



Where Little Learners Expect Great Things!



4K Round-Up 2026 Coming Soon!!!

Help us get the word out! Kids turning 4 by September 1st, 2026 can attend 4K for free all year! Sign up online and we will see you soon!



UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S **4K ROUND-UP 2026**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND & FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD
APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT
4:00 & 6:00 P.M. ON THE 22ND & 9:00 A.M. ON THE 23RD.

**FOR AREA FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO
WILL BE 4 YRS OLD AS OF SEPT. 1ST 2026**

PRE-K REGISTRATION AND OPEN ENROLLMENT
AVAILABLE FOR THE '26-'27 SCHOOL YEAR!

SIGN UP AT WWW.UNITY.K12.WI.US FOR AN EXCITING DAY WITH
YOUR CHILD TO GET READY FOR 4K!

DISTRICT 3 YR OLD EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM SCREENING
APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY AS WELL!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE ELEMENTARY
OFFICE AT: (715) 825-2101 EXT. 3500



REGISTER ON-SITE!
APPLY FOR
OPEN ENROLLMENT
SAME DAY!



BIRTH - 3
SIGN UP



SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FOR BIRTH TO 3 YEAR OLDS TOO! CALL TO SET UP FREE SCREENINGS:
SPEECH THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY AND MORE!

School Updates

- School Enrollment is at 356 students. We should see changes over the next month.
- Based on PK Roundup Numbers we will make a projection for next year's enrollment.
- We are in our 3rd round of Walk to Read, as well as Interventions school wide.
- Elementary Teachers are making good progress in Keys to Reading Training! About halfway though thank you to all and Mrs. Chell!
- Mid year district assessments are beginning - STAR, QPS, as well as state assessments - AimsWeb (Act 20)
- Of interest, we are planning a snowbuddies 'be a buddy' contest and movie towards end of January for a celebration event!
- PT conferences coming up on the 22nd! See you there!
- Our 4th graders have been selected again to take the NAEP examination on February 10th. We have been in communication with the NAEP team and will complete the test successfully.
- UWRF completed their site visit for their study of our reading model at UES!



Middle School Board Report

January 2025

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to highlight Rachael Schmid and Nora Kern for the remarkable work they do each day at Unity Middle School. Rachael and Nora consistently create an engaging, supportive learning environment rooted in care, compassion, and high expectations for students. They are incredibly reliable and flexible, always stepping

in to support both student and staff needs with a positive attitude. Their strong collaboration with one another is evident, not only in the smooth flow of their classroom routines, but also in the genuine joy, smiles, and laughter they bring to UMS everyday.

Thank you, Rachael and Nora, for your dedication, your teamwork, and the warmth you bring to our school community. You make Unity Middle School a wonderful place.



PICTURED:
Rachael Schmid -
Educational Assistant
(Left)
Nora Kern -
Educational Assistant
(Right)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

	5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	E Team
Dec. 3					
Dec. 10					
Dec. 17					

UMS STUDENT COUNCIL GIVES BACK

The middle school student council worked hard before Fall break to fundraise enough money to "Adopt a family" and provide gifts to them for the Holidays. Additionally, they raised funds to purchase materials for fleece tie blankets.

Members of the student council, along with many helpful student volunteers, spent several hours crafting tie blankets and were able to construct 32 in total to gift to their fellow classmates. Recipients of the blankets were selected via a nomination process and the blankets were handed out before students left for Winter break.



STAFF vs ATHLETE BASKETBALL

In annual tradition, the 8th grade boys basketball team wrapped up their season by taking on a variety of Unity Staff members in a fun game of hoops! Middle School students filled the stands before the Winter break and cheered for their favorite team. During halftime, students of the week were recognized as well as the winners of the Holiday door decorating contest.

Pictured is the 8th grade team along with staff and Varsity Boys Basketball players who served as refs!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- JAN. 15TH 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL @ UNITY VS CHETEK (5PM GAME TIME)
- JAN. 19TH 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL @ UNITY VS HAYWARD (5PM GAME TIME)
- JAN. 22ND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
- JAN. 29TH 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL @ UNITY VS RICE LAKE (5PM GAME TIME)
- JAN. 30TH UMS WINTER REWARD TRIP



HONOR ROLL & HONORABLE MENTION STUDENTS:



Unity High School:
January, 2026
Principal's Report

High School Honor Roll Recognition

On December 17, 2025, Unity High School took time at the Wednesday student assembly to recognize and celebrate students who achieved academic excellence during the first trimester of school. Students were acknowledged in two categories:

- Honor Roll: Students earning a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher (115 students in total.)
- Honorable Mention: Students earning a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49 (38 students in total.)

This recognition highlights the dedication and hard work of our students and reflects the school's commitment to fostering academic achievement.

DRAMA CLUB UPDATE: FROZEN BREAKS RECORDS



The production of “Frozen” set new records at Unity High School, achieving record-breaking attendance and selling out seats for its final showing on December 14, 2025.

Looking ahead, the Drama Club is excited to host auditions for the spring play this month, a non-musical comedy titled, “The Somewhat True Story of Robin Hood.” With talented casts and dedicated students, the Drama Club is poised for a landmark year full of memorable performances and accomplishments by our UHS students.



Powerlifting Update

The Powerlifting season is off to a strong start! Our team competed at the Region 1 New Richmond Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, December 13, and delivered an impressive performance.

- Khloe Jensen, our team captain, earned first place in the Women's Raw 105-pound bracket and has qualified for the State competition.
- Marius Bruce is stepping into a leadership role and is showing great potential to qualify for State later in the season.
- Our younger lifters are demonstrating enthusiasm and dedication, working hard and gaining inspiration from the team's success.

The team's commitment and growth early in the season are promising, and we look forward to following their continued progress.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Thursday, January 22, 2026
- Virtual Learning Day / Teacher In-Service: Friday, January 23, 2026
- High School Rewards Trip: Friday, February 6, 2026



January 2026 Board Report

Special Education Team Strengthens Early Childhood Transitions Through Regional Collaboration

On Friday, January 30, Unity's Special Education Director, Elizabeth Jorgensen, Early Childhood teachers Stephanie Crawford and Amanda Siefert, School Psychologist, Nicole Kovar, and Elementary Principal, Bill Dewitt, will participate in a CESA 11 regional collaboration session focused on supporting young children as they transition into public schools. This half-day event brings together school districts, Head Start programs, County Birth to Three teams, and regional service providers to share successes, address challenges, and discuss best practices for early childhood transitions. Topics include family engagement, transition planning, compliance requirements, and regional needs. Participants will also collaborate directly with county Birth to Three teams to review and update the Interagency Transition Agreement, an important requirement that helps ensure coordinated, family-centered support for children entering school. Unity's participation reflects an ongoing commitment to strong partnerships and smooth transitions for young learners and their families.

Introducing Amanda Siefert and Enhancing Elementary Student Support



Unity Elementary is committed to high-quality, personalized special education services. To better support the growing number of students, we are making some staffing updates that will strengthen our team and enhance student learning. We are thrilled to introduce Amanda Siefert, our newest special education teacher. Amanda brings 17 years of experience supporting children and individuals with diverse needs. She has worked in healthcare and educational programs, including leadership roles at Unity's Eagle Care Club and LEAP Childcare Center. As part of these staffing additions, mid-year adjustments to special education case manager assignments took effect on January 6, 2026. These adjustments ensure each student continues to receive personalized support tailored to their needs. Unity Elementary's current special education teachers—Stephanie Crawford, Sophie Peterson, Sara Mattson, and Lori Anderson—will continue in their roles, though some adjustments to their caseloads will occur. We are excited about these updates and confident they will support the success and growth of all students!

Welcoming New Educational Assistants

Unity has welcomed six educational assistants to the Special Education Department since the beginning of the 2025-26 school year. Five employees, Lexi Stesney-Johnson, Paige Butala, Lily Tourville, Alyssa Walters, and Kris Opitz, all previously worked at LEAP and have joined the Special Education Department at different times this year. Heidi Murphy is a Unity alumnus who also joined our team. All are great additions to the Unity team!



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Alyssa
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Kris
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