

ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AT UNION GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We welcome all students to get involved in what Union Grove Elementary School has to offer. Whether it is an athletic team or a school club, involvement in events and programs can be fun and beneficial! Students can listen for daily announcements to sign up for programs.

Accelerated Reader – This reading incentive activity consists of reading selected books and using a computer to assess comprehension. Interested student readers can do this independently or with their reading class.

Activity Night – This social opportunity for students in grades 5-8 is offered one Friday night per semester. Students can use the gym for volleyball, basketball or an obstacle course, watch a movie, play video games, work on a craft project, play board games, or sing with a karaoke machine. Parent volunteers are welcome.

Art – In grades K-6 art classes are part of the curriculum for all students.

Auto Skills – This is an exciting new computer program for grades 5-8. It offers individualized skill development in the areas of Math and Reading.

Band – Students in grades 5-8 may participate in band. Lessons are given during the day on a weekly basis, and students play as a group several times a week. There will be several performance opportunities as well as possible field trips to special musical events.

Basketball (boys) – The sport is open to boys in grades 6-8. Try-outs for the A and the B teams will be announced in December. The season continues through February with practices after school. Games are played both at home and away.

Basketball (girls) – The sport is open to girls in grades 6-8. Tryouts for the A and the B teams will be announced in October. The season continues through November, with practices after school and games played both at home and away.

Battle of the Books- Battle of the Books is a reading program open to all fourth through sixth graders. Each year around late October a reading list of approximately 40-46 titles is released from the program. New titles are issued every year. Interested students read the books, memorize the authors and occasionally the illustrators, and write questions about the book. The meets which are competitions against other Westosha league schools, are held over a period of three weeks on Mondays at an area school.

State Battle of the Books – This is a program for 7-8 grade students interested in participating in the State BOB program. New book lists are issued each year. Competition is computerized and occurs at the school in February.

Cheerleading/Dance – This is open to students in grades 6-8. We offer two cheer/dance seasons, one for the boy's basketball season and one for the girl's basketball season. Try-outs for both cheer and dance seasons will be announced.

Chorus – Students in grades 7-8 may sign up for chorus. Chorus meets twice a week. There will be several performance opportunities as well as possible field trips to special musical events.

Dances – We offer approximately three dances a year. Some are open to students in grades 6-8; some are only for students in grades 7-8. Dances are held in the commons or cafeteria with a live DJ.

Drama – A play or musical may be presented each year depending on time available and interest of the student body. All students in grades 5-8 are welcome to audition. Past productions include “The Wizard of Oz” and “Ransom of Red Chief”.

English Festival – This is open to students in grades 7-8. After reading several challenging books, the students then attend a day of exciting classes on the campus of Parkside or Carthage.

Forensics – This public speaking opportunity gives students in grades 6-8 the chance to recite poetry, read stories aloud, give speeches or work in a drama. The students will compete one evening and may also have the chance to present their work to others in school and in the community.

Geography Bee – All students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate in the entertaining & challenging opportunity to share their knowledge of geography. By being the top geography bee winner they get to advance onto the next level and may earn the chance to advance to the National Finals.

JASON Project – This special science program is open for students in grades 6-8. Applications are available in September. Students study a specific area of the world in after-school sessions. The program usually includes a field trip out of state.

Lip Sync Show – Grades 5-8 have the opportunity to perform in this show. Each fall students perform a dance or routine to their favorite song for family and friends.

Math Olympics – This program is for students highly skilled in math. It gives them an opportunity to work with others solving difficult math problems. Sessions are usually held during the school day.

The Midwest Academic Talent Search (MATS) - is a program that offers above-grade-level testing to bright students. Younger participants might take the EXPLORE test which is typically used for high school placements. Seventh and eighth grade participants might take the SAT or ACT's which are the same tests students take before entering college. Students with qualifying scores are invited to participate in programs offered by Northwestern University and WCATY (Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth).

The Knowledge Master Open (commonly known as Knowledge Masters) - is a computer-based semiannual worldwide academic competition in which teams of students from many schools earn points by answering multiple-choice questions quickly and accurately. Fifth and sixth grade students represent their rooms in the school competition each January and March.

Read to Succeed – Six Hour Reading Club

Six Flags and Weekly Reader sponsor a Six Hour Reading Club for students in grades kindergarten-6 grade. Children need to complete at least six hours of personal reading so they may earn a free ticket to any participating Great America Theme Park.

Safety Patrol- Safety Patrol is open to students in grades 6-8. These students help keep the area safe outside when busses are loading and unloading before and after school.

Softball – This athletic event is open to boys and girls in grades 7-8. It begins in September and continues through October with practices after school and games played both at home and away.

Cross Country - This sport is open to boys and girls in grades 6-8. It begins in September and continues through October with practices after school.

Solo/Ensemble Contest – This special competition held once a year is for the 6-8 band and choral students. Students may compete in several different groups.

Spelling Bee – Grades 3-8 have the opportunity to demonstrate how they can spell. By being the top speller, students have the opportunity to advance to the next level and spell their way to the National Spelling Bee.

Student Council – Grades 5-8 can participate in Student Council. Meetings are held before or during school once a month. Activities to be done throughout the year are determined by the Council members.

Summer Enrichment – This is open to all students in grades kindergarten-6 of the current school year. It is a 3 week program that offers students the chance to study more in-depth topics. The students learn to work in multi age groups of students. After attending the classes they are able to go on field trips during the 3 week program that are related to the topic for that week.

Summer School – All who will be entering grades K-7 are able to attend this 4 week session. Students have fun learning reading, math, and other topics. This is an enrichment program, not remedial.

Track – This sport is open to boys and girls in grades 6-8. The practices begin in April. Many different categories (sprints, high jump, hurdles, long-distance running, discus, etc.) are available. There are three competitive track meets.

Volleyball – This sport is open to boys and girls in grades 7-8. Practices are held after school beginning in February and continuing through March.

WCATY - The Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) offers qualifying students the opportunity to take unique language arts and reading classes online. Students must be high achieving, independent workers who are looking for a challenge the regular classroom does not provide. A new topic is offered two quarters each school year to our students. Students read books, participate in online discussion groups, write papers, work on projects for presentation and meet new students at "Face to Face" classes offered in our area.