



# UNIONVILLE MEADOWS MESSENGER

## March 2017

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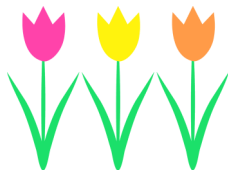
### MARCH AT A GLANCE!

- 2 Winter Activity Day for Gr.3-5
- 2 School Council Meeting at 6:30pm
- 3 Gr.3 at Black Creek Pioneer Village
- 7 Gr.8s / SSC / ELL / CC classes at ROM
- 8 Gr.1 at ROM
- 13-17 March Break
- 22 Rapunzel performance at school for Gr.4-6
- 30 Spirit Day (Twin Day)  
Jump to Math from 6:30pm

#### Save the dates:

May 23—June 1 EQAO (Gr.3 & Gr.6)

June 28—Gr. 8 Graduation



### Message from the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through the school year. By now, you have received your child's report card and have reviewed his/her strengths and next steps with them. If not, it is extremely important to do so and that there continues to be a strong relationship and communication between home and school. Should parents have any questions about their child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher. Staying informed as to how to help your children at home is a key component to academic success.

February was a very busy month once again with students being involved in a wide variety of activities. Our Gr.6-8 students enjoyed the Winter Activity Day with skiing / snowboarding, rock climbing and outdoor fun at school. Winter fun continues when our Health Action Team (HAT) hosted outdoor activities for students from JK-Gr.5/6. Scientist in School also visited our Gr.2/3 and Gr.5 classes. Gr.5 attended Community Safety village and all of our Kindergarten students watched a theatre performance "Pigmania" at the Markham Theatre.

In just another week, we will be heading off for a week of rest and relaxation before embarking on the final few months of this school year. When reflecting on the first half of the year, it seems that this is a very appropriate time to thank UMPS Staff for the hard work and dedication that they show on a daily basis at our school. Thanks, also, to the many Parent Volunteers who are in the school on a regular basis supporting students and teachers. The commitment of all staff and our parent community is a large part of what makes UMPS a special place to be!

Have a safe, restful and enjoyable March Break!

***Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes &  
Nancy Tsang***

### Planning for the 2017/2018 School Year

This is the time of year that we begin the planning process for the upcoming school year and determine how many classes we will have in each grade. If you are planning on moving out of our area before September 2017, please let the office know (in writing) as soon as possible. Please include the last day of attendance and the school your child (ren) will be attending.

Also, if you know of anyone moving into the Unionville Meadows area please also let the office know.

Our Kindergarten registrations continue. If you know of anyone in the neighborhood whose child was born in 2013, please remind them to come into the school as soon as possible to register their child for Junior Kindergarten.





## MUSTANG SPORTS UPDATE

### Intermediate Boys Basketball



The boys played in several home/away tournaments and everyone got in on the action all season long!

The boys went undefeated at their area round robin tournament and then faced some tough competition in the playoff round. The boys ended up losing in the quarter finals...they were two points away from making it to the semi finals game. This was one of the hardest working teams we've had at UMPS. Congrats on a great season of learning, success and fun! Thank you to Mr. Andonoff and Mr. Gulab for all their hard work and time and for developing the skills of such an awesome team!

### Intermediate Girls Basketball

The girls carried on tradition this year, cementing Unionville Meadows Girls Basketball as a force in York Region. The girls continued to elevate their game this season by playing against the best teams in all of York Region. Their defense was smothering and intense. They made pretty passing plays that made their coaches smile. They blew past season lay-up drill records apart. They came together as a team and encouraged each other each and every game. All 16 girls made important contributions throughout the season. They played an intense schedule that included 25 games. They took home pennants as champions of Wilclay and David Suzuki tournaments. The beat long time rival Ashton Meadows PS. The girls finished the season with a record of 20-5 and finished second place in our YRDSB Area Tournament. It was a resounding success. For many of the girls, it was the first time they didn't take home Area Championships in 4 years, as they were Junior Champs in 2014 and 2015 and Intermediate Champs in 2016. As coaches, we are equally impressed with their season this year. They show class when winning or losing. We continue to get compliments from opposing coaches not simply on their basketball but on how they carry themselves. They understand that on the court, the goal is to win, but after the whistle there are so many other benefits to the process that transfer to other areas in life. Goal setting, friendship, dedication, grace, discipline, resilience to name a few. Thank you for the hard work and early mornings. Thank you for your laughter and late nights. You inspire us and we will remember these seasons forever.

Thank you to Ms. Hussain, Mr. Irvine and Mr. McDonnell for their tremendous coaching skills, time and effort!

Please DO NOT send any food items to school to celebrate your child's birthday or other holidays. Unionville Meadows is a Healthy School and we do have students who are allergic to certain food items. Thank you for your understanding.

请不要带任何食物到学校为任何生日庆祝活动, 我们学校是一所健康学校和有食物过敏的学生, 希望家长理解.



## Kindness Month

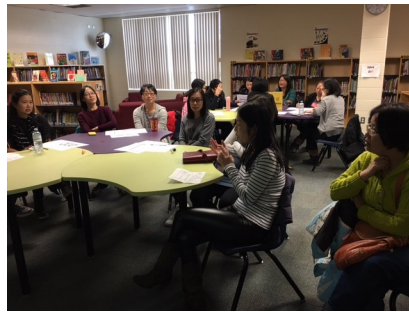
Staff and students are working on a Kindness Challenge in the month of March. We wanted to extend our kindness within our school, at home and to our community. Challenge yourself and show your kindness!





## Chai & Chat

On Tuesday, Feb 21, 2017, our P+ teacher, Ms. Brown and CYW, Ms. Venugopal hosted a Chai & Chat session on “*My child is out of control*” - *How to help kids manage their emotions*. It was a great turn out. With the help of our translators, parents were asking questions and also sharing their experiences. This was a great way for parents to network and support each other while working with staff at our school.



## 8 Practical Ways to Conquer Your Child's Math Anxiety

### 1 Be involved

Student success in school has been shown to increase if their parents are positively involved in their education.



### 2 Encourage a growth mindset

Studies have shown that effort trumps ability when it comes to learning math, so set high expectations when encouraging your child.



### 3 Be positive about math

A parent's perception of mathematics influences not only their child's feelings about math but also their child's achievement in mathematics.



### 4 Overcome gender stereotypes

Foster math confidence regardless of the gender of your child by highlighting achievements made by both male and female scientists.



### 8 Make math relevant to real life

Highlight ways in which you and your family use math in everyday life and discuss how good math skills will open the doors to a larger choice of career options.



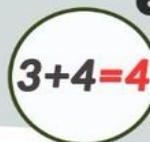
### 7 Take baby steps

Support new topics by slowly building from the topics your child already understands. Use gradual, repeated success to build math confidence in your child.



### 6 Allow mistakes

Focus on the concepts rather than the right answer, since making (and correcting) mistakes is an essential part of math learning.



$$3+4=4$$

### 5 Learn the basics

Rote learning is essential to mathematics performance as many higher level concepts build on the memorization and repetition of the basic math facts.



## MARCH FEATURES

March is here and so are our special lunches!

Does your child enjoy meatballs? We have a treat for them!

This March is "meatball mania month" at Kid's Kitchen! Check out our features for this month below.

**Spaghetti with Beef Meatballs**

**or**

**Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce**

**or**

**Spaghetti with Halal Beef Meatballs**

**or**

**Spaghetti with Veg (Soy) Meatballs**

**OR**



**Meatball sub on a whole wheat bun**

\*Available with veg and halal options as well!



Available as an entrée or as a combo.

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## Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca)

Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).

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**Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!**



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# March 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Day 5	2 Day 1 Winter Activity Day for Gr.3-5 School Council Meeting@6:30pm	3 Day 2 Gr.3 at Black Creek Pioneer Village	4
5	6 Day 3	7 Day 4 Gr. 8s / SSC/ ELL / CC classes at ROM	8 Day 5 Gr. 2 at ROM	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
March Break						
19	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Rapunzel Performance for Gr.4-6 at School	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	27
28	29 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 1 Spirit Day – Twin Day Jump to Math at 6:30pm	31 Day 2	

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*



With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

“Modelling continuous environmental sustainability” is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees’ Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child’s learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.