



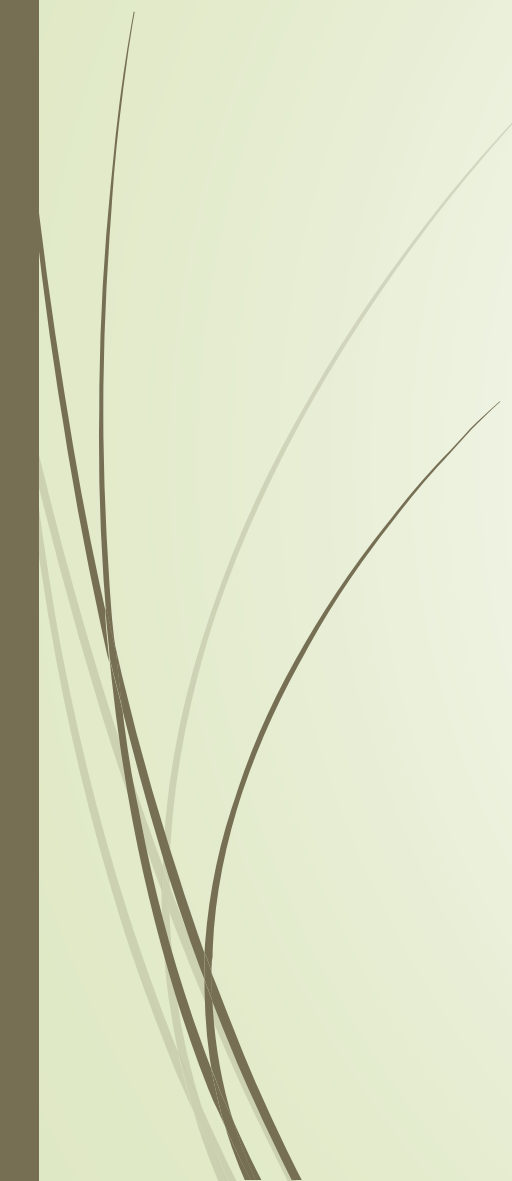
Utra school in Joensuu Finland

Established in 1861

This school was built in 1988



Welcome to visit our school

- Timetable for today:
 - 9-9.45 some things about our school and questions
 - Coffee break and meeting with our teachers
 - 10.-11. sightseeing in our building and classes
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A school year in Utra school (Finland)

- Begins in August (varies from 10.-15. of August)
- 38 weeks
- Autumn leave : 1 week in October
- Christmas holiday: 1,5 -2,5 weeks
- Sports leave: 1 week in March
- Easter holidays: 4 days
- Some 1 day holidays
- School years ends at the last Saturday of the week 22
(end of May-beginning of June)



In Utra school we have

- 400 pupils
- 31 teachers
- 15 assistants
- 21 groups of pupils
- 6 combined groups (answer to inclusion: teacher and special teacher and assistant)
- 3 special education groups (max. 8 pupils, 1 special teacher, several assistants)
- Grades 1-6



6 combined groups: "team classes"

- ▶ Answer to inclusion: teacher and special teacher and assistant
- ▶ Most pupils without special needs
- ▶ Some pupils with special needs in learning or behavior
- ▶ Teacher and special education teacher plus assistant
- ▶ Round 20 pupils
- ▶ Every grade has one "team class"

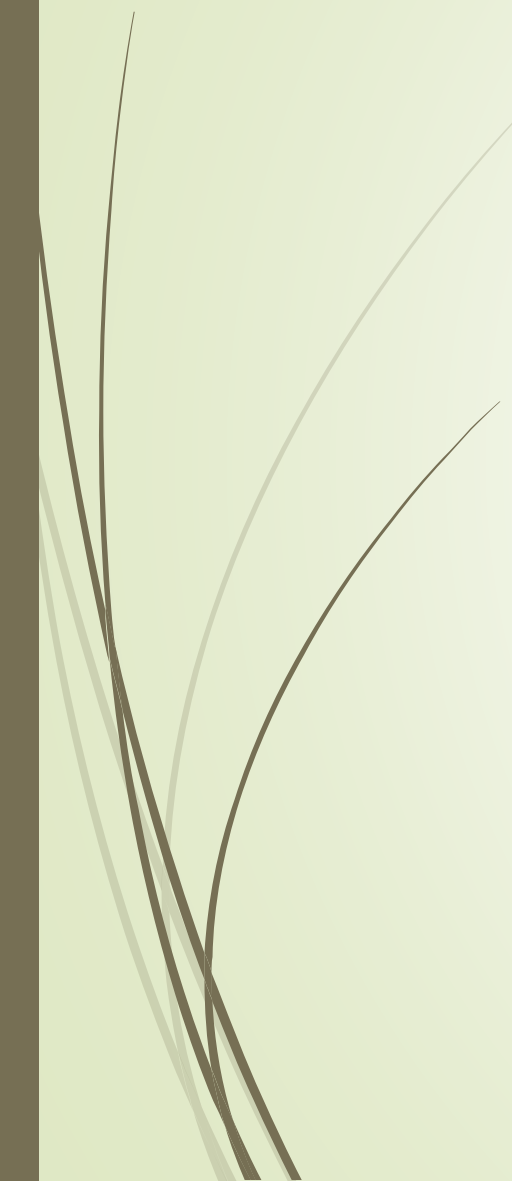


Teachers

- Have all master degree in educational studies
- 18-25 pupils in their classes
- 20-24 lessons/week
- Substitute teachers when needed



Assistants

- Every grade has at least one assistant
 - Helps a teacher during lessons
 - Prepares materials needed during lessons
 - During breaks supervises pupils outside
 - Have an education of school assistant
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Organisation

- ▶ Headmaster: governing the whole school, no lessons,
- ▶ and two deputy headmasters 18 lessons plus 7-8 hours office work
- ▶ The first dhm: Taking care of the building, vice headmaster , educational needs: books, materials, employing substitutes etc.
- ▶ The second dhm: taking care of the support of education, assistants
- ▶ Get together once a week
- ▶ School secretary 2 days a week


- ▶ Three teams and their leaders: (every teacher and assistant belong to one of them)
- ▶ Sport, educational and FeelGood -teams (get together 1-2 times a month
- ▶ Get together 2 times a month



Pupils



- Round 400 pupils
- Every grade has 3 classes
- One of them is a team class
- Subjects: Finnish, mathematics, environmental studies (science), sports, music, religion, English, German (voluntary), Swedish, (6.th grade), crafts, history, society studies (Russian), art



Communication with parents and reports

- Between autumn and spring seasons an educational conversation between parents, pupil and teacher
- Report in the end of school year (numbers from the grade 4- in all subjects in Joensuu area)
- Realtime communication via Wilma-program in net



Voluntary studies

- 2 lessons per week
- 4 periods, 9 weeks each
- 2 of them supporting theoretical school subjects
- 2 of them supporting art, music, crafts

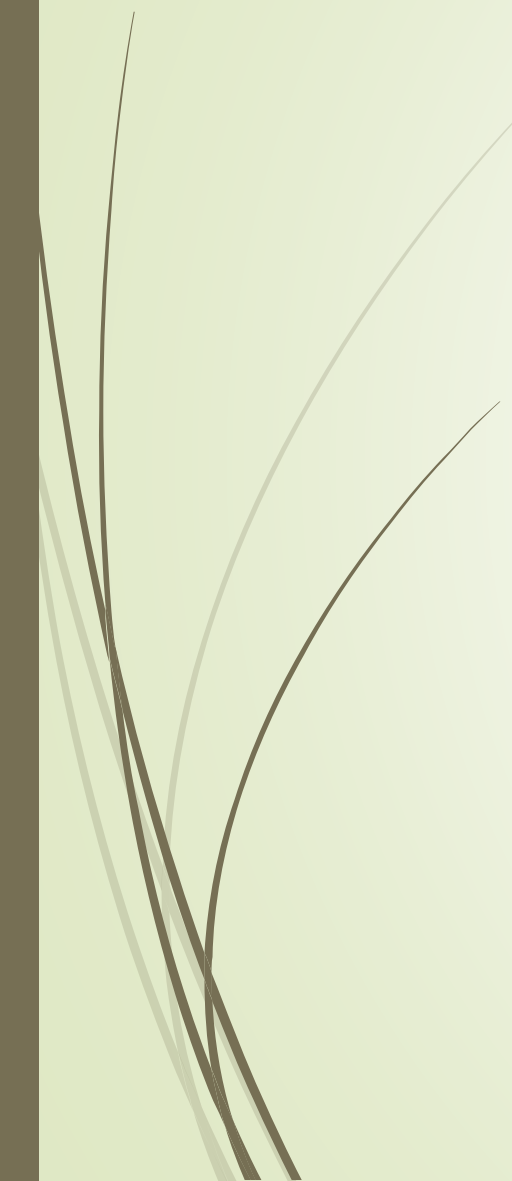


Support in studies

- 3 stages: general, powered, special
- Special teacher in every grade
- School coach, curator, psychologist, nurse



Special groups in our school

- Two groups for grades 1-2 and 3-6
 - Ice hearts –program
 - Special educational group for behavioral problems (3 pupils)
 - For those, who have a handicap and are not able to study in regular classes
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A school day (timetable)

- Begins at 8,9, or ten
- Ends at 12,13,14, or 15
- Total amount of lessons per week depend on grade (20-25)
- Teachers timetable varies also day by day



Transportation

- Pupils of our school live less than 3 km away from school so no need for transportation except
- Some pupils in special groups live more far and so some school busses are needed for them



Funding



- ▶ State gives to a town certain amount to organize education
- ▶ Town gives a budget to a school
- ▶ It is divided in salaries, books, materials, food etc.
- ▶ Headmaster is responsible for the budget
- ▶ Ultra school budget is 2,5 million



Relationships between teachers and pupils and parents

- Unformal
- Respect of parents and pupils varies
- Punishments (educational discussion, extra hours after school)

Questions?



