



Where Little Learners Expect Great Things!



Year End Carnival - Thank you Student Celebrations Team!

Unity Elementary establishes a team each year focused on celebrating with our students all of the amazing things they accomplish. Each month, we host a fun event, and at the year end we plan an annual carnival!

The kids absolutely love it! We have a picnic lunch, water games, bounce houses, and some incredible opportunities to connect with each other before the end of the year.

One of the favorite activities are the minnow races! Mr. Brown, our local fish expert teaches the kids about them and hosts them each year - thank you Mr. Brown!

Metric Meet! Thank you PE Team!

This year we added family summer style games to our metric meet to encourage families to play more and be active as the summer approaches with their kids. We also Kicked off the meet with a traditional 'optional' competitive race event in front of all the fans, and then students and families rotated at their own pace and choice for the 'required' events.

We received a lot of positive feedback on the structure still allowing competition (ribbons were provided later, and a few records were broken!)...but also allowing students to participate without feeling the pressure of competition in front of a large crowd, and choosing who to run with or against!

Summer School is Here!!!

We are still processing a few signups and will continue to do so! This year's summer school is shaping up to be one of the biggest yet!

We are very interested and excited in particular to see how our first offerings go for:

Football Camp
Magic Show
Tennis Camp
Softball Camp
Horse Class at Dizzy J Farm
Act 20 Reading Tutoring
July and August extended day summer school opportunities.

We also are very hopeful we may see a huge increase in maintained achievement in the fall with our basic reading skills!



School Updates

Intense Planning underway.
for:

- Act 20 training 'Keys to Literacy' planning, registration taking place
- Scheduling for next school year
- Class List Review
- Final Touches of Summer School - Potential of 80 - 94 FTEs depending.
- Year end Data Reviews
 - Walk to Read Results very positive
 - STAR
 - AGR
 - Title
 - FORWARD
- Focus areas being selected



Middle School Board Report June 2025

CAREER SKILLS & SHADOW DAY

The 8th graders enjoyed a couple of days out of the normal school setting and learned about future career options. On Wednesday, May 7th, all students in grade 8 attended the Career Skills Day at the Polk County Fairgrounds. There were several different vendors and businesses present and the students were given “hands on” experiences at various job booths. It was a great day and the students enjoyed it!

On Wednesday, May 21st, the 8th grade students were given the opportunity to “shadow” at a job of interest. Students embarked on the job process by contacting a business and arranging for a time to come to “work”. The expectation was to find a job, confirm availability, arrange for transportation and work a regular shift at the place of employment. Students did a variety of different jobs, from Lawn care and Landscape to Fiber Optics installation! After a day out on the job, students came back to school and presented how the day went with peers and staff.



Middle School Track Season Wraps Up

Despite Mother Nature’s shenanigans, the Middle School Track Team was able to compete in a handful of meets this Spring.

The 6th graders were welcomed to join the team this year and brought with them a lot of great talent! The student athletes worked hard on and off the field/track.

Unity was lucky enough to host one of the meets, and the weather was warm! 10 other districts joined Unity to compete, it was a great turnout!

The Softball and Baseball teams have also begun practicing for the upcoming seasons, and weather permitting, should hit the fields soon! It will be an exciting summer for the

Middle School students!



BAND & CHOIR WRAP UP

The final Middle School concert of the year was held on Monday, May 12th. Students in grades 5 through 8 were able to showcase all of their hard work from the year!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

May
7th



Grade 5: Cora Heinz
Grade 6: Hallie Carlson
Grade 7: Charlotte Ens
Grade 8: Marcus Rundquist
Exploratory Team: Lillian Wilson

May
14th



Grade 5: Ashley Hyden
Grade 6: Audrey Mattson
Grade 7: Brooke Johnson
Grade 8: Alex Garlepy
Exploratory Team: Jet Bosak

May
21st



Grade 5: Bentley Langiewicz
Grade 6: Morgan Mackey
Grade 7: Patience Kammerude
Grade 8: William Lehman
Exploratory Team: Jace Nelson

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

136 Middle School students have signed up to attend Summer School! We are excited to get started with them on June 9th!



UNITY HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION

74 wonderful students participated in graduation ceremonies in May (13 ADP and 61 UHS). Students Addison McElhone and Madison Anderson, along with Mr. Mathias, provided terrific speeches. Mrs. Hansch inspired and honored our ADP students with her thoughtful words. Unity students and staff are simply outstanding; our community should be proud of all their hard work and accomplishments. There are many great things ahead for the one and only Class of 2025!



FFA AWARDS BANQUET

Retiring Officer Team



New Officer Team



SENIOR AWARDS BANQUET



ADP GRADUATION



The Senior Party was a fun night for over 50 students. Lots of food, games, activities, and great prizes for the students. A huge shoutout to parents, community partners, and our staff graduation committee that made this memorable event happen with donations and planning.

The Senior Awards Banquet honored over 40 students with scholarships and awards for their earned success at UHS. School counselors & community partners put on a wonderful event.

The terrific FFA Awards Banquet recognized 35 active members and their success within the FFA organization at the local, state, and national levels this past year. The FFA Alumni held a silent auction in conjunction with the banquet.

SENIOR PARTY



Students of the Week



Kash Shannon



Mazie Webster



Belle Carlson



Ella Johnson



UNITY HIGH SCHOOL

SOFTBALL STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT. A WIN & CELEBRATION!



POLK CO CAREER SKILLS DAY

Over 45 UHS students took advantage of this hands-on career day experience to enhance career planning curriculum. Students learned about careers and educational opportunities available in Northwest Wisconsin. By exploring career pathways, students linked what they learn in school with the knowledge and skills they need for a successful future in further education or joining the workforce.



HAPPENINGS AT UHS:



AG ON THE LAWN

UHS agriculture students hosted their annual Ag on the Lawn event for the middle school, elementary school, and LEAP students. There were over 25 educational exhibits to explore, learn, and enjoy! Thank you FFA and community partners!

CAPSTONE PROJECTS

Students explore future career possibilities, embark on learning new skills, or showcase skills and talents they have developed over the years. Projects will vary depending on student interest.



Baseball: Our HS baseball program had 23 participants this season - which is the most they have had for the past 5 seasons. We were able to host both varsity and JV games all season. The varsity team finished the regular season with a 3-16 record and lost at Chequamegon last Thursday in the first round of the playoffs. The JV team improved greatly throughout the season and we look forward to building off of the team's successes next season. One of our main goals this season was to increase the participation numbers in baseball and we were able to achieve that goal!

ATHLETICS UPDATE:

Softball: Our HS softball program had 13 participants this season, which is a little bit down compared to the past few seasons. The team finished the regular season with a 2-12 record and lost in the opening round of the playoffs to Cumberland by a score of 16-4. This team battled all season to learn and grow. All of them took leaps forward in the game of softball, often being asked to do things that were brand new to them. Their record does not reflect their commitment to the team or passion for the game. They will be back with a vengeance next season!

Boys Golf: The HS Boys Golf Team had 7 participants this season. The team brought in some new faces this season and all of the participants saw growth and success throughout the season. The team competed at the Regional Boys Golf Meet on Tuesday (5/27). Although they didn't advance to the sectional golf meet as a team, we were able to send one individual onto the sectional golf meet next week at Turtleback! Sophomore Josh Pouliot finished with a 82 and advanced onto the sectional golf meet as an individual qualifier!



UNITY HIGH SCHOOL

EAGLE ATHLETICS UPDATE :

Track and Field: The HS track and field teams had 28 boys and 21 girls participate this season. Both teams saw a lot of success throughout the season with the boy's team winning the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Invite and Barron Invite. The boys team finished second at the conference track meet (1 point behind Grantsburg) and the girls finished 3rd. Both teams saw a lot of success at the Regional track meet with the following individuals and relay teams moving on. These sectional qualifiers competed at Colby for their chance to move onto the state track and field meet in La Crosse! State participants and events are:

Sectional Girls:

High Jump - Andrea Erickson
Long Jump - Addison McElhone
Shot - Andrea Erickson
4 x 200 m Relay - Gabby Pecore, Katie Kahler, Addison McElhone, Isabelle Olson, Ella Johnson, Persayiss Tucker.
4 x 100 m Relay - Gabby Pecore, Katie Kahler, Addison McElhone, Andrea Erickson, Isabelle Olson, Persayiss Tucker.
300 Hurdles - Katie Kahler
200 m - Gabby Pecore
3200 m - Ave Muller, Auvianna Berg
Disc - Ella Johnson, Andrea Erickson
Pole Vault - Brooklyn Prince

State Participants (June 5-7)

Ava Muller, Andrea Erickson

Sectional Boys:

110 Hurdles - Kasyn Fisher, Adrien Olson.
100 m - Payton Merrida
1600 m - Oliver Gariepy
4 x 100 m Relay - Evan Johnson, Kasyn Fisher, Adrien Olson, Payton Merrida, Indy Wells, Landon Morales.
200 m - Payton Merrida
High Jump - Marcus Rankin
Long Jump - Evan Johnson
4 x 800 m Relay - Blake Patterson, Oliver Gariepy, Dominic Fox, Isaiah Morales, Damien Fox, Ashton Patterson.
3200 m - Oliver Gariepy, Isaiah Morales
800 m - Blake Patterson

State Participants (June 5-7)

Payton Merrida, Oliver Gariepy, Dom Fox, Evan Johnson, Kasyn Fisher, Indy Wells, Adrien Olson, Ashton Patterson, Blake Patterson





JUNE 2025

SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

2024-25 Evaluation and Referral Facts

- 2024-25 Data: 28 Initial Referrals/ Evaluations and 52 Re-evaluations. 80 Total.
- Catching Students Early Through Child-find Activities. Most students are younger who are referred.
- 5 Early Childhood (before PK) and 7 Pre-Kindergarten Initial Referrals.
- K-2 - 8 Initial Referrals
- 3-4 - 2 Initial Referrals
- Middle School - 6 Initial Referrals
- High School - 1 Initial Referrals
- 3 Referrals not completed due to extenuating circumstances (moving districts during process, parent consent refusal, etc.)
- 97% of students referred for Special Education qualified for services. Before students are referred, interventions are usually required to see if progress can be made without a Special Education Referral.

SPECIAL EDUCATOR INDUCTION PROGRAM



The Special Education Team at the Department of Public Instruction and CESA 11 has prioritized staffing shortages and created a New Teacher Induction program designed to support and retain special educators. High School Teacher, Elli Garvey completed the program during the 2024-25 school year.



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Special Educator Induction Program

Presented by

Cooperative Education Service Agency #11
and
The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
to

Elli Garvey

For the successful completion of

Wisconsin's Special Educator Induction Program

2024-25

Including Training in:

Special Education Requirements, Evaluations, and IEPs
Explicit Instruction
Respectful Learning Environments and Social Behaviors
Active Student Engagement
Data Driven Planning
Collaboration
(48 hours total)



SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SUMMER SCHOOL

In Wisconsin, special education services during the summer can be provided through either Extended School Year (ESY) services or regular summer school programs.

Most students with disabilities in the Unity School District are served through regular summer school, where they have access to enrichment and academic support. While these programs are optional and not part of the IEP, students with disabilities must be provided reasonable accommodations to ensure access to the curriculum. Students do not receive specialized services in the regular summer school program.

ESY services are provided only to students whose IEP teams determine are necessary to prevent significant regression in skills. These services are individualized, based on student needs, and must be offered at no cost to families. ESY can be delivered outside of the regular summer school schedule and may include instruction, therapy, or other supports.

The special education team continues to collaborate closely with summer school staff to ensure all students receive appropriate support during the summer months.