



UNIONVILLE MEADOWS MESSENGER

June 2017

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AT A GLANCE!

- 2 PA Day
- 5 Chai & Chat—Getting reading for FDK at 1:30pm
- 6 Area Track & Field at BCSS
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- 7 Area Track & Field (Rain Date)
- 15 Gr.6s VIP
- 16 Gr.6s VIP
- 19 Gr.6s VIP
- 20 Gr.6s VIP
- 20 Spirit Day—Class Colour Day
- 20 Healthy School Assembly
- 21 Regional Track and Field
- 22 Gr.6s VIP
- 23 Gr.6s at McMichael Art Gallery
- 23 Kindergarten Celebration Picnic (am)
- 26 Eid-ul-Fitr
- 27 Gr.8 Graduation lunch 11:30am
- 28 Gr.8 Graduation at 7:00pm at UMPS
- 29 Early Dismissal at 11:30am

Message from the Principal's Desk

June is finally here and what an incredible year it has been! Looking back we can say that it has been a busy and successful year at Unionville Meadows and we have a lot to be proud of! Of course our successes are a result of the contributions our staff, students and school community at large have made.

May was a busy month for us starting with our Spring Fling concert that was an enormous success. Our Gr.7s attended a transition morning to Markville Secondary School. As well, on May 8th, we recognized our school volunteers at our Volunteer Tea which allowed us to express our deep gratitude and appreciation for all that they do to serve and support our staff and students. Finally, we welcomed our new incoming Junior Kindergarten students with our Welcome to Kindergarten Nights. It is evident that Unionville Meadows is a school filled with a wide variety of opportunities and events which makes it a place where everyone loves to be!

We would like to express our gratitude as well to our School Council who have been unwavering in their commitment to our school priorities and events. With their leadership and support we have been able to enjoy the many wonderful movie nights, Jump 2 Math evening, Mustang Mayhem and their support for our Gr.8 Graduation. These are just some of the many contributions they have made to our school and we thank them for their dedication and commitment. We look forward to the next School Council Movie Night on June 1st, featuring the movie "Moana".

Finally, at the end of the month, we look forward to celebrating Graduation with our Grade 8 students. This is a new transition for them in their lives filled with wonderful new and exciting experiences. We are proud of all of our Grade 8 students' efforts and achievements and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Congratulations to you all. We will miss seeing you in our hallways and support with the Kindergartens during lunch. We hope that you carry with you the many memories and experiences from Unionville Meadows and use what you have learned in your elementary years throughout High School!

Baby News

Congratulations to Ms. Teperman on the birth of her son Jacob Isaac on May 26th. Both mother and son are doing well and hopefully they will come back for a visit soon!



*Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes &
Nancy Tsang*

June 2017 Trustee Greetings for school newsletters

Message from our Trustee

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools Thursday, June 29th, 2017



All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 29, 2017**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 29, 2017 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:30am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Since there are many changes that happen over the summer with families moving in and out of our neighbourhood, we cannot share who your child's teacher will be at this time. You will meet your child's teacher on the first day of school, Tuesday September 5th, 2017.

On the first day of school please arrive at school between 8:15 and 8:25am. Kindergarten students will be meeting their teachers in the Kindergarten play pens. Everyone will go to the tarmac area behind the school. Teachers will have signs indicating where to go. There will be a grade 1 area, a grade 2 area, etc. Teachers will read out the names of the children in their classes and get everyone organized and they will then proceed to their classrooms to begin their day.

Students should have a morning snack as well as a lunch for the first day of school.

CALLING ALL LIBRARY BOOKS!

It's already almost that time again! All books need to be back in the library by **JUNE 19**. No new books will be coming home after June 14. Pink notices with payment information will be sent home to students who have lost library books, as a reminder the book or payment for a lost/damaged book must be returned to school by the end of the year.

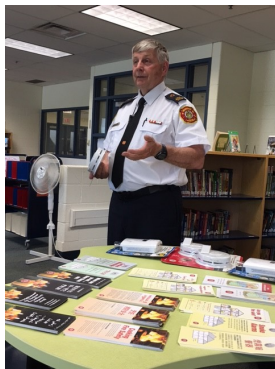
Please also check for any other materials that belong to the school - books, textbooks, classroom materials etc.- you may return these items to the library as well, Ms. Puddy will return them to the proper location in the school.

Remember to keep reading in the summer! Markham Public Libraries run many different reading programs throughout the summer, including free drop in programs and a reading buddy program.



Chai & Chat at Unionville Meadows P.S

Our final Chai & Chat was on May 18th on Personal and Home Fire Safety. Community Officer Blizzard shared valuable resources and safety tips. Many participants left with new fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.



Girls Group Updates



Our Grade 5 Girls Group is up and running. The girls are connecting with each other and learning about how to deal with stress, healthy friendships as well as work on a project as a group.

Knitting Club

Primary and Junior students in Grades 2-4 have been dedicating their time and have learned a variety of techniques in both finger knitting and looms. We are proud of their consistent effort and patience. We are pleased to announce that the final team project will be donated to a Markham charity. On behalf of both Ms. Lee and Ms. Juma we would like to thank the students for their consistent dedication and wish the students a fantastic summer!

Ms. Lee & Ms. Juma
Knitting Club Coordinators



Dance Club

On May 4th our Junior Dance Club did a phenomenal performance during our Spring Fling Concert.

Stay tuned for our upcoming dance performances for our Talent show in June from both the the Primary and Junior Dance Club! A special thanks goes out to Shaan S., Hayley T., Rachel L., Alexis K., Isabelle L., Elaine W., Mishal I., Dua K. and Jiin J. in Ms. Vogiatjis's class for their on going efforts in learning new dance choreography and having a positive attitude towards various genres of music. I would like to wish the students a safe and happy summer!

Ms. Juma
Primary & Junior Dance Club
Coordinator & Choreographer



Learning about mealworms

The Kindergarten students in Room 112 have been learning about the Mealworms! We have had a lot of fun investigating how they move, how their bodies are different than ours and we've even had Mealworm Races! We've been making predictions about their life cycle. Most of them have shed their skin and have turned into pupas. We can't wait to see what they will turn into next!

Mrs. Primrose, Mrs. Moore and the JK/SKs in Room 112



We are exploring the mealworms and making predictions as to what they will turn into. We noticed them burying themselves in the bran.



Enjoy from a variety of specials for the month of June!

OUR END OF YEAR LUNCH SPECIAL

Our sliders are back and better than ever!

You can choose from the following:

2 Beef sliders, Greek pasta salad & Pink lemonade

Homemade 100% mini beef burgers

or

2 Chicken sliders, Greek pasta salad & Pink lemonade

Homemade 100% mini chicken burgers

or

Veggie burger, Greek pasta salad & Pink lemonade



MONTHLY SPECIAL LUNCH

You asked for it and we brought it back!

Chicken Caesar Wrap

Crunchy chicken pieces wrapped in a whole wheat tortilla with crispy romaine lettuce in a creamy Caesar dressing.

or

Chicken Caesar Salad

Crunchy chicken pieces on a bed of crispy romaine lettuce. Creamy Caesar dressing served on the side. Gluten Friendly Option available.

Our monthly lunch specials are available as an entrée only or as a combo.



Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca

Orders are accepted online 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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June 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Day 3	2 PA Day	3
4	5 Day 4 FDK Chai & Chat at 1:30pm	6 Day 5 Area Track & Field at BCSS FDK Chai & Chat at 1:30pm	7 Day 1 Area Track & Field at BCSS (rain date)	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10
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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