



UNIONVILLE MEADOWS MESSENGER

January 2015

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JANUARY AT A GLANCE!

5- Welcome Back!

15- ARTS SERIES- Torq Percussion

Grades 3-8

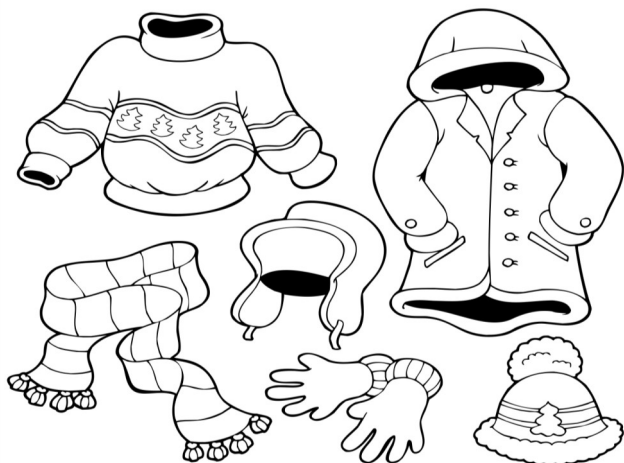
16- PA DAY - No School for Students

29- School Council Parent Engagement Evening - Shyamala Kiru "Train the Brain for Success" 6:30pm UMPS Library



Dressing for winter

Now that the colder temperatures have arrived please make sure your children come to school dressed for the weather. We monitor weather conditions daily and will keep students inside during severe weather. The rest of the time the students will play outside during morning and lunch recesses. It is helpful if you label these items so they can be returned if lost.



Message from the Principal's Desk

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a wonderful winter holiday!

December was a busy month at Unionville Meadows! Our students and school community proved once again this year just how generous they are with both the Food Drive and the Bag 2 School donations that came to the school. The Winter Wishes Concert highlighted the amazing music program that our students are lucky to be a part of. We think that everyone who attended the concert will agree that we have many very talented performers in our school.

January is traditionally a time to set goals and make resolutions. Take a few moments to talk to your child(ren) about what goals they will set for themselves both at school and at home in order to meet their goals and what steps they will need to take to achieve them.

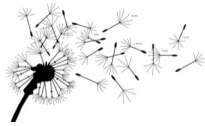
Earlier this year the School Council hosted an event where Shyamala Kiru did a presentation for our community. The parents and staff who came out that evening to listen to her left inspired and full of practical parenting ideas. She will be coming back to do another talk for our parent community on January 29th. The topic for this talk is "Training the Brain for Success". It promises to be equally empowering and interesting! We hope to see many of you at this event.

We can't wait to see what 2015 has in store for us at UMPS!

*Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes &
Marion Ahrens*

*"A goal without a plan
is just a wish."*

-Antoine de Saint-Exupry



Student Council Food Drive 2014

Students, staff and community members did an awesome job bringing in food for the food drive. In total, we have donated 1431 items to the Markham Food Bank. The following classes brought in the most number of items per student:

In the Primary division, with 165 items, Ms. Adatia's class. In the Junior division, with 135 items, Ms. Woo's class. In the Intermediate division, with 48 items, Mrs. Amin's class. These classes will be rewarded with a hot chocolate party.

Although only 3 classes can win a hot chocolate party, we should all feel like winners because we have given back to our community by helping families in need to have enough food to eat this holiday season.

GO MUSTANGS!

Written by: The Student Council



Please remember to send forks and spoons with your child(ren). We can not provide these on a daily basis. Thank you!



UMPS School Council Presents A Presentation for Parents:

Presenter:

Shyamala Kiru



Topic:

Training the Brain for Success!

January 29, 2015

6:30 pm

UMPS Library

Please join us!

Hand washing

Children share many items throughout the school day and at home including: books, puzzles, computers, water bottles and sports equipment. During the cold and flu season, sharing can spread germs that can cause sickness. Correct hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection.

To help keep the people in your home healthy, take these steps:

- Encourage children to sneeze into the bend of their arm rather than into their hands
- Make time for hand washing, especially before eating
- Always have soap, paper or hand towels within easy reach
 - Before eating, preparing food or visiting someone who is sick
 - After using the bathroom, blowing their nose, sneezing or coughing, handling garbage, touching animals, playing outdoors or visiting someone who is sick
 - When hands look or feel dirty



Together we can make the healthy choice the easy one!

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January

faire du patinage
to go skating

« On fait du patinage demain. »
"We're going skating tomorrow."

chocolat chaud
hot chocolate

« Veux-tu de chocolat chaud ? »
"Do you want some hot chocolate?"

nouvelle année
New Year

« Bonne nouvelle année ! »
"Happy New Year!"

anourak
winter coat

« J'ai besoin de mon anourak ! »
"I need my winter coat!"

Check out our Website!



Our new website is here and we are hoping to move towards being more environmentally friendly and sending less paper home. Please bookmark this website so you can check what is happening at Unionville Meadows PS!

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