



# February 2018

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## **February at a glance**

- Feb 1 Community Drop In to learn about Edsby, School Cash Online, school website...etc. 11:30—12:20 / 2:00-2:45
- Feb 1 Gr.6 Girls group
- Feb 2 PA Day (No School)
- Feb 5-7 Dental Screening (Gr.K,2,4,6,8)
- Feb 7 Fire Dept visit Gr.2 at 9:30
- Feb 7 MADD presentation for Gr.7 & 8s
- Feb 8 School council meeting @ 6:30 in the Learning Commons
- Feb 9 Gr.6 Girls group
- Feb 13 Secret Life of Riley K (Gr.4-6)
- Feb 13 Gr.6 Girls group
- Feb 15 Report Card goes home
- Feb 16 Lunar New Year
- Feb 19 Family Day (No School)
- Feb 22 Dance Program (Gr.3/4-5)

## Unionville Meadows Messenger

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Unionville Meadows has been a busy place and will continue to be in the month of February! We have three community liaisons who will be joining the UMPS family. They will be working with students, staff, parents and grandparents in the community room to help provide a bridge between home and school. They speak Mandarin, Cantonese and English and they can help you communicate your needs to the school. They can also help you to understand the school perspective, programs and goals. They will be available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting on Feb 5, 2018 at the following times:

8:30—9:30, 11:30—12:30 and 2:00—3:00pm

Please come and meet them as they are also seeking input into how to make the community room purposeful. This is also a great opportunity for you to provide the school with any concerns and input and continue to make UMPS a better place to be for our kids and our community members.

On February 15th, your child(ren) will bring home their Term 1 Report Cards. Please take some time to read the Report Card with your child(ren). The Learning Skills section on page one of the Report Card is incredibly important and has a profound impact on your child's success at school and beyond. Please take some extra time to talk about these with your child(ren). Once you have read the Report Card and celebrated your child's successes set some goals for Term 2. Communication between home and school is something we value at Unionville Meadows so if you have any questions about the Report Card please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. They will be happy to speak to you.

***Alison Hall and Nancy Tsang***



## STUDENT ALLERGIES

Due to the severe allergy to peanuts / nuts and shellfish of several of our students, we are asking that NO peanuts / nut products or shellfish be brought into the school for snacks or lunches. As well, we have some students allergic to eggs. If you have received a letter indicating there is a specific allergy in your child's class to eggs, please refrain from sending that specific food item to school in your child's lunch. If you would like a list of nut free snack and lunch ideas please visit:

<http://snacksafely.com/>



Photo:

Top left to right - Ms. Risman, Ms. Love, Sarina, Frederick, Jeevesh, Benson, Mason, Ms. Palmateer Bottom left to right - Celina, Denna, Hena, Max, Megan, Furqan Missing from the photo- Tommy & Emily

Congratulations to the Junior Co-ed volleyball team on a great season!! With lots of new additions to the team, they worked hard, stayed focused and showed amazing teamwork. The coaches are very proud of you!



### Welcome to the Discovery Zone!

The Discovery Zone is now officially opened! This is a space in the school where students can come to learn a variety of social and wellness skills including how to make and be a friend, self-regulation, dealing with conflict, and having fun. It is available to all students to have a safe place to learn and grow into healthy happy individuals. Our Child and Youth Worker, Ms. Venugopal and Performance Plus Teacher, Mrs. Brown are available to support students in the Discover Zone (affectionately referred to as "The DZ").

We would like to celebrate this room with a student friendly, exciting logo design for the door/window of the room. If you have any contacts for helping us with signage for our new learning space, please contact the school office.

## Edsby Account Continues...

Please continue to sign up for an Edsby account as it is form of communication between school and home.

Parents / guardians who provided the school with their email will continue to be invited to set up an Edsby account.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

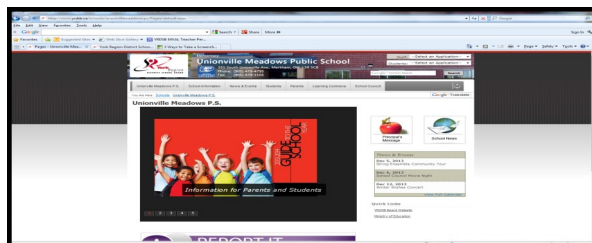


## @UMPSMarkham

Hear about special events, important days,  
and celebrations of learning!

**Also, check out our website:**

**<http://unionvillemeadows.ps.yrdsb.ca/>**



## Fundraise for UMPS at Indigo

Visit the following website to help fundraise for UMPS when you make a purchase from Indigo.

**<https://indigofundraising.flipgive.com/f/550468>**

The Indigo logo, featuring the word "Indigo" in a white, sans-serif font on a dark blue rectangular background.

## February 2018 – Trustee Greetings for School Newsletters

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### *Message From Our Trustee*

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.



### **School Cash Online**

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students.

Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time. There is also a button on our school website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.

# February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Day 3	2 Day 2	3 PA Day (No School)	
			4 Day 5	5 Day 4	6 Day 3	7 Day 2
			8 Day 7	9 Day 6	10 Day 5	11 Day 4
			12 Day 13	13 Day 12	14 Day 11	15 Day 10
			16 Day 17	17 Day 16	18 Day 15	19 Day 14
			20 Day 21	21 Day 20	22 Day 19	23 Day 18
			24 Day 25	25 Day 24	26 Day 23	27 Day 22
			28 Day 29	29 Day 28	30 Day 27	31 Day 26