

Pawprints

September 2005

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From The Principal's Desk

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to every family in our community. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you and your children during the upcoming school year. The new school year brings with it a sense of excitement and anticipation of wonderful learning experiences for all UPS students. Teaching staff have been hard at work throughout the summer preparing curriculum, attending course work and Summer Institutes, and transforming their rooms into warm and inviting environments classrooms.

A thank you is extended to our entire caretaking staff for all of their hard work and efforts in preparing the school for September. Thank you very much to Mrs. Ludski and Mrs. Misch for all of the work that goes into the September start-up. The front gardens beautiful—new families to the UPS community continually make reference to its splendor! A special thank you is extended to the UPS Environmental Committee and the families who maintained and tended to the plants each and every week.

With the start of a new school year we welcome several new teachers and families to our UPS community. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet all families at the Meet the Teacher night that will be held on Thursday September 15th from 6:00-8:00 PM.

All families are reminded that lunchtime for UPS students now begins at 12:30 and ends at 1:30 PM. Recess begins at 11:00 AM and concludes at 11:30 AM.

On behalf of the entire UPS staff, I look forward to a successful and rewarding school year working with you and your children.

A reminder to all families that Pawprints is sent out **electronically** via a distribution list.

Pawprints can be accessed in one of three 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 or 3. A small number of hard copies will be placed in our lobby.

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

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



Welcome Back!

Highlights

- Meet The Teacher BBQ & Information Night—Thursday September 15, 6:00-8:00 PM—food pre-order form sent home.
- School Agendas—Grade 1 to Grade 8; \$9.00
- School Council Elections—Tuesday, September 20th.
- Terry Fox Run—Friday, September 16th.
- September 19-22—Grade 7's @ Muskoka Woods
- Grade 8 Study Skills Workshop (evening) - Wednesday, September 21st.
- PA Day—no school Friday, September 23rd
- Picture Day—Monday, October 3

School Agendas

All students from Grade 1 to grade 8 will be bringing home a student agenda. The agenda is an essential communication tool in which students record homework, notices for up-coming events and information to be passed on to parents. It becomes another means of reinforcing the importance of home-school communication. The cost of this year's agenda is \$9.00. It would be appreciated if you could submit payment with your child when the forms package is returned to the classroom teacher. Cheques are preferable and to be made out to Unionville Public School.



School Agendas
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SAFETY FIRST

Once again, this year we have 8 buses that drop and pick up various students, some with specific special needs. To ensure the safety of all of our students, please make sure you follow our safety rules. As you may remember, for the past two years the Town of Markham has permitted cars to *STOP* on Main St. directly in front of the school. This allows you to stop your car and let your children out directly in front of the school. Please remember that this is *not* a parking zone, and therefore are unable to park your car and leave it unattended. Please note that the bus loop is **closed** to all vehicles from **8:00 until 9:00 AM** and between **3:00 and 4:00 PM**. As you can attest, the UPS parking lot is quite small and as a result parking is limited and student safety is our primary concern. **We are asking all parents not to use the parking lot as a drop off area but to instead use the area directly in front of the school. Pylons will be placed across the parking lot at from 8:40-9:00 AM in order to ensure the safety of all of our students. Two Lay Assistants will be standing by the parking lot entrance in order to help students cross the drive safely. We appreciate your support in listening to their instructions.**

At the start of the day when dropping your child off or when picking up your child up at the end of the day or at the lunch hour, we would please ask that you meet your child at the designated entry and exit doors. This strategy both fosters independence and eases the congestion in our hallways. Please note that supervision is provided by UPS staff 15 minutes prior to the start of the instructional day (8:45 AM). Parents and visitors must sign in at the office and wear a UPS tag when arriving at the school. We ask all of our families in the

Meet The Teacher & BBQ Night

Please take the opportunity to join us on Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 PM for our annual Meet the Teacher BBQ for our school community. This evening has been planned in order for you to meet your child's teacher (s) and to meet other UPS families. The BBQ will be held from 6:00 – 7:00 PM and two blocks will be organized for you to meet your child's teacher(s) (7:00-7:25 and 7:30-7:55PM). Please refer to the form from the School Council for details regarding the BBQ.



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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.

2005-2006 STAFF ORGANIZATION

S. Gardner	Principal
T. Ludski	Office Administrative Assistant
D. Misch	Secretary
V. Lamanna	Head Caretaker
R. Seapy	Caretaker
TBA	Caretaker
Y. Braybrook	CYW
R. MacDonald	CYW
C. Peever	EA
D. Culbert	EA
Louisa Lee	EA
J. Ballantine	JK/SK (AM)
L. Wilkinson	JK/SK (PM) & Literacy
M. Fedy	Grade 1
E.J. Dewberry/C. Caron	Grade 1
K. Andrews	Grade 2
G. Good	Grade 2
S. Creelman	Grade 3
J. Lovatsis	Grade 3
M. Leon	Grade 4
D. Osman	Grade 4
G. Farber	Grade 5
P. Yip	Grade 5
T. Hawco	Grade 6
T. Carlisle	Grade 6
G. Sillito	Grade 7
A. Ambtman	Grade 7
S. Scagnetti	Grade 8
H. Worthington	Grade 8
K. Donaldson	Jr. Communication Class
P. Dienstmann	Int. Communication Class
W. Stokes	Int. Music
G. Lee	JK/SK Community Class/Reading Recovery
C. Vanker	Pr. SERT
B. Thomson	Jr. SERT
D. Norquay	Int. SERT
R. Noble	French
G. Hlynka	Library/ESL

STAFFING CORNER

We are extremely pleased to welcome back Mrs. Good and Mrs. Ambtman. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Donaldson who will be teaching our Jr. Communications class and Mr. Dienstmann who will be teaching our Intermediate Communications class. A welcome goes out to Ms. Osman who will be teaching our Grade 4's and to Ms. Worthington who will be one of our Grade 8 teachers. A welcome is also extended to Mme. Noble who will teach French to students from grade 6 to 8. and Mr. Stokes who will be our Intermediate Music Teacher. And finally we would like to welcome Mrs. Lee, our new Educational Assistant to Unionville.