

Pawprints

June 2006

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From The Administrator's Desk

lent 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 continue to play a very active role at Unionville, be it in the classroom or outside of the class (a reminder of our Volunteer Appreciation Tea on June 8th at 3:30 in our library).

Students in every grade have made significant contributions to the school. Our school wide musical production, "Aladdin", the Kindergarten Kabaret, Primary Music Night, and the Concert Band performing at festivals were all spectacular - each of these events drew rave reviews from parents and students alike. Sports were a large part of life at Unionville; volleyball, basketball, cross country running, co-ed volleyball, relay and track and field to name a few. Our incredible teaching and support staff has once again dedicated themselves to providing quality programming for each and every student. Literacy was our focus this year and will continue next year. Staff worked as a team, involved themselves in PD throughout the year during weekends and after-school, and ensured that they were providing the strong curriculum content for their students.

With each new school year comes change. We welcome several new teachers to our UPS family for next year. A special welcome is extended to Mrs. McGowen-Young (Reading Recovery, Literacy), Mr. Chin (Grade 8), Ms. Berdugo (Junior/Intermediate Special Education, Community Class). Each new staff member 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 Mr. Carlisle, Ms. Andrews, Mrs. Caron, Ms. Lee, Ms. Woo and Ms. Terzian. Each of the UPS staff moving on to new opportunities will be missed for their dedication to students, parents and staff. We wish them all the very best in their new schools. Our loss is most certainly another school's gain. We wish Mrs. Thomson all the best as she will be on maternity leave in September.

One just has to mention the name Mr. Sillito in the UPS community and a smile and a wonderful story appears. Mr. Sillito has been an integral component of the UPS teaching staff/community for over two decades. He is a strong and passionate voice for the Arts; he has a love of History and making History come alive with stories. Mr. Sillito will be retiring at the end of this month. On behalf of the entire UPS community, we wish him well, we wish him much happiness and most of we would like to say "Thank You!", you truly will be missed.

I would like to welcome Mr. A. Mainprize to UPS. Mr. Mainprize will be assuming the role of Vice Principal at UPS in September. He will be taking on a shared role with Coledale Public School and will be with us on a 50% basis. Welcome!

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 Loughlin for all the work they do around UPS.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students and their families a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Steve Gardner

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June, 2006

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What a fantastic year it has been!
The final month of school is an excel-

Highlights

- First day of school—
September 5, 2006
- Curriculum Night/
Meet the Teacher
BBQ—September
20th, 2006

School Dates For 2006-2007

First Day of School—September 5th

Professional Activity Day—September 22nd, December 1st, May 4th, June 29th

Thanksgiving – October 9th

Christmas Vacation—December 25th—January 5, 2007

March Break—March 9-16th

Good Friday—April 6th

Easter Monday—April 9th

Victoria Day—May 21st

STAFFING 2006-2007

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— 2006/2007

NAMES	CLASS	ROOM	RM #
Mrs. McGOWEN-YOUNG	Reading Recovery/Literacy		
TBA	JK/SK Community Class		1
Mrs. BALLANTINE	JK/SK AM		3
Mrs. DEWBERRY	JK/SK PM		3
Mrs. FEDY	ONE		5
Mrs. CHAPLIN	TWO		4
TBA	TWO		2
Mrs. CREELMAN	THREE		10
Mrs. LOVATSI	THREE		11
Mr. LEON	FOUR		17
Ms. OSMAN	FOUR		18
Mr. FARBER	FIVE		22
Mr. YIP	FIVE		24
Mr. HAWCO	SIX		19
Ms WORTHINGTON	SIX		21
Mr. NORQUAY	SEVEN		13
TBA	SEVEN		16
Mr. CHIN	EIGHT		15
Mr. SCAGNETTI	EIGHT		14
Mr. DIENSTMANN	JR./INT. COMMUN.		7B
Ms. BERDUGO	JR./INT. SPEC. ED.		6
Ms. HLYNKA	ESL/LIBRARY		
Mrs. NOBLE	FRENCH		
Mr. Stokes	PM. INT MUSIC		
Mrs. Wilkinson	PR. SERT		9
Mrs. DONALDSON	JNR SERT		8
Mrs. PAPAकिनOMOU	INT SERT		8

Gifts For Uganda

Dear parents

Uganda has endured the plague of civil war and the deadly AIDS epidemic. Approximately 2 million children in Uganda have been orphaned by these calamities. In 1992, Watoto Child Care Ministries was started to address the Ugandan orphan crisis. "Watoto" (pronounced: wah-toe-toe) means "children" in Swahili. Their goal is to provide shelter, care and education for the orphans.

In August, I'm going to Uganda with a team of seven people to build a home for the Watoto Child Care Ministries. We're bringing many items (lightly used or new) to the orphanage: single bed sheets, towels, soaps, lotions, tea towels, dish cloths, oven mitts, clothing (2+years), small toys e.g. balls, Frisbees, and puzzles (kindergarten) etc.

If you'd like to donate a gift, please put it in the big box outside the main office or give it to me.

Thanks for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lee

JUMP ROPE/HOOPS FOR HEART

Thank you for helping to make our Heart & Stroke Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart event a great success. On June 2nd, approximately 430 students participated in the event to raise funds 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. Thank you to Ms. Lovatsis and Mr. Carlisle for organizing this event.

RETURN OF SCHOOL BOOKS

Later this month, teachers will be collecting books (belonging to the school) that have been loaned to students. Please check around the house for any materials that belong to the school and return them promptly. Library books are due back the week of the 12th. Our preference would be to have books returned rather than to have collect money from you. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Student success is directly due to the involvement of our parent volunteers. We would like to express our thanks by inviting all parent volunteers to a tea, on June 8th at 3:30-4:30 PM in the school library. Thank you for all of your support!

EQAO

Our Grade 3 and 6 students recently completed the provincial assessment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our students are to be commended for their efforts. Thank you to our classroom teachers and support teachers for their efforts to implement this assessment. Individual and school results will be available in the new school year.

JUNE 29th, 2006

PROFESSIONAL HALF DAY

As per our commitment with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario – York Region, elementary teachers will be receiving a half-day on June 29, 2006 to focus on divisional and school needs in planning for continuous student improvement. On this afternoon, teachers and administrators will be involved in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the school's plan for Continuous Improvement for the current school year.

Please note that students will attend school during the morning of June 29, 2006 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at 12:00 PM. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will continue to receive transportation at this time. Parents whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Report Cards

Students will receive their report cards on Thursday, June 29th. Student who are not at school that day will have their reports mailed to their homes.

STUDENT MEDICATION PICK-UP

If your child has a supply of medication or an Epi-Pen at school in the office, please arrange to pick it up by June 29th, 2006. Thank you.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

As was written in previous PAWPRINTS, electronic gaming devices (i.e. Gameboys) are not permitted at school. Bringing the devices to school has led to many distractions and arguments. Please continue to reinforce this message with your children Games brought in will be collected

BOOMERANG LUNCHES CONTINUE AT UPS— A REMINDER

In an effort to reduce the amount of garbage produced in the school, we are beginning a “boomerang” lunch. A “boomerang” lunch refers to whatever lunch items a student does not eat he/she brings it home. The primary reasons are twofold:

- It will allow parents to help monitor what their children are eating (or not eating)
- It will reduce the amount of untouched lunches that get thrown out
At the lunch hour, our lunchtime staff will continue to reinforce this message. Your support is appreciated as we strive to make gains in raising awareness around the environment.

Tupperware and other plastic containers are suggested as a means of helping to implement the boomerang lunch. We appreciate your efforts in reinforcing this plan with your children. Thank You.

UPS READS!

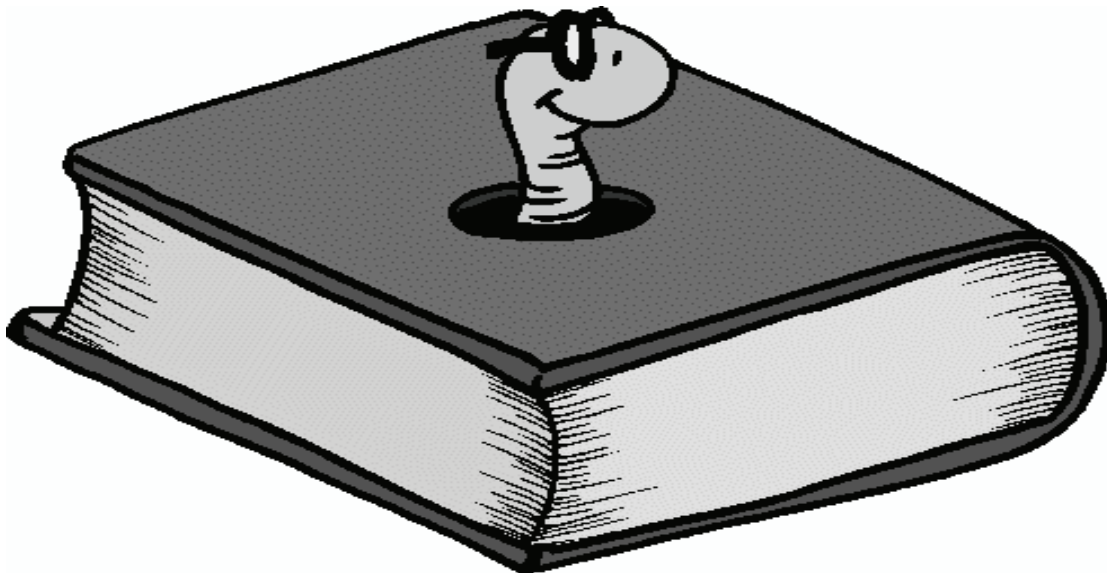
Beginning on Monday, June 19th, our UPS Reads! Program will be up and running.

The goal of the UPS READS! Program is to engage families in sustained, uninterrupted reading. This may include texts such as fiction and non-fiction books, poetry, magazines and newspapers. Families are encouraged to read together. For English as a Second Language learners, parents may read to their children in their first language. Students are encouraged to read for a minimum of 15 minutes nightly, this would equate to approximately 450 minutes over the course of a month. Once 450 minutes of out of school reading is completed, students are asked to submit this form into the drop box located in the front hallway. BRONZE: 450 minutes read. SILVER: 900 minutes read. GOLD: 1350 minutes read. PLATINUM: 1800 minutes read.

We have tied the UPS Reads! Program to our House Colour program. UPS Reads! log sheets are printed on coloured paper representing student House Colours. When a log sheet is complete, students are asked to submit the log into a drop bin that will be located outside of the main office (beside the UPS Reads! display). A group of parent supporters will help to maintain this program in the next school year.

As part of our kick-off to this initiative, on June 19th, we will have 2 professional authors (Jo-Ellen Bogart and James Bow) visiting the school. The authors will read their books to our students and then answer questions. At the conclusion of the visit, our students will have an opportunity to read for approximately 20 minutes outside and throughout the school. It is our hope that many parents are able to participate on this day, as it will provide a wonderful opportunity to read as a family.

Please take the opportunity to visit the websites (next page) for detailed biographies of the visiting authors! Thank you to Ms. Hlynka for organizing the author visits and to UPSAC for their support.



Jo Ellen Bogart's biography can be found at: <http://www.canscaip.org/bios/bogartj.html>

Here is a list of her books and the awards she has won:

The Big Tree Gang, ill. Dean Griffiths, Orca Books, 2005
Emily Carr: At the Edge of the World, ill. Maxwell Newhouse, Tundra Books, 2003
Capturing Joy: The Story of Maud Lewis, ill. Mark Lang, Tundra Books, 2002
The Night the Stars Flew, ill. Ginette Beaulieu, North Winds Press, Scholastic 2001.
Money, Make It Spend It Save It, ill. Teco Guerreiro, from Scholastic Canada, 2001.
Your Guide to Dogs and Dog Care, Coles Publishing 1999
Jeremiah Learns to Read, ill. Laura Fernandez and Rick Jacobson, Orchard Press, 1999 and North Winds Press, Scholastic Canada, 1997
Gifts, Ill. Barbara Reid, North Winds Press Scholastic Canada 1994
Two Too Many, Ill. Yvonne Cathcart, North Winds Press, Scholastic Canada 1994
Mama's Bed, Ill. Sylvie Daigneault, North Winds Press, Scholastic 1993
Sarah Saw a Blue Macaw, Ill. Sylvie Daigneault, North Winds Press, Scholastic 1991
Daniel's Dog, Ill. Janet Wilson, North Winds Press Scholastic 1990
Ten for Dinner, Ill. Carlos Freire, North Winds Press Scholastic 1989
Malcolm's Runaway Soap, Ill. Linda Hendry, North Winds Press, Scholastic 1988 OP
Dylan's Lullaby, Ill. Cheryl Lowrey, Annick Press, 1988 OP

Awards:

Money, Make It Spend It, Save It, Short List, Red Cedar Award
Capturing Joy: The Story of Maud Lewis, Short-listed for 2004 Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award
Capturing Joy: The Story of Maud Lewis, Short-listed for 2003 Information Book Award
Emily Carr: At the Edge of the World, Chapters Best of 2003 Non-fiction list
Emily Carr: At the Edge of the World, 2004 Information Book Award Honour Book
Emily Carr: At the Edge of the World, Shortlist Red Cedar Award 2005-2006
Ruth Schwartz Award for *Jeremiah Learns to Read*
Tiny torgi Award for *Jeremiah Learns to Read*
Gifts shortlisted for the Mr. Christie and the Ruth Schwartz

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His Personal Biography can be found at: <http://www.unwrittengirl.ca/author.shtml>