



Where Little Learners Expect Great Things!



Congratulations to Mrs. Cornelius, Mrs. McElhone and Ms. Grams our Winter Olympic Winners!

The whole school enjoyed working hard on our reading, writing, arithmetic...and just being great kids to try to win the Olympic Ski Race! The winning classes received gold, silver and bronze medals. Way to go everyone!



We All Fell In Love with the Kindergarten Valentin's Concert

Valentine's Day is always special at the Elementary School - full of love, friendship...and Candy! But the best part was the Kindergarten Concert. Good work kids and Mrs. Hansen! The week coincide with the 100th and the 101st day of school, depending which one your class was celebrating!

School Updates

- o School Enrollment is at 368 students. This is an increase of 8 in the last month.
- o As included in the section size report for approval, based on 4K round up numbers, we are projecting only a shift in positions for our tutoring expansion next year, not adding or reducing staff (other than planned retirement, etc).
- o It was a really refreshing process to review our plans for increased mathematics support and materials next year. We appreciate Mr. Rasmussen's Leadership in this area.
- o Elementary Teachers are completing modules 8/9 in Reading Training - 2 more to go!
- o Public Sale at LEAP set to go.

Mileage Club Ramp-Up...Thank you Student council!

The Elementary Student Council noticed a decrease in Mileage Club participation over the winter months. Even though it's chilly they wanted to increase participation, so they planned a series of announcements, got some more beginning prizes and get the whole school back into running those laps. Thank you kids - great work!



Middle School Board Report

March 2026

BAND-O-RAMA

The Band-O-Rama Concert was a tremendous showcase of talent and dedication, featuring our 6-12 grade bands. Our students did an amazing job demonstrating not only their musical skill, but also the tremendous growth they have made throughout the year. Their passion, focus, and pride in their performance were evident in every piece. Great job to all of our band students and directors for representing our school community so well!



ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

The top four spellers from each grade level participated in the Spelling Bee earlier this month. Congratulations to these grade level winners:

- Grade 5: Jaxon Karl
- Grade 6: Rayna Edwards
- Grade 7: Kedgenal Tenolds-Edstrom
- Grade 8: Brooke Johnson

7th Grader Kedgy went on to compete at the CESA 11 Spelling Bee on February 18th, where she finished in the top six spellers! Congratulations to all of our participants!!



Middle School Spelling Bee Participants



Kedgy competing at CESA 11



Pictured L to R
Jaxon K, Rayna E, Kedgy T-E,
Brooke J

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	E Team
Feb. 4	 Oakley Fisk	 Caliyah Griffin	 Staci Schon	 Zoey Zbleski	 Landyn Jones
Feb. 11	 Kyle Weness	 Landyn Jones	 Lana Delaney	 Alissa Todd	 Nadia Cox
Feb. 18	 Shelby Hensel	 Ariel Mosay	 Jace Johnson	 Cyrie Griffin	 Sierra Dyson
Feb. 25	 Jaxon Karl	 Nevaeh Reber	 Levi Campeau	 Addison Jagielo	 Fontayne Flemino

BEHAVIOR ACADEMY UPDATE

This year, following staff training, we launched Behavior Academies as a new support initiative at UMS. Over the past eight weeks, more than 10 students have participated, focusing on targeted strategies and individualized plans to improve specific behaviors. Students are building skills and strengthening expectations that will help them be even more successful both academically and socially.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 16th:** First Day of Trimester 3
- March 21st:** 7th Grade Girls Traveling BB @ State
- March 23rd:** Choralfest (Grades 6 - 12)
7pm, PAC
- April 8th:** MS State Forward Testing Begins
- April 9th:** Middle School Play, *Annie Jr.*
7pm, PAC
- April 12th:** Middle School Play, *Annie Jr.*
2pm, PAC
- April 24th:** MS State Forward Testing Concludes



Unity High School: March, 2026 Principal's Report



Unity celebrated a significant milestone in the growth of our girls wrestling program this season. The team concluded an impressive year as Regional Champions, and Evelyn Fugate advanced to compete at the Girls State Wrestling Tournament in Madison. It has truly been inspiring to witness the pride and enthusiasm throughout the district. The continued growth of the girls wrestling program is a testament to the dedication and perseverance of the athletes and coaches. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the positive example they set for our Eagles community.

BAND-O-RAMA

On March 2, 2026, the Unity School District proudly hosted its annual Band-o-Rama event, welcoming a full house to the Performing Arts Center. The evening showcased the dedication and talent of our student musicians across grade levels. The event honored historical musician Prince! Mr. Bates and Mrs. Sorel served as hosts for the event, ensuring a well-organized and engaging experience for all in attendance. Mr. Bates led the high school portion of the program with enthusiasm and energy, highlighting both the growth and accomplishments of our students. Band-o-Rama continues to be a wonderful celebration of our music program.





On February 6, 2026, the High School hosted its first Reward Trip at the end of Snowball Week. The trip was designed to recognize and celebrate students who demonstrated positive behavior, strong attendance, and maintained no failing grades.

Students who did not meet eligibility criteria remained on campus, where they were provided structured time and support to complete missing assignments and focus on academic improvement. The event was a positive experience for our students and staff. There will be one more Spring Reward Trip on April 15, 2026!



High School Building Update

Enrollment by Grade Level:

- Freshmen: 56
- Sophomores: 63
- Juniors: 76
- Seniors: 62

*Total High School Enrollment: 257 students
Additionally, we serve 12 students through our
Alternative Diploma Program (ADP).*

Technology Update

The High School has successfully completed its transition from MacBooks to iPads. This shift has been implemented building-wide and has allowed for greater instructional flexibility, streamlined device management, and increased accessibility. I have a deep appreciation for the collaboration and adaptability of our teachers throughout this transition.

Spring Assessment Update

Spring testing will occur later this month and will include the Forward Exam, PreACT, and ACT assessments. These assessments provide valuable data to guide instruction, measure student growth, and inform our continuous improvement efforts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- No School – Teacher In-Service: Friday, March 6, 2026
- Spring Break: March 9–13, 2026
- Trimester 3 Begins: Monday, March 16, 2026
- March 17, 2026: Mock ACT and Forward Testing
- March 18, 2026: National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- March 23, 2026: Choralfest, 7:00 p.m.
- March 24, 2026: ACT and Pre-ACT Testing; Community Service Opportunity for Seniors
- March 27–29, 2026: High School Spring Play

Unity Special Education Board Report



MARCH 2026



READS FOR SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

This summer, Unity School District is proud to implement READS for Summer Learning, a research-based program originally designed to prevent summer reading loss. Developed by Harvard researcher Dr. James Kim, the program combines structured reading routines, teacher preparation, personalized book selection, and strong family engagement to help students maintain literacy growth over the summer months.

The program was created for students in grades 3–5, and our district is implementing it with intentional attention to supporting students with disabilities within those grade levels. By prioritizing targeted literacy support, the program aims to ensure all learners continue to grow and maintain progress over the summer.

Before summer break, participating students will receive six teacher-led comprehension lessons to explicitly teach the reading routines they will use independently at home. Students will complete an interest inventory, and their current reading levels will be carefully considered to recommend engaging, appropriately leveled texts. Each student will receive 10 personalized books to keep, helping build both literacy skills and home libraries. A family engagement event will be held the evening of April Parent-Teacher Conferences. There will be a short presentation and food provided. The program is being coordinated by the Director of Teaching and Learning, Trent Rasmussen, and the Director of Special Education, Elizabeth Jorgensen, who will also facilitate the Family Night to support families in establishing strong summer reading routines.

By combining preparation, personalization, and partnership, READS for Summer Learning is designed to strengthen confidence, sustain reading progress, and ensure students return in the fall ready to thrive.

Fastbridge Training

Special Education teachers are continuing to strengthen instructional practices through training in FastBridge, a web-based progress-monitoring system that tracks student growth and guides targeted interventions. FastBridge allows teachers to administer brief assessments in reading, math, and social-emotional learning. The tool is efficient and provides timely data to inform instructional decisions. In addition to progress monitoring, FastBridge also offers intervention resources to help teachers better support students with disabilities. Behavior may also be monitored for progress over time. The staff previously received introductory training and will continue their learning during the upcoming in-service on March 6, 2026, focusing on administering assessments and using the data to adjust instruction. This ongoing professional development ensures that our students with disabilities receive responsive, data-informed support throughout the school year.



DOTL Board Report March 2026

SCIENCE PROGRAMMING UPDATE

District

Collaborative teacher teams have worked diligently to strengthen their alignment of curriculum and assessments to the state standards. Teams have also engaged in detailed analysis of student data and related action planning.

Elementary

Each grade level continues to improve implementation of FOSS Science. Importantly, the guaranteed and viable curriculum development process has led to improvements of standards-aligned assessments at the early levels.

Middle School

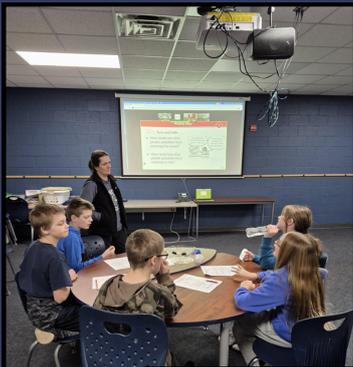
Attention to detail in curriculum development has been a strength of this team, including through alignment of unit test items to specific standards allowing for better data analysis.

High School

The HS team has placed an emphasis on learning more about the ACT Science test so that they more consistently incorporate knowledge and skills into their curriculum that will be predictive of improved student outcomes.

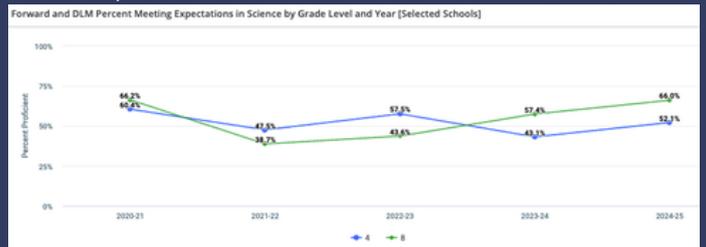
STEM Day through CESA 11

On March 5th, Mrs. Sara Riehbrandt worked with ten 5th graders on a STEM Day that was facilitated virtually by a CESA 11 consultant. The students were able to investigate how to create a filter that eliminates plastics from water streams prior to entering a bay.



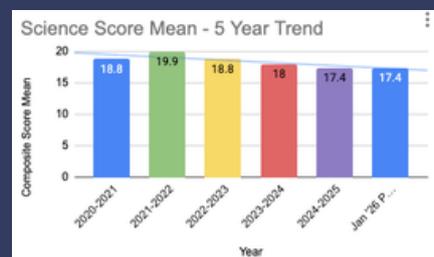
Grades 4 & 8 - Science Forward Trends

The MS Team has achieved consistent growth in 8th Gr. scores (green) the last four years. They're aiming for their top proficiency rate yet in upcoming assessments. The elementary staff's standards alignment efforts are expected to boost student outcomes (blue).



UNITY HS - PRACTICE ACT, Science

11th Grade Students took a Practice ACT Test in late January. Results from the Practice ACT indicate our Juniors are prepared improve upon last year's score. The teaching team is dedicated to long-term growth.



EXPECT GREAT THINGS!