



UNIONVILLE MEADOWS MESSENGER September 2014

Principal - Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes

Vice Principal - Marion Ahrens

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SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE!

1—Labour Day (holiday)
2—First day of school
16—Glenn Marais performance Grade 3-8
22—Professional Training Day (no school for students)
24—Picture Day
25 & 26—Rosh Hashanah

SAVE THE DATE!

October 2nd, 2014
Curriculum / Meet the Teacher Night

Daily Schedule

Entry 8:25
Block 1 :8:30 - 10:10
RECESS 10:10 - 10:40
Block 2: 10:40- 12:20
LUNCH 12:20 - 1:20
Block 3: 1:20 - 3:00
Dismissal 3:00



Reporting an Absence from School

From time to time your child may need to miss school due to illness or an appointment, etc. You must call the school to report the absence. You can do this anytime as the answering machine is available 24 hours a day. Please phone **905-479-4795** and leave a message on the answering machine with the following information:
-your child's first and last name
-spell the name
-grade and teacher's name
-reason for absence

Message from the Principal's Desk

The beginning of a new school year is always such an exciting time. We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is ready for a fresh start! We would like to welcome all of our families back to Unionville Meadows. A special welcome to all of our new families. You will soon see why UMPS is such a special place!

Our entire staff work hard to create positive and welcoming learning environments and provide our students with the best possible education. A lot of work has gone into preparing the school and classrooms to welcome your child(ren) on the first day. We would like to thank our amazing caretaking staff, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Dimtses, Mr. Horvath and Mr. Elliott, who worked tirelessly all summer to prepare the school which was also a host for Summer Institute and the Building Blocks for Kindergarten program. They cleaned the inside of the school. Moved furniture, and took care of the grounds. Our amazing office staff, Mrs. Sipidias and Mrs. Shiva, also worked incredibly hard to make sure that the school was ready for today! We are so lucky to have such dedicated and hard working secretaries who always go above and beyond for the teachers and students in our school and do it all with the big smiles we all love so much! Our staff are committed to creating welcoming spaces for their learners and prepare meaningful lessons. Many teachers participated in professional development courses, workshops, and did professional reading and cannot wait to implement all of the wonderful things they learned.

September is also the time to start building a relationship with your child's teacher. We hope you are all able to make it out to the Meet the Teacher Night on October 2nd which will be a great opportunity to not only meet the teacher, but also get valuable information about the upcoming school year.

We can't wait to see what excitement this year brings!

*Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes &
Marion Ahrens*



PIANO LESSONS CONTINUE AT UNIONVILLE MEADOWS



Ms. Lukie will again proudly be offering piano class lessons at **Unionville Meadows**. The **\$8.50 weekly 1 hour** classes will instruct your children in reading and writing music, ear and rhythm training along with playing the piano.

By grouping the children in small classes at Unionville Meadows **after school on Mondays** it's possible to provide **top quality low cost** music instruction in a friendly, happy atmosphere. Lessons for Gr.1 to Gr.8 are for beginner and advanced. There are four terms of lessons with report cards, exams and a recital in June. A free piano app for home practice is available online. A piano/keyboard is not needed to start.


Leave a clear message anytime at: **905-513-0346** to register.

Get in depth info:
www.howmars.com
username: lukie
password: piano teacher




Email: e.lukie@gmail.com

Forms to be Returned



Unionville Meadows Public School

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Fax: 905-479-1105
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website: www.yrdsb.ca/schools/unionvillemeadowsps



School Start-Up Package
2014-2015

A number of important forms have been included in the package that went home with students on the first day of school. Please take the time to read this material carefully and to return the forms that require a signature to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Monday, September 8th.

Thank you for your prompt attention!

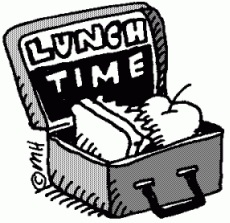
Please remember to send forks and spoons with your child(ren). We can not provide these on a daily basis.



Also please remember to label your child's lunch container and any clothing they may take off during the course of the day. This way you will be sure to get it back at the end of the day!



School Lunch and Yard Assistants



If you are interested in becoming a School Assistant to supervise at lunch time (1 hour per day), please submit your name to the office.

Kiss and Ride and Parking Lot Expectations

We believe strongly that UMPS students benefit from walking to and from school! However, for those parents/guardians who choose to drive their children to school, we would like to remind you of the procedures to follow at the beginning and end of the day to ensure everyone's safety.

Front Loop:

Safety pylons will be placed in the two left lanes so that only one lane is operable. When you enter into the loop, drive up along the inside curb lane as far up as the car in front of you. We expect a single file line with no passing. Please drive all the way to the east end of the kiss and ride loop. All students must exit from the passenger side of the car, directly beside the curb. No one shall let their child(ren) out of the car from the middle lane or the driver's side of the car, where they would need to cut in between cars. Your child(ren) will be directed to go to the playground and /or their proper entry door. No one shall enter the main doors. Please continue, by signaling, checking your blind spot and proceeding into the exit lane once the drop off has been made. Please do not get out of the car.

Parking Lot Entry: For Kindergarten Parents Only

Drivers will enter the parking lot and continue along the sidewalk area, close to the Kindergarten playgrounds to drop off their children. Children will get out of the car on the passenger side (Like a Kiss'n'Ride) at the Kindergarten area and staff will direct them to their kindergarten yard. Please continue, by signaling, checking your blind spot and proceeding into the exit lane once the drop off has been made. Please do not get out of the car. When entering the parking lot to pick up kindergarten students, please do not block our handicap parking spots. Parking in the middle of the parking lot in the aisle also makes it difficult for cars to enter and exit the parking lot safely. The school bus and school transportation vans also enter to drop off /pick up students at the Kindergarten area. These vehicles have priority for entering and exiting. Please respect their "right of way".

With the construction beside the school on South Unionville Avenue please be extra careful as you enter and exit the parking lot and drive or walk down the street.



Visitors in the School

We welcome families and volunteers at Unionville Meadows Public School.

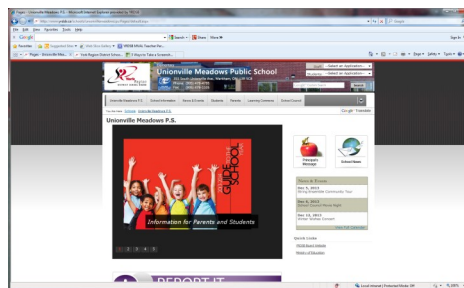


To ensure the safety of students, families and visitors are asked to use the main entrance and report to the office at all times. You will be asked to sign in and wear a visitor or volunteer badge if you are visiting the school for any reason (volunteering, appointments with teachers, etc.).

We also remind parents to drop off their children before entering the school yard or playground. For the safety of all of our students, the only adults permitted on the UMPS playground are UMPS staff and lunch assistants. Supervision in the yard begins at 8:15.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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/>



