

Pawprints

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From the Administrator's Desk

The End of First Term

Students at Unionville Public School have recently received their first report card. We have also had the opportunity for students and parents to come to the school for parent-teacher conferences. This is a time for students to set academic goals for themselves for term 2.

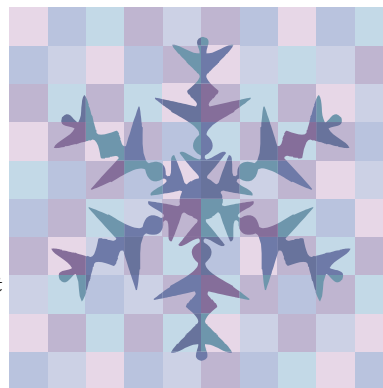
It is important to take the opportunity to regularly discuss school goals with your child. It is also a time to reflect on home routines that support learning. Parents are encouraged to read through their child's agenda planner nightly, in order to check for assignment lists and nightly homework and communication from teachers. Research consistently shows that students who regularly complete homework, review notes, and/or read nightly, come to school prepared and display confidence concerning their academics. A very special thank you to our group of Grade 8 students who offered and provided babysitting services for the younger students on interview night. I know this was appreciated by both parents and the students.

Once again our UPS Book Fair was a resounding success! In fact, it was one of our most successful fairs to date. Thank you to everyone for the enthusiastic participation. On behalf of our Teacher-Librarian, Ms. Hlynka, and UPS, a special thank is extended to our group of parent volunteers who helped set-up and supervise the event - the event could not have occurred without your invaluable support.

On Friday, December 2nd, UPS participated in The Olde Tyme Christmas Parade on Main Street. It was a fun filled evening for all of the students and parents who participated. As was the case last year, it certainly was a crisp and cool night but the festive spirit helped to keep everyone warm. Thank you very much to Mrs. Dewberry for her leadership with the UPS performers. This night would not have been possible without the dedication of a group of parents who participated in this annual event. A special thank you to Mrs. Sakaguchi for helping to coordinate the UPS contingent and to Kavanagh Roofing for the use of their antique truck. It is the spirit of community that makes UPS the special place that it is.

On behalf of the entire UPS staff, may you have a safe and happy holiday.

S. Gardner



WITH OUR THANKS!

If you have not had the opportunity to see the festive display of garlands at the entrance of the school, please take the opportunity. Thank you very much to our Environmental Committee for all of their dedicated work—it certainly is a festive feeling at UPS!

A special thank you is also extended to Wilson Sports for their kind donation to the UPS Holiday Hamper Program.



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DRESSING WARMLY

In light of the fact that our recess time is extended by 15 minutes from last year, students are reminded to dress appropriately now that colder weather has arrived. All students are expected to go outside for recess during the winter months as the fresh air and activity is healthy. Only in the event that the weather becomes extremely cold will the outdoor recess time be reduced. Beginning on our first day back in January, we will be instituting a 10 minute nutrition break during the 11:00 recess. Students will be eating their snack in their classroom from 11:00-11:10 AM. When the bell sounds at 11:10 AM, students will then use that 5 minute period to get their outdoor attire on. The bell will again sound at 11:15 AM signaling students to go outside for 15 minutes of fresh air.

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



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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



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We did it again! Thank you to all the students, parents, and teachers who helped to make this year's book fair a great success. Due to everyone's efforts, we will be able to purchase more resources for our library.

Baythorn Arts Elementary

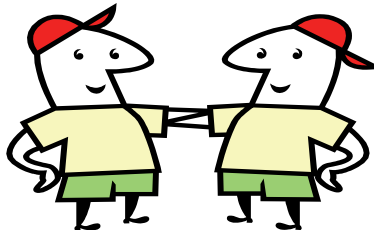
Does your child enjoy learning through the Arts?

All grade four, five and six students interested in learning through the arts (Drama, Dance, Music, Visual Arts) are invited to audition for the Integrated Arts Program at Baythorn Public School located in Thornhill. Please join us at our Arts Information Evening on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym at Baythorn Public School. Applications will be available on our school website at www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca (beginning January 19th, 2006).

Information regarding the audition process will be distributed at the information evening.

Auditions for qualified students will be held in February 2006.

Please see flyers in the UPS foyer.



UPS SNACK DONATION PROGRAM

Friday, December 9, 2005 is TWIN DAY!

Dear Parents,

Our next snack donation day will be held on December 9th to coincide with "Twin Day" at UPS!

As always, we request you to please donate any of the following snack(s):

CEREAL BARS, FRUIT BARS OR GRANOLA BARS (those without nuts)

JUICE BOXES (orange or apple, no fruit punch)

RICE KRISPIE SQUARES

FRUIT CUPS (no Pudding cups, please)

RITZ CRACKERS WITH CHEESE, only

KRAFT HANDIPAKS

Please request your child to bring and drop their snack donation in their House Colour bin located in front of the school office.

Each House will be awarded points corresponding to the number of items donated!

Thank you for your support.

Srinka Wallia
Community Outreach Program
UPS

THE GIFT OF GIVING

Families have made inquiries with members of the UPS School Council about making a donation on behalf on their child's teacher as a teacher's 'gift of giving' this holiday season. If you would like to send your teacher a Christmas card, outlining that a donation has been made on their behalf, some suggested charities are as follows:

Chum City Christmas Wish
www.thewish.ca

The Hospital for Sick Kids
www.sickkidsfoundation.com

The Salvation Army
www.salvationarmy.ca

York Region Children's Aid Society
www.yorkcas.on.ca



DRUG & ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM @ UPS

Last month, all of our Grade 6, 7, and 8 students had an opportunity to attend an interactive session on drug and alcohol awareness presented by Mr. Paul Christie. The program, entitled "Be Real", is intended to help students with problem solving when peer pressure becomes a dominating force in decision making. Students are encouraged to talk with their parents, trusted family members or teachers as their conscience guides. Throughout the presentation, our students were completely captivated by Mr. Christie's personal journey. At the conclusion, students had an opportunity to speak with their parents, and in class, a debriefing session took place. If you have an opportunity to speak with your child please do so, as much learning



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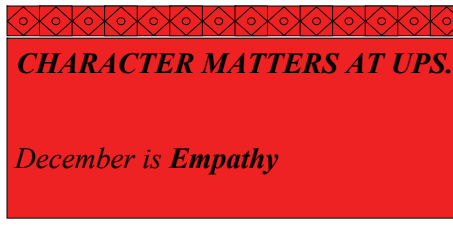
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Unionville P.S. is located on Main Street in Unionville , just a few minutes walk from historic Main Street. The school attendance area is bounded on the north by Sixteenth Avenue, on the west by Too Good Pond, on the east by Heatherwood and Wrenwood, and on the south by the homes on Carlton Rd. (For precise boundaries please contact the board website, or school office.)

Unionville Public School has gone through several transformations since it was originally built. The original Unionville Public School was built in the 1830s and was named SS#10. It was torn down and a two-storey brick building was built in 1892. According to the book Markham 1793-1900 (edited by Isabel Champion and published by the Markham Historical Society in 1979), "This was one of the first schools in the township to be electrified (1928). In 1949, two more rooms were added at a cost of \$40,000 and in 1955, a one-room annex made an extension to the south of the main structure, which was torn down in 1977." In more recent years the offices were moved to the front of the school and a new hall was added to connect the primary hall and the main lobby and the main offices were renovated and expanded.



SPORT'S UPDATE

Congratulations to all members of our girl's and boy's volleyball team. During the Area east tournament last month, both teams finished an impressive 3rd! We are extremely proud of your work ethic and athletic abilities. Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Scagnetti, Mr. Hawco, Mr. Leon and Ms. Osman for all their time and expertise given.

Basketball is well underway at UPS and we look forward to another exciting season!

Our Junior Co-Ed volleyball team has already begun to practice for the upcoming exciting season!



DOES YOUR CHILD NEED HELP IN LANGUAGE ARTS AND/OR MATHEMATICS?

York Region Learning Connections in conjunction with YRDSB is offering a tutoring service, Learning Advantage, twice a week for students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 starting in January 2006. These sessions are offered at 2 Markham area elementary schools.

Registration forms are available at the UPS office. If you wish to register your child, please complete the registration form and return it to the front office by December 15, 2005.



If you have any questions about the program, please ask at the main office.