



January 2018

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January at a glance

- Jan 15 Community Drop In to learn about Edsby, School Cash Online, school website...etc. 11:30—12:20 / 2:00-2:45
- Jan 19 PA Day (No School), Kindergarten Registration Begins
- Jan 22 S.W.A.G. Intermediate Student Conference (all day @UMPS)
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- Jan 25 Community Drop In to learn about Edsby, School Cash Online, school website...etc. 11:30—12:20 / 2:00-2:45
- Jan 30 Chai & Chat 1:30pm @ Learning Commons on Restorative Circles

Unionville Meadows Messenger

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy New Year to all of our families! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday filled with the love of family and friends. Thank you to all the families who came out to our Winter Wishes Concert in December. Our gym was filled to capacity for the evening with both sessions. Our staff and students worked very hard for the performance. As well, our Food Drive and Hats & Mitts Tree were a huge success and we are very proud of our staff and students who organized this initiative and our school community who donated generously. As we enter the New Year, we look forward to continued messages of peace and acts of goodwill.

As we approach the end of Term one, we remain committed to our learning goals for the year. We remind all parents of the importance of being involved in your children's school life and to support them in setting goals that are achievable and attainable. We look forward to working together on these goals in partnership over the next few months. Both teachers and the administration look forward to your continued support.

Alison Hall & Nancy Tsang



Welcome Back

Effective Monday, January 8, 2018, Ms. Wu will take over the responsibility as our Music teacher at UMPS. As you might already know, Ms. Wu is returning to Unionville Meadows after her maternity leave. As an experienced teacher, we know she will bring strong commitment and consistency to implement the Music program at UMPS.

We sincerely appreciate the flexibility, commitment and passion Ms. Chan brought to our school each day. We look forward to her return to Unionville Meadows as an occasional teacher and we wish her well in her career as an educator in our system.



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/>



From the H.A.T.

Hey! It's **H**ea**A**th **A**ct**T**ion **T**eam and this winter, try these cool activities with your family!

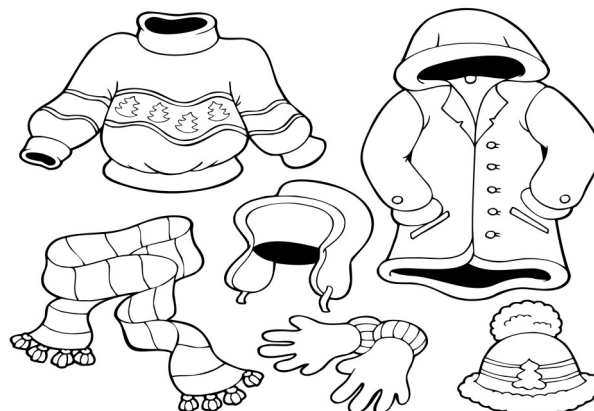
- ⇒ Go ice-skating with your friends!
- ⇒ Go sledding with your family (but be sure to sled on the side of the hill of South Unionville Ave *away* from the street)
- ⇒ Make a snowman (maybe have a contest to see who has the biggest snowman)
- ⇒ Build a snow fort
- ⇒ If you like fishing you can go ice fishing (but don't go on the pond!)
- ⇒ You could go on a winter hike
- ⇒ Go star gazing
- ⇒ Go snowshoeing

Try doing these things throughout the winter months!



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.

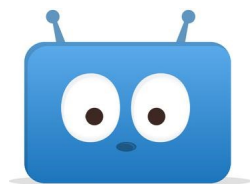


Edsby Account Continues...

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

Parents / guardians whom 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.

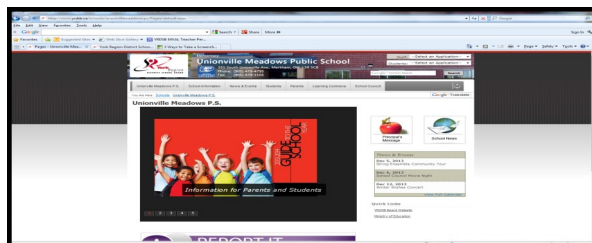


@UMPSMarkham

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.

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 19, 2018

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx> to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 19, 2018. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 19 and February 9, 2018. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 9, 2018. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Conversations

Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low income and class-based discrimination?

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

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| January 15 | Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7 |
| January 22 | Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0 |
| January 29 | Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4 |
| February 5 | Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5 |
| February 12 | Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5 |

All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Child-minding will be provided at all locations. *If you require child minding, please email Kristine with the number of children and their ages.*

For more information or transportation support needs, please contact:

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis

905-895-3126

k_carbis@hotmail.com



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-BLACK RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Consultations

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families

Agenda

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
 - Board
 - School
 - Community Engagement
- Report Back and Next Steps

Dates, times and locations

Thursday January 18, 2018

6:00pm – 9:30pm

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S3

(Refreshments will be provided)

Saturday January 27, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4







(Lunch will be provided)

Registration

Please register [online](#) by Friday January 12, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca.

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Winter Break, School starts on Monday, Jan 8, 2018						
7	8	Day 1 9	Day 2 10	Day 3 11	Day 4 12	Day 5 13
	Welcome Back! 					
14	15	Day 1 16	Day 2 17	Day 3 18	Day 4 19	20
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