

Pawprints

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From The Principal's Desk

In an article entitled “*Becoming an Engaged Reader*” (Scharer, P. et al, Educational Leadership, October 2005) the authors share and reinforce ideas about the importance of engaging students right from the start in reading, reflecting on, and talking about texts that interest them. **Research continues to show that the quantity of reading that students do really counts.** Literacy continues to be a focus at UPS and later this month we will be kicking off a home reading program that we have entitled “**UPS READS!**”. The goal of this program is to encourage and foster the love of reading beyond what happens in our classrooms during the instructional day. In the coming week, our front hall will have plastic mailboxes fastened to the wall. Each mailbox represents one of our six house colours. Inside the mailbox will be brightly coloured paper (representing the 6 Houses). The paper will include a template with the following headings: Student Name, Grade, Teacher, Book Read, and Parent Signature. The goal is to read nightly. When you have completed the template (30 entries), students are then asked to submit the sign paper into the UPS Reads! bin located in the front hall. At the end of the month, some of our parent volunteers will collate the sheets for our House Points System. Please submit only completed papers. This initiative is not meant to be a reading competition, but instead foster school spirit and reinforce the importance of reading nightly. Reading takes many forms including novels, short stories, and newspapers to name but a few examples.

First Term Report Cards are being sent home with your child on Wednesday, November 30th. The evening of December 1st and during the day on December 2nd, have been set aside for Parent-Teacher Conferences at UPS. Please note that information regarding scheduling conference times will be sent home the week of November 7th. Your involvement as a parent is necessary to support high expectations throughout the year. The UPS staff looks forward to continuing to work with you to ensure academic success for your children.

S. Gardner

Highlights

- Bus Safety—November 9th and 10th
- Scholastic Book Fair—November 22-25
- Term 1 Report Cards sent home—Nov. 30th.
- Parent-Teacher Interview - December 1st and 2nd
- School Council Meeting—November 15th 7:30 PM in Resource Centre

SPORT'S UPDATE

Congratulations to all 32 members of our UPS Regional Cross Country team who competed at Bruce's Mill. As always, our Bulldogs did their best to represent UPS both on and off the course. All of our teams put in an amazing performance. Thank you to all parents for your support in driving some students and cheering our runners on. A thank you is extended to our coach, Mr. Carlisle for all of his time and expertise. A special thank you is also extended to Mr. Yip, Ms. Osman, Mrs. Thomson for their support and expertise during the Area Meet.

Volleyball season is upon us! Our Intermediate Boy's and Girl's teams have been practicing consistently in anticipation of the season. The teams will continue to compete in local tournaments and games in the coming weeks. Thank you to Mr. Leon, Ms. Osman, Mr. Hawco and Mr. Scagnetti for all of their efforts in coaching.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Students at UPS are preparing activities in recognition of Remembrance Day. We will have our own wreath laying ceremony, our choir will perform a number of songs and a contingent of Grade 8 students under the direction of Mme. Noble will present. Parents are invited to attend the assembly on Friday, November 11th at 10:45 AM in the school gym. Our Grade 5 and 7 homeroom classes will be attending and participating in the Cenotaph Ceremony on Main Street on Remembrance Day.

EQAO 2004-2005

Please find a link to EQAO that depicts school data from the 2004-2005 administration of the Grade 3 and 6 Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

We are pleased with the UPS results as it shows progress and we continue to work on improving our EQAO assessment scores.

The following page of Pawprints depicts Unionville Public School results for 2004-2005. Parents are encouraged to read school results which are posted at:

www.eqao.com

As a school, we have yet to select exact EQAO assessment dates for 2006 but they will occur between May 23 and June 9, 2006.

Grade 3 and Grade 6 Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics

School: Unionville PS (340936)
Board: York Region DSB (66095)

I am pleased to provide you with this ready-to-use report, which provides an overview of contextual information, results over time, and student performance on EQAO's Grade 3 and Grade 6 Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for 2004–2005.

Experience has shown that data inform professional practice and set the stage for improving student achievement. This report has been designed to assist you in your conversations about improving student achievement and planning interventions for students.

We believe that every student deserves a good outcome from public education. Working with Ontario educators, EQAO has designed assessments that provide a check on student learning at a few critical transition points, and a vehicle for assuring people that, at those points, all Ontario students are being assessed by the same yardstick. However, large-scale assessment results are one piece of the picture of how students are doing in our schools. These assessment results should be used in conjunction with school-based information. As well, regular assessments conducted by a student's teacher should be the primary method of supporting students in their schooling.

I hope this report, in conjunction with other school data, will help parents, educators and all who have an interest in a strong public education work together to ensure that every student achieves high levels of success.

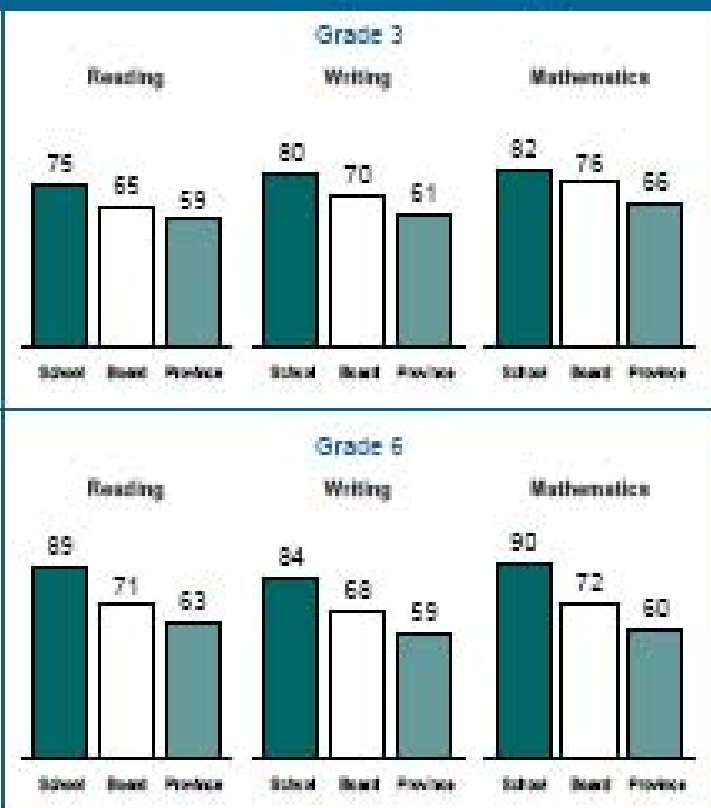
Sincerely,



Marguerite Jackson
Chief Executive Officer

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PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2004–2005



School Spirit is ...
In The House at U.P.S
Participate to Earn Points for Your House Colours



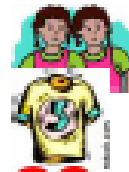
Friday, November 18th

Wacky



Hair Day

Friday, December 9th



Twin Day

Friday, January 13th

Jersey Day

Friday, February 2nd



Red Day

Friday, March 3rd
Day

Hawaiian



Beach

Friday, April 7th

Pajamas Day

Friday, May 12th
Day



Backwards

Friday, June 2nd

Crazy



Hat Day

(Put a snack donation into your house colour bin on these days to earn additional points!!)



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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.

COMING UP IN THE RESOURCE CENTRE

What: Scholastic Book Fair

Who: For all grades!

Where: Unionville Public School Resource Centre

When: The week of November 22-25

Why: To add resources to our library

We will need extra help the week of the book fair. If you can assist us, please speak to Ms. Hlynka, our teacher-librarian. Thank you!

HOUSE COLOUR DAYS

Please see the insert for a listing of House Colour Days for the school year. As we did last year, we will be placing plastic bins in the front hall on Spirit Days with House Colour names above the bins. We are collecting non-perishable healthy snacks in these bins so that snacks can be donated to a local school who is in need of our support.

Friday, November 18th is WACKY HAIR DAY!