

Pawprints

June 2005

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From The Administrator's Desk

I would like to thank the UPS students, parents and staff for all of their support during my first year at UPS. I have gotten to know many families over the course of the year and certainly see and feel the sense of community that UPS is known for.

As you can appreciate, with the end of each school year comes change. Effective this September, our Vice Principal, Ms. Thompson will be moving to become Vice Principal at Unionville Meadows PS and Stonebridge PS. It has been a great year working with Ms. Thompson, as I have gained a great appreciation for her dedication and commitment to all students, parents and staff. Ms. Thompson has handled a most difficult task, acting as Vice Principal for both Unionville and Parkview PS. While we will surely miss Ms. Thompson, we wish her all the best as she moves to her new schools.

As a result of changes to the numbers required for a Vice Principal, schools such as Unionville and Parkview, will no longer have a Vice Principal. While this is a loss, we also realize that we have the type of community (staff, students and parents) that will be able to work together to overcome the reduction in administration staffing. I look forward to your continued support as we work together in this up-coming year.

On behalf of all the staff at UPS, I would like to extend a special thank you to our School Council for their unwavering support of our initiatives this year. It truly has been a pleasure working with you.

Thank you very much to our Environmental Committee for all you have done and continue to do to beautify our school. You continue to inspire with your commitment to the environment and to UPS!

As a follow-up to a letter sent home in May, please note that the final day of school is June 29th. This is a half day for all students as the dismissal bell will ring at 11:45 AM. For those students who take a school bus, please note that busses will arrive at UPS at 12:00 PM.

Please look forward to a final Pawprints to be sent home to all families in the next 2 weeks. Indicating teaching staff for next year.

*Sincerely,
S. Gardner*

Highlights

- Rock Star Day—June 3
- Volunteer Tea—June 9—3:30-4:30 PM
- Grade 8 Trip to Ottawa and Montreal—June 7-10
- Kindergarten Graduation—June 27
- Final day of school—June 29th—

School Dates For 2005-2006

First Day of School—September 6th
Professional Activity Day—September 23rd
Thanksgiving – October 10th
Christmas Vacation—December 26th—January 6, 2006
March Break—March 10th-17th
Good Friday—April 14th
Easter Monday—April 17th
Professional Activity Day—May 5th
Victoria Day—May 22nd

TOONIE FOR AUTISM - April 25 – 29, 2005.

Toonies for Autism UPS is very proud to be a part of the fundraising and public awareness program for Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Toonies for Autism is an annual event that takes place in the last week of April and encourages all students to donate a toonie to the Autism Society Ontario. Donations help continue and develop the research and outreach programs available to people with autism throughout the province. **UPS is proud to announce a total of \$460 donated to this very important cause.** Thank you to all students, parents and teachers who helped support the fundraising and contributed to surpassing our goal from 2004!!!

Yes I Can Awards

The Yes I Can awards ceremony acknowledges and celebrates the success of special children who have demonstrated excellent achievement in various aspects of their programming. UPS is very proud to announce Christopher Cairns and Mark Cullen as the recipients of the Yes I Can Awards for 2005. Christopher and Mark have shown excellent improvements in all areas of their programming and are enthusiastic and eager students who share their caring and kind spirit to their peers and teachers everyday. Congratulations to Mark and Christopher for a very successful school year!

UPS PLANNING FOR 2005-2006

We thank you for your input (received in writing by May 20th) as teacher's and administrators continue to work creating classes for the up-coming school year. Staff continue to carefully consider each individual child when deciding class placements. The task of student placement is a complex and difficult one. However, we have an extremely experienced and qualified staff who will do their utmost to place each student in the best possible learning environment. Students will receive their class placements on their final report cards. Should there be concerns about these placements, we ask that you once again consider the various aspects of this process and remember that we have created classes with the goal of creating the most positive learning environment possible for each and every student. Your support and encouragement from home can play a significant role in a successful start to the new school year.

EQAO Testing for Grade 3 and Grade 6 Students

Students who participated in last year's assessments (Grade 4 and 7 students) will be bringing home the EQAO assessment booklets next week.

UPS HOUSE POINTS

The UPS House Point system is in full swing. Green is back in the lead (last year's winning House!) but it's still a close race. Please refer to the thermometer in the hallway for the totals.

Green 810
Blue 792
Red 792
White 762
Grey 736
Black 716

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE NEWS

A special thank you to Avante Property Services for their invaluable contribution to our front entrance office garden. They saved us hours of back-breaking work by removing sod for us with their machinery and dumping fresh earth as a foundation for our new garden.

You will notice the planting has been done with a beautiful selection of shrubs and perennials designed by Jeannie Nicolau, our Master Gardener. Thank you to the many families who donated plant materials and monetary gifts. We could not have done it without you.

Thank you also to the many teachers and students who invested their time and hard work for our Annual Planting Day. They certainly have once again help to make our Dream Acres a place to be proud of.

Please remember us as you make your summer plans. We need volunteers to water the plants. This involves a commitment of a 1 week block over the summer where plants are watered 2-3 times a week during the dry summer months. Please contact Teri Tworzyanski @ 905-940-1714 if you can lend a helping hand. Thank you!

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-story 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.



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KINDERGARTEN KABARET

Parents, grandparents and siblings were delighted with the performances displayed on Kabaret night.

It was a fun evening for all in attendance!

Thank you very much to Mrs. Dewberry, Mrs. Ballantine, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Braybrook and Nicole Wilkinson for their time in planning and organizing this annual event.

VOLUNTEER TEA

The staff of Unionville PS would like to show its appreciation to all those who volunteered their time to help us with our various endeavors such as class activities, trips, chauffeuring for sports and other events, assisting with special events, School Council, library, just to name a few.

We cordially invite you to join us for afternoon tea in the library on Thursday, June 9, 2005, from 3:30-4:30 PM. Babysitting for young children will be available in room 7, under the supervision of Grade 7 and 8 students, as we are unable to accommodate children at this function.

Sincerely,

The Staff of Unionville Public School

LAY ASSISTANT REQUIRED

We will once again be looking for a number of lunch assistants for next year. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested in this paid position, please contact Ms. Thompson for further information.

REPORT CARDS

Students will receive their report cards on Wednesday June 29th. Students who are not at school that day will have report cards mailed to their homes. Please note that we are unable to send report cards home prior to the June 29th.