student Handbook Link

The Parent/Student Handbook is printed in your child's agenda, so if you have questions about school rules, please check there OR click here to view the handbook on our website. Parents and students alike are to be familiar with our school rules.



UASD Weapons Policy

UASD has taken a strong stand on weapons, look-alike weapons, and hazardous substances. According to Act 25 of 1995 and UASD Board Policy #218.1, any student who possesses a weapon, look-alike weapon, or hazardous substances will be subject to strict

disciplinary measures. Students and parents need to be aware that those items that are not permitted on school property include, but are not limited to:

- Any knife, cutting instrument or tool
- Nun-chuk
- Firearm, shotgun, or rifle
- Any realistic replica of a weapon
- Noxious, irritating, or poisonous gasses
- Accelerants, poisons, or drugs
- Any other tool, implement, instrument, material or substance capable of inflicting serious bodily injury

Any student who is determined to have brought a weapon onto school property or who is in possession of a weapon on school property shall be expelled for not less than one year, unless the Superintendent recommends discipline short of expulsion. Any student who assists another student in any actions related to this policy will also be subject to disciplinary action, which may include expulsion. Whenever a weapon, prohibited by law from being carried onto school property is discovered, the Superintendent will notify the local law enforcement officials. A copy of the entire Board Policy #281.1 is available for review in the school office and on the district website.



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