

# Pawprints

Summer 2006 Edition  
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## York Region District School Board

*I could not end the school year without a heartfelt thanks to the parents and guardians of our school who are such an important part of what makes our school great.*

*A huge body of educational research tells us that: When parents are actively involved in their children's education, the children do better at school.*

*The research shows that when parents become involved no matter what the level of schooling, both students and schools benefit:*

- grades and test results are higher;
- students' attitudes and behaviour are more positive;
- attendance is better;
- more homework is completed;
- enrolment in higher education is greater;
- academic programs are more successful; and
- the schools, as a whole, are more effective.

*For all of these reasons, the school owes a huge debt of gratitude to all of our parents who, throughout the year, have been tireless in their support for individual teachers, for their children and for the school as a whole. The school simply could not manage without all of the help we receive.*

*A special thank you is extended to UPSAC for their support of UPS over the year. I cannot fail to acknowledge our Chair, Mrs. Karen Harvey for her parental leadership and dedication to UPS.*

*This summer there will be a lot of construction occurring at UPS. During the month of July and August, all exterior windows (less the porta-pack) in the school will be replaced, along with new lighting in a number of Primary classrooms along with some of our washrooms receiving new sinks and flooring. Certain areas of the school grounds will be re-paved as well..*

*During the first week of July (July 3rd), the final planned asbestos abatement is set to take place. As was outlined in previous communications, this work is in non-classroom areas (caretakers closet). As outlined in an earlier school communication, on June 9—11th, there was an asbestos re-survey that took place at UPS (a commitment made by the Board in November 2005). During the re-survey meeting, the board made note that UPS would be part of an electronic database, that would allow for up to date status of all work completed in the school (as per the asbestos field survey).*

*On June 19th, we kicked off our UPS Reads! Initiative with 2 visiting authors (Jo Ellen Bogart and James Bow). The authors visit was appreciated by all and once again, thank you to Ms. Hlynka for organizing the visits and to UPSAC for their support.*

*A wonderful time was had by our Grade 8's during their visit to Ottawa and Montreal. Thank you very much to Mr. Scagnetti for organizing and supervising the trip and also to all of our teachers who accompanied our Grade 8's. Thank you Mr. Scagnetti, Ms. Worthington, Mrs. MacDonald and Mr. Carlisle.*

*This July, please take an opportunity to take a look at our "new look" school website. (<http://www.unionville.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca>). Mr. Stokes will be taking on the role of Webmaster for UPS beginning July. A very special thank is extended to Mr. M. Tamaki for all of his hard work and dedication to UPS as the school's webmaster for the past school year.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. J. Primiani to UPS for September. Mr. Primiani will be teaching Grade 2. I would also like to welcome Ms. M. Freedman to Grade 8 and Mrs. P. Wong to our JK/SK Autistic class. Welcome!*

*On a final note, we wish all of our UPS Grade 8 graduates the best of luck as they enter high school in September. On behalf of all UPS staff, have a wonderful, safe and restful summer break,  
S. Gardner*

June, 2006

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### Highlights

- First day of school—September 5, 2006
- Curriculum Night/Meet the Teacher BBQ—September 19th, 2006 (please note change in date)

## School Dates For 2006-2007

First Day of School—September 5th

Curriculum Night/Meet the Teacher—September 19th

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 in Grade SK, 1, 2, will receive their class placements on their final report cards. As a result of re-organization due to enrollment growth, students currently in Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 will not have next year's teacher's name placed on their report card. During the final week of school, teachers and administration will be involved in class placements for the previously stated classes. As always, 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. Thank you.

### Teaching Staff— 2006/2007

NAMES	CLASS	ROOM	RM #
Mrs. McGOWEN-YOUNG	Reading Recovery/Literacy		
Mrs. WONG	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
Mr. PRIMIANI	TWO		2
Ms. CREELMAN	THREE		10
Ms. LOVATSI	THREE		21
Mr. LEON	FOUR		17
Ms. OSMAN	FOUR/FIVE		18
Mr. FARBER	FIVE		22
Mr. YIP	SIX		20
Ms WORTHINGTON	SIX		19
Mr. NORQUAY	SEVEN		13
Mr. HAWCO	SEVEN		11
Mr. CHIN	EIGHT		15
Ms. ROCHA	EIGHT		16
Mr. SCAGNETTI	SEVEN/EIGHT		14
Mr. DIENSTMANN	JR./INT. COMMUN.		6
Ms. BERDUGO	JR./INT. SPEC. ED.		7B
Ms. HLYNKA	ESL/LIBRARY		
Mrs. NOBLE	FRENCH		
Mr. STOKES	PM. INT MUSIC		12
Mrs. WILKINSON	PR. SERT		9
Mrs. DONALDSON	JNR SERT		8
Mrs. PAPA KINOMOU	INT SERT		8