

# Pawprints

March 2005

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## *From The Administrator's Desk*

*As we approach the end of Term 2 and Report Cards we would like to share some thoughts on assessment.*

*Assessment is the systematic and ongoing process of collecting information as evidence about what and how a child is learning, and what the child can do. Assessment takes place throughout the teaching and learning process. Classroom assessment is how teachers find out how well students are learning. It is how teachers get at the thinking and understanding behind student's answers. The primary purpose of literacy assessment is to improve student's literacy learning.*

*On behalf of the entire UPS staff, We would like to wish all UPS families a safe and fun-filled March Break.*

*S. Gardner & D. Thompson*

***Please note,***

- We are moving towards an electronic only version of Pawprints. Beginning June 2005, Pawprints will not be sent home in hard copy, but instead can be accessed in one of two ways:***

***1. Visiting the UPS website or 2. by being a part of our distribution list. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please send a message, using your e-mail address to [unionville.ps2@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:unionville.ps2@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)***

***School Website:*** <http://www.unionville.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca>

***Council Website:*** <http://www.unionville.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/upsac1.html>

### Highlights

- School Council Meeting— March 8 @ 7:30 PM
- Environmental Committee Meeting— March 9 @ 1:00 PM in the Conference Room
- Dental Screening— Grades JK/SK, 2, 4, 6, 8 on March 7 & 8
- Term 2 Report Cards sent home March 11

## Electives

Our elective program has been completed for another year and once again it was a success. Students participated in 17 activities over the course of the month. The elective service providers, parent volunteers and staff made many comments about the cooperative spirit of our UPS students. Well done everyone!.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AT UPS—A REMINDER

Kindergarten registration for September 2005 is underway. Parents are asked to come in and register on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Children born in 2001 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten and children born in 2000 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten this September.

### DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION:

- Proof of your child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
- Record of your child's immunization
- Ontario Health Card
- Proof of residency in our attendance area (e.g. Tax bill)

Please share this information with families who live in our attendance area but may not get this newsletter. Please register early to help us plan appropriately for September.

## STAFFING UPDATE

As many of you already know, Mrs. Dilworth was recently promoted to Vice Principal at Parkland Public School. On February 25, the Intermediates hosted a short farewell assembly for Mrs. Dilworth. We certainly are appreciative of all of Mrs. Dilworth's efforts over the past few years.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Linda Lauer to UPS. Mrs. Lauer will be our new Intermediate Division Special Education Resource Teacher. Mrs. Lauer brings to the role, a wealth of experience as teacher in York Region. Welcome to UPS!

## SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to our boy's and girl's basketball teams!. Both teams were victorious in the Area Championship held at Berczy PS on March 3. The players are to be congratulated for all of their hard work and dedication to the sport over the last few months. Both teams have now advanced to the Regional Championships which will be held on March 30 and 31st (details to follow). The Regional event is comprised of the top 8 teams in the entire Region of York. A heartfelt thank you is extended to our coaches, Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Leon, as it is their dedication to the students and their passion for the game that is appreciated by all. Thank you to our fans in the stands! Our parents continue to provide enthusiastic support—thank you for all you do.

## REPORT CARDS

Ongoing communication between home and school is an extremely important factor in the success of our students. One of the many means of reporting is the formal report card. This report card serves many purposes. It's major function being to promote and enhance student achievement and learning. Second term reports will be sent home on Friday March 8. We encourage you to discuss the reports with your children. While there is no formal interview day for Term 2 reports, it is important to maintain ongoing dialogue with your child and his/her teacher in order to maximize learning.

## PREPARING FOR 2005-2006

Our preparations for the 2005-2006 school year are underway and our success depends on accurate projections of our school population. Please advise the office if your child will not be attending UPS in the Fall. Also, if you know of anyone already living in, or moving into the community, who may be planning to send their children to UPS, please encourage them to register as soon as possible.

## GIVING A HELPING HAND

During the past week, the Grade 6,7, and 8's have been participating in a very unique fund-raising event sponsored by *Colour it Wild* called "Create a Cure". This is an artistic endeavor to raise funds for Juvenile Diabetes. Students have been painting charms for key chains and the key chains will be sold across Canada.

## A PLACE TO CALL HOME—NOW AVAILABLE ON DVD!

Our very own Mr. Yip, has created a professionally finished DVD of the theatrical performance "A Place to Call Home" performed by our students in October. Each full length DVD contains:

- a fully indexed menu
- Exclusive interviews
- Behind the scenes musical montage
- A special "A Place to Call Home" music video

Please refer to the insert in this month's newsletter for pricing and ordering information. Please submit the order form and cheque (in an envelope) made payable to Unionville Public School by March 31st. Orders will be processed by April 29.



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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-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.



***CHARACTER MATTERS AT UPS.***

*March is Perseverance*

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