

Pawprints

June 2007

Unionville Public School
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From The Administrator's Desk

When reflecting on the past year's events, it is truly awe-inspiring, when thinking about all that has taken place. Your children have grown in many ways and with literacy as our focus, staff have worked collaboratively, to ensure optimal delivery of curriculum. Students have been involved in and accomplished a multitude of tasks. They have had opportunities to participate in various sports teams, track and field, class trips, overnight trips, Music nights, Toronto Symphony Adopt-a-Player program, bands, environmental initiatives, Electives Days, Terry Fox Walk, Legacy Run and Jump Rope for Heart. None of these would be possible without a dedicated and committed staff and a supportive and involved network of parents. Volunteers at UPS work tirelessly in assisting us in so many ways (*In appreciation, please plan to attend the Volunteer Tea on June 6 at 3:30*).

A special thank you is extended to UPSAC for their support of UPS over the year. Our Chair Karen Harvey and Vice chair JP Gagnon

are acknowledged for their parental leadership and dedication to UPS.

As with any new school year, there is change. We welcome several new teachers to UPS next year. A special welcome is extended to Stacey Tam (JK/SK), Mary Ellen Edwards (Librarian), and Joanna Tzevelekos (French). We look forward to their new perspective and talents offered to our school.

Of course, this means we need to say goodbye to others. Teachers Ellen-Jean Dewberry, Jane Ballantine, and Mary Fedy are retiring. We wish them a retirement filled with all the things they have never had time to do and enjoy. On behalf of the UPS community, we say "Thank you", you will truly be missed.

We are sad to be losing Johnny Primiani, Anna Mantia and Heather Cronyn to other schools. They have been a wonderful asset to our school and we hope our paths cross again.

Lastly, Toni Ludski, our administrative assistant is retiring. Toni's warm welcome,

her willingness to help in any capacity, her never-ending concern for others will truly be missed. The position has some very big shoes to fill. On behalf of the UPS community we wish her a wonderful retirement ahead as grandma and budding artist.

Heartfelt thanks go to Mrs. Misch for all the work she does,



above and beyond in supporting students and the school. A huge thanks to Mr. Lamanna, Mr. Seapy and Mr. Loughlin for keeping our school safe and clean.

Finally, let's enjoy June. Reflect on the successes of the year as we look forward to the summer break.

Steve Gardner and Carol Takagi

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Highlights

School Council— June 19th—7:30 PM

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| Concert Band Performs at Wonderland | 06/01 |
| Volunteer Tea | 06/06 |
| Trip to Ottawa Grade 8s | 06/20-22 |
| Softball Tournament | 06/22 |
| House Colour Luncheon | 06/21 |
| Senior Kindergarten Graduation | 06/25 |
| Grade 8 Graduation | 06/27 |
| P.A. Day—afternoon only | 06/28 |

Thanks Bear for your performance!

Legacy Run 2007

On May 11 Unionville Public School participated in the Legacy Run. The Legacy Run helps fund Markham Stouffville Hospital's children maternal care unit. Doctor Bear, the mascot, was at the Legacy Run. The students participated in a run or walk while the teachers supervised. Cody Weeden, a grade 6 student said that, "The Legacy Run was very tiring but it gave me a good workout". Kendra Weeden, a grade 4 student thought that Legacy Run was fun. She also thought running with her friends was very exciting. One thing she didn't like about the Legacy Run was that it was too hot. Bonnie Weeden, a parent said, "The Legacy Run was for a very good cause. Markham Stouffville Hospital is an excellent hospital which provides the community with many services. It's nice to see the school giving back to it." Everyone was thrilled when Dr. Bear came out. The run took place for two periods. The students ran around Toogood pond. A big thank you goes out to all the people who helped out at the Legacy Run. All students did very well in raising over \$6,000. As part of a thank you for raising over \$50, students received prizes that included shirts and gym bags to wear out on the Legacy run. There were a lot of people who wore the shirts. We hope next year's Legacy Run will have a bigger turnout and raise more money for Markham Stouffville Hospital.



By: Cody Weeden

**School Milk in September =
Play All Day Passes for Ontario Place!**

Once again **UPS** will be offering milk to our students for the '07 - '08 school year. Pre-payment order forms for lunch-time milk in September will be sent home at the beginning of June.

The names of all students who return their pre-payment order forms by **June 15th** will be entered in a draw to win **1 of 35 Play All Day Passes to Ontario Place!!!**

So...Drink milk at school and
play all day at **Ontario Place** because...

"Kids Just Wanna Have Fun!"

Students in grades 4—8 participated in Track and Field activities on May 17. All the students had a good time, displaying good "sportsmanship" and encouraging others to achieve their best. Many students qualified to go forward to the Area Track and Field meet on June 4. Good luck to our students!

Congratulations to our relay team who participated in the East Meet on May 23, with Senior Girls finishing 9th, Senior Boys finishing 3rd, Atom Girls finishing 2nd, and Junior Girls finishing in 1st place! Thanks to our coaches Brent Scagnetti and Tracey Burton.

Students have been active on 2nd place at the Area Meet. where they participate in the coach Scott Chin.



the Badminton Team, finishing in Good luck to the team on June 1 Regional Meet. Thanks go to our

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2007-2008

The plans for the school organization for the 2007/08 school year are well under way. Included is a tentative list of the school organization. Please keep in mind that class size is based on the Board's formula for teacher to student ratios. Changes in enrolment may dictate re-organization at a later date. **Our final newsletter at the end of June will include teacher assignments to those grades.**

Students will receive their class placements on their final report cards. As always, staff collaboratively determine the best placement for individual children to ensure the most positive learning environment possible.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION 2007-2008

Librarian/ELL
 Reading Recovery/Literacy
 JK/SK Full day/alternate Friday
 JK/SK a.m./p.m.
 Grade 1
 Grade 1/2
 Grade 2
 Grade 3
 Grade 3
 Grade 4
 Grade 4
 Grade 5
 Grade 5/6
 Grade 6
 Grade 7
 Grade 7
 Grade 8
 Grade 8
 JK/SK Community Class
 Jr./Int. Community Class
 Jr./Int. Community Class
 Special Education Teacher(s)

A Day in the Life @UPS

As a result of managing the Board mandated literacy blocks (100 minutes of uninterrupted classes), we will be changing our timetable to better suit an improved programming model. It does not effect our start and end times to the day but does change our recess/nutrition break and lunch times. The nutrition break is 10 minutes at the beginning of recess, that allows for students to have a nutritional snack prior to going outside.

School Entry Bell 8:50 am

RECESS 10:40—11:10 am

LUNCH 12:50—1:50 pm

Dismissal 3:30 pm

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Attention all Spring Cleaners

The **Kindergarten classes** are in need of various items. If you have any Halloween costumes that your children have outgrown and would fit 3-5 year olds we would love to have them for our dress-up centre.

We are also looking for durable play items such as; plastic slide, plastic teeter-totter, child sized workbench, kitchen centre, kitchen table with chairs, mini-couch and chairs, doll high chair, doll bed, doll playpen etc.

If you happen to have any of these items and wish to clear your house please call

U.P.S. and leave a message for Mrs. Wilkinson. Please do not drop off items at the school. Mrs. Wilkinson will return your call and arrange for pick-up.

All items should be in good condition.

Thank you.

Ministry of Education launches new parent resource website

The Ministry of Education has launched a new website called abc123. abc123 features simple and valuable ideas on fun, everyday ways to engage children in reading, writing, and mathematics. Parents are more time-stressed than ever, and need new ideas to support school lessons within the time they have available. abc123 provides information as tip lists that are easy to read and print off.

The site also has information that will help parents partner with their child's teacher, deal with homework, identify the need for extra help, and understand school readiness.

Parents can also find out what the government is doing to reach every student in a section called "How We're Helping".

This is just the beginning. abc123 will be refreshed regularly with new and relevant information, including useful links to other government programs and external sites.

The site can be accessed through the Ministry of Education homepage at www.edu.gov.on.ca or directly at www.ontario.ca/abc123.

BOOKS FOR KENYA



A big Thank You once again to the UPS community! You have very generously responded to the Books for Kenya campaign by dropping off a multitude of books for all ages. Thanks also go to Susan Creelman for bringing our attention to this organization and for her part in ensuring that the books are delivered. The Mully's Children Foundation (MCF), located in Kenya, is a non-profit rehabilitation organization for orphaned, abandoned and abused children with no where to call home and no one to care for them. MCF has a strong emphasis on the rehabilitation of street girls and has seen more than 1600 children rehabilitated with another 1287 currently under its care.

BUSSING FOR NEXT YEAR'S GRADE 9s

The YRDSB Transportation Policy #680 was revised in 2006 and now indicates the following:

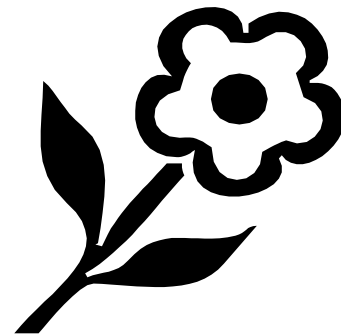
Grade 9–12 students living in an area where public transit is available, are not eligible for Board-provided transportation.

Some students living in Markham/Unionville currently receive "Pay For Use" school bus transportation as public transit service did not adequately service their communities in the past. These areas are now fully serviced by York Region Transit (A.M. Route # 725-1 and P.M. Route #725-5. As a result, the following Pay For Use bus routes will be cancelled at the end of the current school year in June 2007.

Parents and students who wish to access York Region Transit information should visit www.yorkregiontransit.com or dial 1-866-668-3978 for further information.

UPS ECOTEAM

The UPS Ecoteam, lead by Julie Rocha and parent volunteers, equipped with soil, trowels and flowers got their hands dirty by preparing planters for the residents of Bethany Lodge, a local senior's residence.



CROHN'S & COLITIS ANNUAL HEEL & WHEEL-A-THON

Walk, Run, Roll or Ride to help find a cure for inflammatory bowel disease.

SUNDAY JUNE 24, 2007

Toogood Pond, Unionville

Registration at Toogood Pond 9:30 am

Warm-up 10:15 am

Start time 10:30 am

Collect pledges the easy way ... online using the epledge system. Check it out on the website www.ccfc.ca
Or call 416 920-5035.

