

Pawprints

June 2005

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From The Administrator's Desk

The final days of school are an excellent time to take a few moments to reflect on those individuals and groups who have made a difference for your children this year.

Members of our School Council and parent community continue to support and improve the school life of Unionville PS students. Volunteers have a large role to play at Unionville – this year more than 100 volunteers lent their expertise, provided resources, and provided a true hands-on approach to volunteering. Parents have also volunteered to transport school teams to athletic events throughout the region. Your financial support of our fund-raising efforts is most appreciated as the money raised is directly put back into the school.

Students in every grade have made significant contributions to the school. Our Prefects have lead the way with leadership initiatives throughout the school year. The school's tradition of high student involvement in all aspects of school life continued again this year. Our school wide drama productions, "A Place to call Home", the Kindergarten Kabaret, Primary Music Night, Choir and Concert Band performing at festivals and the Talent Show were spectacular - each of these events drew rave reviews from parents and students alike. Sports were a large part of life at Unionville, be it volleyball, basketball, cross country running, co-ed volleyball, and track and field to name a few. Our teachers are committed to providing both intramural and extramural programs for all students. Our incredible teaching and support staff has once again dedicated themselves to providing quality programming for each and every student. Several new teachers will be added to the Unionville compliment for next year. We would like to welcome Ms. Worthington (Grade 8), Mrs. Noble (Intermediate French), Mrs. West (Grade 4), Mrs. Donaldson (Junior Communication), Mr. Stokes (Intermediate Instrumental Music) to Unionville. Each teacher brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the classroom. We are sad to be losing a number of teachers to other schools. These staff will be missed by all of us as they have made a significant impact to life at Unionville PS. We wish all the best to Mrs. Tripp, Madame York, Ms. Woo, Mr. Wrigglesworth, Mrs. Stella, Ms. Van Alstyne, Mrs. Lauer, Mrs. Boag, Mr. Cockburn, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Shultz. They truly have dedicated themselves to the students and to school life. Our loss is most certainly another school's gain. Best wishes and thank you is also extended to a member of our custodial staff, Mr. Mete. A special heart-felt thank you is also extended to Mrs. Ludski and Mrs. Misch who continue to go above and beyond in their support of the students and school. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Mr. Lamanna, Seapy and Mete for all the work they do around UPS.

Important Dates: September 6th – First Day of School
September 15th – Meet the Teacher Night (Details to follow)
September 16th—Terry Fox Run

Highlights

- First day of school—
September 6, 2005

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

STAFFING 2005-2006

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.

Teaching Staff— 2005/2006

NAMES	CLASS ROOM	RM #
Ms. LEE	RR/PM SP. K	1
Mrs. BALLANTINE	JK/SK AM	3
Mrs. WILKINSON	JK/SK PM	3
Mrs. FEDY	ONE	5
Mrs. DEWBERRY	ONE	4
Mrs. CARON	ONE	4
Ms. ANDREWS	TWO	6
Mrs. GOOD	TWO	2
Mrs. CREELMAN	THREE	10
Mrs. GLAMCEVSKI	THREE	11
Mr. LEON	FOUR	17
Mrs. WEST	FOUR	18
Mr. FARBER	FIVE	22
Mr. YIP	FIVE	24
Mr. HAWCO	SIX	19
Mr. CARLISLE	SIX	21
Mr. SILLITO	SEVEN	16
Mrs. AMBTMAN	SEVEN	15
Ms. WORTHINGTON	EIGHT	13
Mr. SCAGNETTI	EIGHT	14
TBA	INT. COMMUN.	7A
Mrs. DONALDSON	JR. COMMUN.	7B
Ms. HLYNKA	ESL/LIBRARY	
Mrs. NOBLE	FRENCH	
Mr. Stokes	PM. INT MUSIC	
Mrs. Vanker	PR. SERT	9
Mrs. THOMSON	JNR SERT	8
Mr. NORQUAY	INT SERT	8

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Dear Parents We need more toys for our JK/SK community class. If you can donate any of the following used toys, please drop them off in a box at the school entrance (right across the school office.) Please call me if you have any questions. -nesting, stacking and sorting toys -musical and talking toys -electronic learning toys -simple puzzles with big knobs -cause and effect toys e.g. pop up toys, little drum -gross motor toys e.g. play tunnel, indoor slide - board books Thanks for your support! Toy donations can be brought to the school in September.

Ms. Lee

JUMP ROPE/HOPS FOR HEART

Thank you for helping to make our Heart & Stroke Jump Rope/Hoofs for Heart event a great success. On June 3rd, 2005, approximately 490 students helped raise over \$9565.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We could not have done it without your support. Thank you one again for your help and commitment to this great cause. Sincerely, Mme. York

SNAP AT UPS

One of the initiatives we will be initiating next year at UPS is the SNAP program. SNAP™ is a cognitive-behavioural strategy that helps kids to regulate their angry feelings and to think before they act.

If your child is in Jk through grade 4 they will have learned about SNAP™ in a school assembly and may have talked about **SNAP** in their classroom. **SNAP** stands for **Stop Now And Plan**. **SNAP** helps kids to stop and think before they act! This is how it can help. A problem occurs, the children are encouraged to describe how they feel, how their bodies change and what they may be thinking when they are angry or upset. (The problem is the trigger.)

What next?

Stop: things they can do to stop themselves from being upset:

- § Snap their fingers
- § Take deep breaths
- § Put their hands in their pockets
- § Count to ten
- § Think about what will happen if they lash out
- § Tell themselves " I can stop, I need to stop"

Now And: Things they can say to themselves to help them calm down and make the right choices. "This is hard but I can do it!" (This is the critical moment)

Plan: The children need to pick a plan that will work for them.

- § Check the problem out with the other person involved, use word to solve their problem.
- § They may try walking away and ignoring the issue
- § They may ask for help from a friend or teacher
- § They think about each plan and pick one that will work for them

By encouraging the children to think before they act, use calming strategies and then pick a plan that will make their problem smaller not bigger they can start to feel better about themselves, and avoid trouble!

