

Pawprints

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From The Administrator's Desk

Welcome back! As we enter into January and the balmy-like weather, hopefully everyone is refreshed and ready for a fantastic 2007. After a well-deserved break, we are all ready to take on the challenges awaiting us in the months ahead. 2007 has begun with plenty of activity in and around the school. We appreciate the efforts of parents getting their children to school on time so that there is very little disruption to instructional time.

As we enter into 2007, I would like to welcome Mrs. Carol Takagi to our UPS family as our new Vice Principal. Mrs. Takagi will be with us on a shared basis with Coledale Public School. We would also like to welcome Mrs. S. Dunham to our staff as our Teacher Librarian.

February is an exciting month in that February 6th and 13th are deemed UPS Activity Days. Our staff organizing committee has been working extremely hard to put together a program that is fun and varied. Our students in Grade 6-8 will be skiing at Mt. St. Louis and our Kindergarten to Grade 5 classes will have opportunities to sign up for both Arts and Science and Technology activities during the 2 days. Details will follow shortly in a letter outlining the programs.

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Steve Gardner and Carol Takagi

Please note that beginning with our January Pawprints, families on our newsletter distribution list will receive a message in their inbox sending them to a link on our website, where Pawprints will be posted. Many families have expressed that they have not received Pawprints electronically based on the size of some of the files. Thank you for continuing to support our paperless efforts.

Highlights

- School Council Meeting—January 16th—7:30 PM
- House Colour Day—Beach Day—Friday January 19th
- Grade 8 Grad. Pictures—January 25th.
- PA Day—No school—February 2

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AT UPS

Kindergarten registration for September 2007 will begin Monday, January 15th. Parents are asked to come in and register Monday to Friday between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Children born in 2003 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten and children born in 2002 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten this September.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION:

- Proof of your child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
- Ontario Health Card
- Citizenship and immigration status (where applicable)
- Proof of residency in our attendance area (e.g. Tax bill)
- Direction of school support form

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.

HOUSE COLOURS

Many thanks to Mrs. Toon for all of her work with the house colour points. A reminder that January 19th is "Beach Day" which is yet another opportunity to show your school spirit and gain points for your house!

At this point in time, the Green house group is in the lead followed by Red, Blue, Grey, Black, and White. UPS spirit continues!

HOLIDAY TIME SUPPORT

Over the month of December, our Unionville community provided tremendous support for those in need. Thank you very much for all you do! A special thank you to Srinka Wallia and Karyn Toon for all of the organization and coordination that went into this wonderful initiative. Thank you very much to all of our parents who took on the role of liaison for the respective classes, we could not have done it without your dedication and leadership.

Once again in the spirit of giving, the UPS UNICEF campaign raised a total of \$2 275.00! This UPS initiative was led by Mrs. Georgakopoulos who garnered enthusiasm and activities for the entire school. We recently received a thank you letter from UNICEF which stated— ***"Dear UPS, thank you so much for participating in this year's revitalized Trick-or-Treat UNICEF campaign! On behalf of UNICEF Canada and myself, please pass on a huge thanks to your students. They have done such a terrific job raising funds to help their peers in Malawi and around the world. I've just returned from my first trip as National Ambassador. I spent a week in Malawi where I saw first hand how the contributions of Canadian kids will make a difference in a country where the needs are so great. I saw so many young children enthusiastic to learn, whether it be at outdoor schools in the rain or indoors at a brand new desk. Thank you again for your support. I couldn't be prouder to be involved in UNICEF's efforts to help educated more children around the world and I hope you feel the same way."***

*Yours truly,
Ben Mulrone*



Grade 1 French Immersion Program for the upcoming school year

The York Region District School Board offers two French Second Language programs: Core and French Immersion.

Core French Program: Students will receive 40 minutes of daily instruction at their local public school beginning in Grade 4.

French Immersion Program: Students receive full-day instruction in French in this optional program beginning in Grade 1.

Both are excellent programs but have different language learning outcomes. Core French graduates have basic communication skills in French which form a firm foundation for further study of French and other languages. Students who graduate from French Immersion secondary schools are functionally bilingual (able to work in a French milieu or attend a French-speaking college or university).

Would you like further information regarding the French Immersion Program?

Information will be sent home in January with all SK students.

For parents interested in the French Immersion program for their children, please attend the **information evening** on **Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** at [Buttonville Public School](#)

Registrations for Grade 1 French Immersion will be accepted after February 7, 2007. The deadline to apply for the school year commencing September 2007 is **Friday, March 2, 2007.**

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. As space is limited, some students may be required to attend a French Immersion school other than the one designated for their community.



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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.

January is Fairness

ELEMENTARY ARTS PROGRAM

Does your child enjoy learning through the Arts?

All grade four, five and six students interested in learning through the arts (Drama, Dance, Music, Visual Arts) are invited to audition for the Integrated Arts Program at Baythorn Public School located in Thornhill. Please join us at our Arts Information Evening on Monday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym at Baythorn Public School. Applications will be available on Baythorn's school website at www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca (beginning January 16th, 2007).

Information regarding the audition process will be distributed at the information evening.

Auditions for qualified students will be held in February 2007.

GRADE 9 INFORMATION EVENINGS

Over the next few months, our Grade 8's will be receiving information regarding Grade 9 programs at our local high schools. Markville S.S. is our local high school based on school boundaries. Dates for upcoming information evenings will be shared with families shortly.

A reminder that Graduation pictures will be taken on January 25th in the morning at UPS.

