



UNIONVILLE MEADOWS MESSENGER

June 24, 2016

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Message from the Principal's Desk

As the year draws to a close, we can look back at all the events that have taken place at Unionville Meadows P.S. Our students have demonstrated an outstanding amount of excellent character and have positively represented UMPS both in and out of the school on trips, sports events and community adventures. We are very proud of all our students for their hard work and dedication to their academics and learning skills while working to achieve personal goals set from term 1. The end of the year always brings with it many changes. Grade 8 students leave for high school and make way for a new group of junior kindergarten students. We wish the Grade 8 students well on their new adventures and we welcome all junior kindergarten students and their families as well as new families moving into the community.

There are a few additional staffing changes to note for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. We wish to say goodbye to Mrs. Goldberger who will be going to a new school, Johnny Lombardi PS. Ms. So will be leaving UMPS as she has taken a position in our Board as a consultant. Ms. Pappas is moving to Mount Joy PS and Ms. Den Broeder will be moving to a new school in September. We wish them well in their new endeavours and thank each of them for their contributions to Unionville Meadows community over the past many years. We would like to welcome, Ms. Wu to Unionville Meadows as our Music teacher and Ms. Surani as a primary teacher for September. We wish Ms. Phillips Shiner, Mrs. Doyle and Ms. Perry all the best as they welcome new members to their families in the coming months and look forward to hearing about the safe arrivals of their babies.

See you on Tuesday, September 6, 2016!

Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes & Tina Diavolitsis

September at a Glance

- 6th- First Day of school
- 26th-PA Day

***Congratulations to our Grade 8 Graduates
Best of Luck in Your Future Endeavours!***



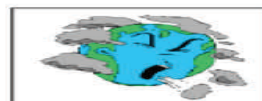
Superintendent: Dan Wu: 905-940-7800

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UMPS Eco School Year End Update

Hooray! We end the year on a high note as we have collected over 6175 milk bags from going to the landfill. Please try not to break the bag when taking out your milk as the damaged bags will have to be thrown in the garbage. We have made 9 adult size sleeping mats (4 by 2). Continue to save your milk bags when we start the program up again in September.

We are an Idle-Free school - Walk to school Wednesday



EXPOSURE - Children breathe faster than adults and inhale more air per pound of body weight. Exhaust fumes from idling contain many harmful gases that are bad for our health. Smog levels tend to be worse in the late afternoon, precisely when driving parents gather around the schoolyard. This glut of idling engines contributes to the bubble of smog that surrounds the school and into which rush excited and active children.

Help make our school a place where we can all breathe a little easier by walking to school EVERYDAY.

Our actions can have consequences to the earth. Here are some helpful things you can do:

DON'T	DO
waste electricity by leaving lights on when not in the room	turn off even when leaving for 5 minutes
bring food in plastic Ziploc bags	put food in re-usable containers
litter on the school ground as it causes animals to eat plastic bags and we have to do litter clean ups	put garbage in the correct bins to reduce waste on the ground
throw batteries in the garbage as the chemical leaks into the soil that grows crops	send them to the Hazardous Depot in Markham or bring them to school
use paper towels to clean a mess	use a cloth that can be used over and over again

Keep Thinking Green!



Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

PARENTS' Support Group

Our PCMH meetings help parents whose child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult.

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

When	Second Monday of every month NO pre-registration. Free childcare sign up parentengagement@kinark.on.ca Meetings run every month all year. Chapter leader email york@pcmh.ca	Second Tuesday of every month NO pre-registration Meetings run every month except August. Chapter leader email info@theyorkcentre.ca
Time	6:30-8:00pm	7:00- 9:00 pm
Where	Aurora Kinark Office at 24 Orchard Heights Blvd. Unit 101A, Aurora. (Entrance is at east side of grocery store) Free parking & very close to Yonge St for public transit.	The York Center at 11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill. Free parking.
Upcoming Guest Speakers (alternate months regular meeting no speakers)	<i>Monday, June 13th regular meeting</i> Monday, July 11 th ADHD Panel discussion <i>Monday August 8th regular meeting</i> Monday, Sept 12 th Psycho-educational assessments & IEPs <i>Monday, October 17th (note different week)</i> Monday, November 14 th How to advocate effectively	To be announced

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

Elementary International Languages Program 2016-2017

Please note the following information below regarding the International Languages programs starting in September.

- **First day of classes** begin the week of September 16th to 22th, 2016.
- **New student registration** (New registrants must submit a copy of the Birth Certificate) begins the week of September 9th to 15th 2016. Site locations, registration time and dates listed on Yellow Flyer
- **Pre-registered students** are to attend the first day of classes beginning the week of September 16th to 22th, 2016.



Are You Interested in Being a School Lunch Assistant?

If you are interested in becoming a school Lunch Assistant please inquire at the main office or call the school at 905-479-4795. A vulnerable Screening Check will be required if you are interested in this position.



June Special!

It's not too late to order the Special of the month! This month students can enjoy either:

Meat lasagna, Caesar salad & Pink lemonade, or
Vegetable lasagna, Caesar salad & Pink lemonade

Many more options are available on our regular menu. Visit us at www.kidskitchen.ca to place your orders today!

Summer is here!

As the school year wraps up we wish to thank all our customers for your business and support during this school year.

We will be serving hot lunches at various GTA day camps this summer. If your child will be attending a summer camp please check to see if our service is available. Enjoy your summer and leave the lunches to us.

We are working on some exciting new ideas for next school year. Stay tuned. Our new menus will be available on-line during the last week of August.

We wish all students, school staff and families a safe and enjoyable summer.

See you in September!

Simplify life. Leave the lunches to us.
905.944.0210 www.kidskitchen.ca

2016 Fun Pass Information

This summer, fun costs less.

Through the 2016 Fun Pass, Ontario has [18 popular attractions](#) across the province offering free admission for one child when they are accompanied by a paying adult or senior. Parents also save \$2 on a daily parking permit at selected [Ontario's provincial parks](#).

Learning doesn't stop when school ends. Your kids can learn and have fun during the summer months by visiting one of Ontario's attractions – from exploring a 200-year old shipwreck at Discovery Harbour in Penetanguishene to experiencing the world of science through interactive exhibits at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto.

Visit our website (Ontario.ca/funpass) for more information about the Fun Pass program and to download the e-Fun Pass coupons.

Then simply bring a coupon to any participating attraction. It's that easy.





SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day No School	6 Day 1 First Day of School	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10
11 Eid-ul-Adha	12 Day 5	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17
18	19 Day 5	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24
25	26 PA Day NO SCHOOL	27 Day 5	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	
		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).				