

# Pawprints

September 2007

Unionville Public School  
300 Main Street  
Unionville, Ontario  
(905) 477-1824

Principal: Mr. Steve Gardner  
Vice Principal: Ms. Carol Takagi

## From The Administrator's Desk

A warm welcome back to everyone at Unionville Public School! A special welcome to the many families in the UPS community who will be joining us for the first time this year.

We would also like to extend a warm UPS welcome to Mrs. Angie Tsigoulis, our new office administrative assistant.

Behind the scenes, a variety of people have worked to prepare for the new school year.

A huge thanks to our very dedicated caretaking staff, the floors are shined, classrooms cleaned, doors painted, the roof repaired, and boxes and boxes, furniture and more boxes and furniture moved to assist our teachers to prepare their classrooms for the new school year. Our exceptional teaching staff have been busily planning and preparing throughout the summer to have their

classrooms and programs ready. We all look forward to an exciting year ahead.

The beginning of the school year is a good opportunity for parents to talk with your child about what he/she wants to improve upon and some steps to take to help achieve those goals. The primary grade student might include a goal of reading everyday for 15 minutes, the junior student might be learning time management by breaking down assignments into manageable chunks of work each night and the intermediate student may benefit from a conversation with parents about a time limit on using the internet for purposes other than for a task at school.

As we begin another year of routines, new adventures and challenges, please remember that communications between

your child's teacher and you is key to your child's success at school.

We hope all of you will be able to join us on *Curriculum Night*, Tuesday September 18, 2007 at 6:30 pm. It will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about the upcoming year.



"An important part of learning is to keep an open mind—something worthwhile may drop into it".

Anonymous

Looking forward to a successful year ahead,  
S. Gardner and C. Takagi

## York Region District School Board

Trustee: E. Richardson  
(905) 940-9818

Superintendent: Ruth Lambert  
(905) 940-7800

### Highlights

#### School Council—

Gr. 7s to Muskoka Woods	09/12
Gr. 8s to Camp Pinecrest	
Safety Week	09/17
Curriculum Night	09/18
World Milk Day	09/20
P.A. Day	09/21
Gr. 7 Hep B	09/26
Terry Fox Walk	09/28

## Timetable Changes

Unionville Public School has adopted a Monday to Friday schedule, changed from our previous Day 1 to 5 timetable. See below for changes in the school hours. As always, it is important that all students arrive at school on time. If your child is going to be late or absent, please telephone the school and let us know in advance.

The school voice mail is always available. You can leave a message at 905 477-1824.

If we do not receive a telephone call or note, we will telephone your home or place of employment to inquire as to the reason why your child is not at school.

If we cannot contact you, we will try to contact the named emergency contact.

**The safety of all of our UPS students is very important to us.**



8:45 Outdoor Yard Supervision begins

8:50 Bell to line up

9:00 Period 1 begins

10:40—11:10 Recess

12:50—1:50 Lunch

3:30 Dismissal

## First Day Package

Please make every effort to complete all forms included in the first day package that your child brought home. The safety of our students is dependent on knowing how best to reach you and your emergency contacts. These forms include:

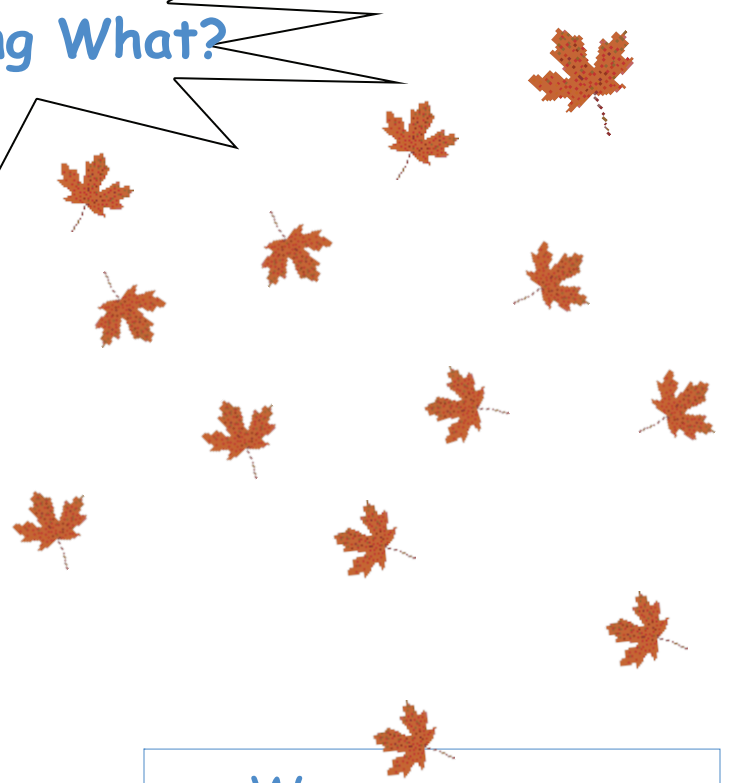
- Office Index Card
- Student Information Sheet
- Volunteer Support Form
- School Council Nomination Form
- Safe and Supportive Schools/Computer Use ( in agenda)



## Student Agenda

Each student in grades 1 through 8 will be bringing home a Student Agenda. The agenda is a valuable tool to record homework, assignment due dates, notices of up-coming events, general classroom/school information or to use for two-way communication between the teacher and home. Please take time to review the contents of the agenda with your child. **The cost of the agenda is \$7.00. We would appreciate payment by cheque (payable to Unionville PS) .**

# So Who's Teaching What?



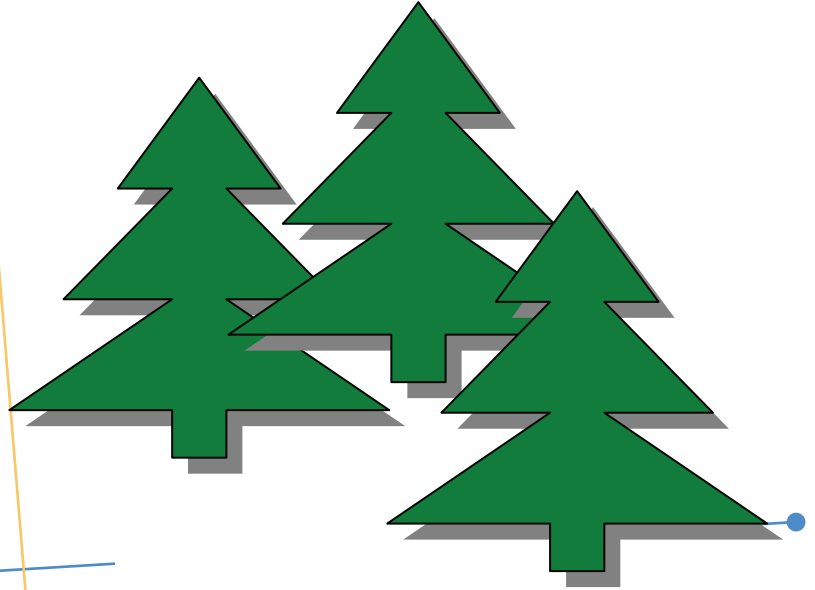
Librarian/ELL  
Reading Recovery/Literacy  
JK/SK Full day/alternate Friday  
JK/SK a.m./p.m.  
Grade 1  
Grade 1/2  
Grade 2  
Grade 3  
Grade 3  
Grade 4  
Grade 4  
Grade 5  
Grade 5/6  
Grade 6  
Grade 7  
Grade 7  
Grade 8  
Grade 8  
JK/SK Community Class  
Jr./Int. Community Class  
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Special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

Mary Ellen Edwards  
Janice McGowen-Young  
Stacey Tam  
Laura Wilkinson  
Jennifer Berdugo  
Glennis Chaplin  
Kelly Donaldson  
Susan Creelman  
Heather Worthington  
Robin Noble  
Julie Lovatsis  
Gary Farber  
Tim Hawco  
Dalia Osman  
Julie Rocha  
David Norquay  
Brent Scagnetti  
Scott Chin  
Pinky Wong  
Bonnie Bos  
Christine Ragonese  
Pinky Wong  
Peter Dienstmann  
Angela Papaikononou  
Elizabeth Dyer  
Mike Leon  
Will Stokes

We are  
thrilled to welcome  
back ...

Shelley Mason	Education Assistant
Christina Peever	Education Assistant
Sekou Sanford	Child Youth Worker
Ronda MacDonald	Assistant DH
Yvonne Braybrook	Child Youth Worker
Donna Culbert	Education Assistant

The educator is like a good gardener, whose function is to make available healthy, fertile soil in which a young plant can grow strong roots.  
E.F. Schumacher



## Boomerang Lunches

In an effort to reduce the amount of garbage produced in the school, we are continuing with our "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

Ideally, we would like to encourage litterless lunches, whereby no garbage is produced, only compost able materials. During 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 about taking care of our planet and our responsibility to protect our environment.

## Nutritious Snacks at Recess

Please send a nutritious snack (preferably litterless) to school for the recess break. Snacks **must be nut-free** and *could include* such foods as fruit, cheese, crackers, yogurt, veggies, granola bars, cereal, cereal bars, or apple-sauce. In order to ensure that our students are eating their nutritious snack during the 30 minute recess break, students will have an opportunity to eat their snack in class prior to going outside. Students will be asked to bring their snack into class at the start of the day to minimize disruption at 10:30 am.

## Safety Week

During the fall of 2000 YRDSB implemented a comprehensive crisis response protocol covering a variety of scenarios that could affect our schools. 'Code Red' is the most serious level of response, calling for specific measures to be taken immediately in the event of imminent, direct threat on the school population.

The 'Code Red' response would typically be called in the event of an armed intruder entering the school, a fatality or a violent storm. The 'Code Red' alert calls for all students and staff to be secured in a locked classroom, gym or other secure area, to situate themselves on the floor, away from doors and windows, and to await further instructions from the administration.

During the week of September 17-21, 2007, all YRDSB schools will participate in a variety of activities related to student safety, under an umbrella theme of "Safety Awareness Week". Among these activities, all schools will carry out an exercise to test their response to 'Code Red' conditions in the school.



## *Objectives of Safety Awareness Week:*

To reassure stakeholders that the Board is competent, caring and reasonable in its approach to the safety of students and staff.

To strengthen linkages with police, fire and emergency personnel in York Region.

To feature safety related activities and issues

To raise awareness of the 'Code Red' response on our schools and school communities through a drill which will exercise 'Code Red' procedures in our schools.

To explore the challenges posed by the 'Code Red' response with a view to improving and fine-tuning school implementation.

*Our Code Red drill will be held on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and Bus Safety presentations are scheduled for Sept. 19 and 20.*

## *Director's Cut Coming to UPS Again! - A message from the Director's Cut:*

### **I WANNA ROCK**

Hard Rock, Rock and Roll, Rap, R and B, You can be anything you want to be in our mobile sound engineering studio! Scratch out some old school, or pump up the volume and make all the old people scream for mercy!

We put you in the Sound studio and let your imagination run with the notes, as you create your very own digital music sound track. You become the musician in this one of a kind digital music production workshop, creating the loops, developing the beats and assembling a sound track that once completed will make you Canada's next recording idol! You will leave our workshop with your very own customized 5 audio track CD, personalized jacket and an 8 x 10 of you on the cover of Rolling Stone Magazine! All you have to do is put the CD into your player and pump up the volume!

Program: I Wanna Rock

>Start Date Thursday October 11th 2007-6 weeks

>Grade 5-8

>Lunch Time

>Cost\$85.00

## COMIC RELIEF!

POW! WHAM! SHAZAM! Only a few of the choice words used by your favourite super hero executive as they race to battle evil and save the world! Well, now at the Director's Cut, you become the super heroes, illustrator and author in our newest workshop - Comic Relief! Spend some time with us, use our digital cameras and Apple laptops and your imagination to create your very own one of a kind first edition, published executive comic book! Not into super heroes, then why not make a comic about -- well let's see..... anything that you want to! Check us out and see where your imagination takes you and your executive team!

>Program: Comic Relief

>Start Date: Wednesday October 10th -6 Weeks

>Grades 1-4

>Lunch Time:

>Cost: \$85.00

CHECK US OUT @ [WWW.THEDIRECTORSCUT.CA](http://WWW.THEDIRECTORSCUT.CA)

*Please note that brochures and registration form will be distributed to UPS students on September 18th*

### **KARATE KIDS CLUB**

In October we are excited to have the *Karate Kids* program coming to Unionville P.S.

This 40 min class will run during the lunch hour recess and combines fun fitness activity, character education lessons and non-contact basic martial arts movements. The class is designed to build self confidence, self discipline and fitness levels in a non competitive environment. The program will run once a week on every Wednesday from mid October until the last week of May 2008. Enrolment brochures containing full details will be distributed to the students early October. This is a popular program that is currently running in over 60 schools across Ontario. You are invited to visit their website for more detailed information at [www.karatekids.ca](http://www.karatekids.ca) or call 416 482-8198.



