



# UNIONVILLE MEADOWS MESSENGER

## April 2017

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### APRIL AT A GLANCE!

- 6 Gr.4 at ROM
- 10 Significant Faith Day begins (Sikhism)
- 11 Pesach / Passover (Judaism)
- 12 Spirit Day—Wear Pink
- 13 Vaisakhi (Sikhism)
- 14 Good Friday (No School)
- 17 Easter Monday (No School)
- 20 Ridvan Begins (Baha'I Faith)
- 20 Earth Day
- 27 Mustang Mayhem



### Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs. Hoselton on the birth of her daughter Abby on March 16th. Both are doing great and it was lovely to have them visit us so soon.



**EQAO**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO— May 23 to June 5, 2017

Grade 8 Graduation, Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 6pm.

### Message from the Principal's Desk

Welcome Back! We hope that everyone had a wonderful March Break! As we look forward to the beautiful spring weather outside, inside, we continue to work hard to achieve our academic goals for the final three months of the school year. Our expectations for success remain high for all the students and we are equally committed to ensuring that your child's social and emotional well being is always at the forefront of everything we do here at UMPS.

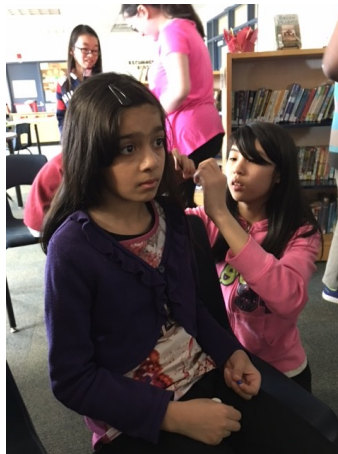
A few of our classes visited the ROM and students had a great time exploring the different exhibits. "Rapunzel" was a great performance about self esteem and growth mindset. Mr. Gulab, Mrs. Thurston and Ms. Lee were great actor / actresses who added some excitement for this performance.

At school, we honoured Earth Hour on March 24<sup>th</sup> by shutting off all our lights and powering down our computers for an hour. We will continue to honour the Earth throughout the month of April through a series of challenges presented by our Eco Team. It's tremendously important for us to do our part to protect and care for our Earth! Now that the warmer weather is here, why not encourage your children to continue this effort by walking or riding their bikes to school. The health benefits of this are significant and so are the benefits to our Earth!

***Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes***  
***&***  
***Nancy Tsang***

## Empowering our Girls at UMPS!

On March 24th, our Grade 6 Girls Club hosted a Black History event for the Gr.3s. The Grade 3s enjoyed a movie about Martin Luther King while boys and girls got their hair braided and accessorized with colourful beads (Caribbean & African tradition) by the girls! It was a great display of leadership and learning by the Girls Club! We are so proud of the girls.



## Keeping Your Child Safe in the Car

To be safely protected in a vehicle, children must be properly secured in a child car seat, booster seat or seatbelt, depending on their height, weight and/or age. As a driver, you are responsible for ensuring that all passengers under 16 years of age are properly buckled into a seatbelt, child car seat or booster seat. The fine for not using a child car seat or booster seat as required by law is up to \$1,000 plus two demerit points on conviction. In Ontario, all drivers are required to use proper child car seats and booster seats when transporting young children.

Children **12 and under should always be in the back seat**. Most cars have front seat air bags, and these can hurt small children if the bags inflate during a crash or sudden stop. The safest place in the car for children is always in the back seat.

For more information please visit: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/driver/handbook/section2.1.8.shtml>



## YRDSB Survey for Parents/Guardians

We will be inviting parents/guardians to participate in a survey May 1-19, 2017. This survey provides an important opportunity for parent/guardian voice. Results will be used to guide planning to support student achievement and well-being.

You may complete the survey online or on paper. The online survey will be available in English. Paper surveys will be available from the school office in English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Sri Lankan Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese.

We value your input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information you provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation.

Information about how to access the online survey will be sent home with students at the end of April. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

## Board Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures govern the operation of the Board and our school. To ensure they remain current, the Board reviews policies and procedures on a regular cycle. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process.

All policies available for comment are sent to school council chairs, and are posted on the [Board website](#) along with information about how to provide feedback. The policies and proposals currently available for comment include:

The following policies with investigative components:

- Professional Misconduct and Progressive Discipline
- Respectful Workplaces and Learning Environments
- Supporting Community Concerns

A proposal for next steps on the process for addressing concerns raised by students, staff and community members.

To learn more, visit [www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/](http://www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/).

# Music Retreat



On March 1st to 3rd, gr. 7 students from our String Ensemble had the opportunity to take part in the Jackson's Point Elementary Music Retreat, along with four other Markham schools. Students participated in different rehearsals with different teachers and they made new friends from the other schools. Music students from Markville Secondary School ran cooperative games, challenges and a dance which our students enjoyed very much. This was a great experience for our students.



The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and Aftercare programs available at all locations

### **YMCA Before and After Care Registration**

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Documents/YMCA-Before-and-Aftercare-Registration.pdf>

### **Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017**

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and select programs and services.

#### **Summer Institute Site**

[Armadale S.I.](#)

[Crosby Heights S.I.](#)

[Discovery S.I. \(located at Teston Village P.S.\)](#)

[Lakeside S.I.](#)

[Lake Wilcox S.I.](#)

[Maple Leaf S.I. \(located at Glen Cedar P.S.\)](#)

[Milliken Mills S.I. \(located at Highgate P.S.\)](#)

[Oscar Peterson S.I.](#)

[Sixteenth Avenue S.I.](#)

[Unionville Meadows S.I.](#)

[Woodbridge S.I.](#)

#### **Address**

11 Coppard Ave., Markham

190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill

80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple

213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick

80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill

915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket

35 Highgate Dr., Markham

850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill

355 South Unionville Ave., Markham

60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge

For additional information please email [performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca](mailto:performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca) or call 905-884-2046 ext. 240.

约克区教育局的暑期学院是一个提供学术、休闲娱乐和体育活动的课程，它是本着安大略省幼儿园到 8 年级的儿童和青年课程所特意连接开设的。

从 2017 年 7 月 4 日至 2017 年 8 月 11 日，地区内 11 所小学每周都提供课程。课程计划和注册信息均可在约克区教育局网站 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx> 查看。

如需要更多资料可电邮到 [performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca](mailto:performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca) 或致电 905-884-2046 暑期学院办公室分机 240 查询。





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APRIL 2017 UPDATE

### WELCOME SPRING!

Spring is in the air! Celebrate the arrival of Spring with our annual Spring Special and enjoy our April specials and combos for the whole month!

### 2017 Spring Special

**Butter Chicken with Basmati Rice and a mini Vanilla Cupcake topped with a fresh Strawberry.**

\*Gluten-Free option available.



### April Features

Available as an entrée only or as a combo

#### **Chicken Shawarma in a whole wheat pita**

(Shawarma chicken strips, shredded red cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce and a creamy cucumber dressing wrapped in a pita)

\*Halal option available.



#### **Falafel in a whole wheat pita**

(Crispy falafel, shredded red cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce and a creamy cucumber dressing wrapped in a pita)

### Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca)

Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).

**Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!**

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# April 2017

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## Notes

Please remember to call the school if your child is missing school due to illness or an appointment.

Please call 905-479-4795 anytime (24 hours/day) and leave the following information:

-Your child's name (please spell), the reason for the absence and the name of the teacher

