

# PAWPRINTS

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UNIONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

*"The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas." (W.C. Jones)*

Once again we will endeavour to promote a spirit of giving through a variety of activities at UPS throughout this holiday season. Our *Random Acts of Kindness* program ties in nicely with this initiative. The idea of random acts of kindness is that we empower ourselves through kindness to feel that we can make a difference in our classroom, our school and ultimately the world. The initiative involves encouraging students to perform simple acts of kindness anonymously (if possible) so that they might make somebody else feel better. The reasoning being that if we do something nice without expecting anything in return, that person to whom the nice act was done might pass on that same kindness to somebody else. The Random Acts of Kindness concept has been around for quite awhile and is a part of our school's character initiative. To find out more about Random Acts of Kindness please visit <http://www.actsofkindness.org/>

In addition to Random Acts of Kindness we will once again continue with two Unionville P.S. traditions; CARE & SHARE WEEK and our HOLIDAY HAMPER PROGRAM. In each of these initiatives it is our hope that children will gain an understanding of the role that they need to play in order to help those who are less fortunate. We ask that if possible, you not only make a contribution to help these various causes, but that you also spend some time discussing these issues with your children.

We thank you for your continued support as we endeavour to make Unionville Public School an even more caring learning community. On behalf of the staff we wish you a wonderful holiday season.

Paul Carew

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## ELECTIVES

We now have more than 90% of our students enrolled in our elective program. While some programs were cancelled because of small numbers, almost all students were able to register for either their first or second choices. Students will only receive a written confirmation if they **did not** receive their first choice. Homeroom teachers will have a master list for their students shortly.

Elective dates are Wednesday, February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 12:45—3:30. Bus students will be able to go home on the bus as usual. The only **exception** is skiing and snow boarding which is from 11:45 to 4:30 p.m., returning to the school by approximately 5:30 p.m. Space in some electives was allocated on a first-come basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mr. Carew.

Volunteers will be contacted in late January to confirm their participation.



## BAYTHORN ARTS PROGRAM

**"Any grade Five and grade Six students interested and talented in Drama, Dance, Music, or Visual Arts are invited to audition for the Integrated Arts Program at Baythorn Public School located in Thornhill. Parents and Students are invited to attend the information evening on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym at Baythorn Public School. Applications will be available on the following web site <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/~baythorn>. (Beginning January 14, 2004)."**

Information regarding the audition process will be distributed at the information evening. Auditions for qualified students will be held in February 2004.

## EQAO

The EQAO results have now been made public and are available through the board website. All parents have received their results and have had the opportunity to arrange an appointment to discuss their child's results. The Unionville P.S. staff and parent community is committed to enhancing student achievement. We will continue to analyze data from a variety of sources, including EQAO data, in order to determine which interventions are required to provide support for students who performed below the provincial standards.



## DONATION FROM WILSON SPORTS



A large thank you must be extended to Mr. Sanderson, one of our parents, and AmerSports, a supplier of Wilson Sporting Goods for their significant contribution of sporting goods for use at UPS. The equipment has just arrived and will soon find its way into the hands of our students.

## UPSAC MONETARY DONATIONS

Just a reminder that in order to receive a tax receipt for charitable donations for the 2003 calendar year, contributions should be made by the end of December. Donations are accepted at anytime.

## EDUCATION DAY

Once again our board will be holding an Education Day on the last Friday in January, Friday, January 30th. On this day staff from across the Board will be fully engaged in training sessions focusing on issues such as school safety, teacher accountability and student achievement. There will be no school on this day. If you have any questions regarding this day you are asked to contact your local Superintendent of Education.

## UPS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

The boys and girls volleyball teams both participated in the Area tournaments on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Both teams represented UPS well and had a wonderful time playing against teams from across our area. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers Mr. Yip, Ms. Mantha, Mr. Fisher, Ms. Boag, Ms. Glamcevski and Ms. Webber who spent numerous hours coaching these teams, as well as those parents who helped drive to various games and tournaments.

## MAGAZINE ORDER

Magazine orders were sent to QSP on November 21st for processing. Thanks to everyone who participated. If you have any questions regarding your magazines please contact QSP @ 1-800-667-2536.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR COMMITTEE

Any parents wishing to help out with this year's committee are welcome to attend the first meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 12:15 in Room 9. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to participate please contact the school office, or contact Mrs. Kollias directly.



## ***Holiday Activities!!!***

### UNIONVILLE MUSIC

The Intermediate Band under the leadership of Mr. Wigglesworth and the choir under the direction of Ms. Crivaro will present an evening of holiday music on Monday, December 15th @ 7:00 p.m. There will be an admission charge of \$2.00 for the program. An ensemble from the band along with members of the choir will also represent the school at the Candlelight Parade on Friday evening, December 5th. A special thank you to Ms. Crivaro as well as Mrs. Prucha, Mrs. Kinney, Mrs. Hall, and Mr. Tamaki who helped organize this event. Special thanks to White Rose and Home Depot for their contributions to this effort. A thank you is also extended to Mrs. Dewberry who has given leadership to the concert which will take place on Wednesday, December 10th. Under the direction of Mr. Sillito *STAGELIGHTS* will present their version of "Charlie Brown's Christmas" on Wednesday, December 17th @ 7:00 p.m.

### PRIMARY CRAFT DAY

Our annual UPS Primary Craft Day will take place on Tuesday, December 16th. Each member of the Primary division will participate in creating a special craft for the holiday season.

### HOLIDAY HAMPER PROGRAM



Under the direction of Mrs. Wallia and Mrs. Kline UPS will once again provide holiday hampers for a number of families in need from a neighbouring school. Classes have already been assigned particular families and letters have gone home with requests for donations. The group will be meeting on December 15th from 3:00—6:00 to complete a final packing of hampers.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Environmental Committee held their second annual Evening of Holiday Decorating in the school gym on Thursday, December 4th. Results of the evening are on display in the hall and the library. Many thanks to Mrs. Sherman for helping to arrange this evening.



The committee's next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 13th @ 9:00 a.m. in the conference room. New members always welcome!

### PRIMARY AND JUNIOR

#### TOY BAZAAR

Junior students (Gr. 4—6) are being asked to bring in used toys, games, books and collectibles to sell at our annual Toy Bazaar on Thursday, December 11th in the afternoon. Children are advised to bring a maximum of no more than \$5.00 for the sale on that day. Members of the Primary Division will conduct a similar sale, which will take place on Thursday, December 11th in the morning. Proceeds from these sales will be donated to a local charity.

#### INTERMEDIATE TOYS FOR CHILDREN

This year the Intermediate students will be asked to make contributions that will help with the purchase of new toys for children in need. Details will follow from individual teachers.

#### DRESSING WARMLY

Students are reminded to dress appropriately now that the colder weather has arrived. Students are asked to go outside for recess during the winter months as the fresh air and activity is most beneficial. Only in the event that the weather becomes extremely cold will the outdoor recess time be reduced. It is expected that all students will go outside for recess.






Regardless of the weather, the school will remain open. However, during extreme weather conditions buses may be cancelled. If this happens and parents choose to drive students to school, please be aware that you are also responsible for picking up your children by 3:30 p.m. When buses are cancelled, they are cancelled for the whole day.

If road conditions do force cancellation of bus service, the following radio stations will be informed as early as possible, and will broadcast pertinent information to the community.

AM	640	1430	1540	740
	860	1010	1050	
FM	98.1	88.5	99.9	90.3
	92.5	93.1		



## DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 Day 2	2 Day 3 <i>Gr 7 Trip— Muskoka Woods</i>	3 Day 4	4 Day 5 <i>Env'l Committee Wreath Making</i>	5 Day 1 <i>Pizza Lunch Candlelight Parade</i>	6 
7	8 Day 2 <i>Care &amp; Share Week</i>	9 Day 3	10 Day 4 <i>Primary Concert</i>	11 Day 5 <i>Primary &amp; Junior Toy Sale</i>	12 Day 1 <i>Care/Share Assem- bly McDonalds Lunch</i>	13 
14	15 Day 2 <i>Band &amp; Choir Concert</i>	16 Day 3 <i>Primary Craft Day</i>	17 Day 4 <i>Stagelights Presentation</i>	18 Day 5	19 Day 1 <i>Pizza Day Holiday Sing Last Day of Classes</i>	20 
21	22 	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 <i>Classes resume on Monday, Jan. 5th</i>

## JANUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 Day 2 <i>Classes Begin</i>	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 1	10
11	12 Day 2	13 Day 3 <i>Environmental Committee (9:00)</i>	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 1	17
18	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 <i>School Council</i>	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 1	24
25	26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 <i>EDUCATION DAY (No school)</i>	31
1	2	3	4 <i>Electives Begin</i>			