Welcome to Upton Elementary

Our mission is to ensure high levels of learning for ALL students.

You are invited to attend the
Upton Elementary
Open House
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Meet the teachers, tour the building, and learn about the curriculum.

For more information about the exceptional educational opportunities at Upton Elementary School, contact Principal John Grzywack at 248-549-4968 or grzywackj@royaloakschools.org.

For enrollment information, go to www.royaloakschools.org and click on enrollment.

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Royal Oak Schools
A COMMUNITY OF EXCELLENCE
On the State of Michigan Accountability Scorecard, Upton Elementary received an overall school status of lime, the second highest rating. We have demonstrated excellent growth in the area of Writing and above average growth in the areas of Math and Reading as demonstrated on our State MEAP testing.

Upton teachers integrate technology into lessons through the use of Apple TV, notebook computers, Chrome books, and Mimios (similar to SMART Boards). We also offer an after school Robotics Club. Teachers have also received training in Reading and Math Workshop Model of Instruction.

Upton Elementary School’s staff, parents, and community work together to ensure that every student is academically, socially, culturally, and emotionally successful in our family-oriented environment. Being a small school, the staff gets to know all students and parents. Parents are encouraged to volunteer within our classrooms and school.

Upton’s Primary Unit consists of grades 1 and 2 and focuses on the academic needs of each child. Flexible groupings allow students to be challenged at their independent learning level for both literacy and mathematics.

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers work collaboratively to provide content in the area of their expertise. Third grade students switch classes for science and social studies, while 4th and 5th grade students switch classes for mathematics, writing, and science, and social studies. This academic focus helps increase rigor while preparing students for middle school.

We are fortunate to have additional support staff to work with our students including our Response to Intervention Coordinator, Title I Teacher, ESL Coordinator, and several paraprofessionals.

Diversity is something we value at Upton Elementary. We are fortunate to have students from many different countries. Our families speak 12 different languages.

Upton ROCKS is our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program that teaches students important characteristics including Responsibility, Open Mindedness, Cooperation, Kindness, and Self-Control. Students are rewarded for demonstrating these positive characteristics.

Upton students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills as members of the Student Senate, Safety Patrol, Service Squad, Recycling Club, 5th Grade Buddies for Kindergarteners, and Student Broadcast.

Upton Elementary has developed a partnership with community organizations to offer our students programs including Kids in the Kitchen, Girls on the Run, Stride, Young Rembrandts, and Yoga.

Our Parents and Staff Members are Passionate About Upton Elementary. Here’s What They Have To Say:

Upton Elementary offers an incredibly warm and welcoming learning environment facilitated by a very caring, dedicated staff. After meeting the principal, Mr. Grzywack, and touring the school we knew that Upton was going to be the second home we had envisioned for our children. Every student is respected and a caring community vibe is fostered among peers. We live in a city with great rated schools but have opted to attend Upton as a school of choice family. We couldn’t be happier, Upton is an amazing school!

— Mickey and Perri Klinger

My husband and I moved back to Royal Oak eight years ago, and we were initially concerned that our two oldest (of five) children would have a hard time transitioning from the private school setting they’d become accustomed to. We cannot speak highly enough about the district that we are products of ourselves, in particular Upton Elementary. The staff helped integrate my children seamlessly with attention to their particular needs, much to our delight. We’ve now had four of our five children attend Upton over the last five years, and we actually kept them there even when we moved across town. The staff treats each other, parents, and students alike as family, and the classroom setting strikes the right balance between fostering independent learners and character education. Each student is considered individually and as a group in regard to teaching methods, and I love that they encourage older students to mentor the younger children. My students are on a path to success and I couldn’t be happier!

— Kathy Regan

This is my 14th year teaching. I taught at five other schools before I made the decision to transfer to Upton where I have been for the last five years. The difference at Upton is that the staff is a team that is committed to providing the best education for each and every child. We are like family in that we support each other no matter what. In any challenge that you may face, you always know that you will have help from your colleagues and from the administration. This is a tremendous benefit for our students because there is a team of people working together so that every option is considered if a student needs support in order to be successful.

— Janine Loveday, Kindergarten Teacher