



WHERE *Brilliance* BEGINS

University Lake School students have always helped maintain the impressive 180 acre wooded campus in Hartland. They participate in annual prairie burns as well as Earth Day clean-up projects. ULS students have a hand in these activities as part of a challenging science curriculum that emphasizes an immersive approach to learning. This spring, University Lake School students are taking a creative and eco-friendly approach to eradicating invasive species in the ULS campus forest. From May 4th thru May 20th, the ULS woods will be home to 40 goats. Over that time period, the goats will eat through invasive species such as buckthorn. Each goat can cover approximately 300 square feet area. The 40 goats will cover about 4 ½ acres. The goats are contained with a 4ft. solar powered electric fence. The fence uses the same mild voltage as invisible fences for dogs, so it is safe for children to be around and does not harm the goats. The fence also protects the goats from coyotes and dogs. Upper School students at ULS will be responsible for the daily maintenance of the goats. This maintenance includes checking the fence and providing fresh water. University Lake School has contracted with the Green Goat Company from Browntown, WI for the rental of the goats. Students researched the process as well as did all of the organizational preparations for the goats to arrive on campus. They are learning the intricacies behind the environmental biology involved in being true stewards of the land.