



# UNIONVILLE MEADOWS MESSENGER

## April 2015

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### APRIL AT A GLANCE!

- 3- Good Friday - No School
- 6- Easter Monday - No School
- 8- Mindfulness Workshops Grade 6-8
- 9- OSA String Festival  
School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm UMPS Library
- 22- Spirit Day: Earth Day  
ARTS Series - Alan Shain: Still Waiting for that Special  
Bus Gr 6-8
- 24- Grade 7 Hep B Shots  
Grade 8 HPV Shots  
Together We're Better Conference
- 30- Junior Girls' Area Basketball Tournament



### Message from the Principal's Desk

Creating places of learning that are safe and inclusive is a goal we all share at Unionville Meadows Public School. In March the Healthy and Effective School Committee organized an incredible learning experience for all Grade 6-8 students. The committee in partnership with the York Region Police planned a day of interactive workshops that focused on positive behaviour and making positive choices. Each grade participated in a 100 minute sessions. Each session started with a whole group presentation run by Officer Jen, our school's Community Police Officer, followed by small group sessions each consisting of a police officer and teacher facilitators who took students through different scenarios. The small group discussions gave students an opportunity to speak, hear what their peers and teachers had to say as well as the police perspective. One of the key messages that came out of the sessions, which is having a great impact in our school, is the message to "do something" rather than be an idle bystander.

On March 24th- 26th we also had GROW Interactive come back to Unionville Meadows. GROW is a Character Building and Bullying Prevention program. Every class in the school had the opportunity to participate in one of the interactive sessions. Students loved the fun activities and also learned a lot about personal growth and responsibility. We are so proud of the amazing behaviour and enthusiasm our students displayed during these presentations! Students were engaged in lots of team building activities and heard many important messages.

*Leeanne Hughes-Fernandes &  
Marion Ahrens*

### SAVE THE DATE!

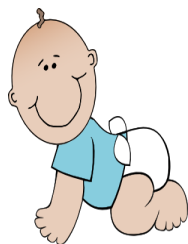


Grade 6 EQAO May 26, 27 & 28  
Grade 3 EQAO May 29, June 1 & June 2



Grade 8 Graduation, Monday, June 22nd  
at 7 p.m.

### Baby News!!!



Congratulations to Ms. Liao on the safe arrival of her baby girl, Alyssa Lauren Yee on March 7th. Big brother Joshua, mom, dad and baby are all enjoying getting to know each other. We wish them the very best during this special time!

## Intermediate Girls' Basketball Update

Congratulations to the intermediate girls basketball team on an amazing season. After capturing the area championship the girls competed at the regional championship and finished in 4th place! Their hard work, determination and teamwork lead them to have a record setting season! Congratulations team, we are all extremely proud of your accomplishments!

A special thank you to the coaches, Mrs. Hussain and Mr. Irvine for their dedication and hard work.

Congratulations Paige A., Annitha K., Wendy L., Sandy Y., Alisha S., Vanessa W., Aranee B., Rubaina S., Rachel D., Ariel T., Emily I., Nicole H., Sophie G., Tracey W. and Paris A..



## Keeping Your Child Safe in the Car

To be safely protected in a vehicle, children must be properly secured in a child car seat, booster seat or seatbelt, depending on their height, weight and/or age. As a driver, you are responsible for ensuring that all passengers under 16 years of age are properly buckled into a seatbelt, child car seat or booster seat. The fine for not using a child car seat or booster seat as required by law is up to \$1,000 plus two demerit points on conviction. In Ontario, all drivers are required to use proper child car seats and booster seats when transporting young children.

Children **12 and under should always be in the back seat.** Most cars have front seat air bags, and these can hurt small children if the bags inflate during a crash or sudden stop. The safest place in the car for children is always in the back seat.

For more information please visit: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/driver/handbook/section2.1.8.shtml>



# It's Our World

A Poem

It's not fair when people "accidentally" spill oil on  
the Pacific Ocean,

that makes people work in motion  
or when people throw and dump garbage litter  
which makes Mother Earth environment bitter.

There are countries with child labourers  
and geez-people just give hundreds of favours!

But along with the famine, thirst, and hunger,  
no one will think that food will conquer.

Global Warming to Habitat Destruction,  
all it needs to have a bit of a construction.

Do you think our world is going to be like this for-  
ever and ever?

Well, then don't a *whatever, because it's never going to end-ever and ever!*

So, take chances, make mistakes, show your action  
because you and I are going to change our caption,

"Let's change our world  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a fraction!"

So, come along with me to change our world, boo to  
whee...

by Joanne L. Gr. 7-8 Irvine

## Conserving Energy Tip

There are all sorts of ways to conserve energy. But, as we save and conserve, we are also wasting a lot of energy. Like, for example, instead of properly shutting down your laptop, you put it to sleep. Putting it to sleep doesn't seem like it's going to waste a lot of energy, but it does. Especially if you are going to leave it to sleep for a few hours or so. By shutting down your laptop, you could save a lot of energy. This is only one example of wasting energy, there are many more ways to conserve energy and it will always be best if you try your best to conserve energy in all sorts of ways.

**KEEP THINKING GREEN!!**

By: Alena L. Gr.6J



Celebrate the arrival of spring with our

## Spring Special Lunch

Including

Chicken parmesan with pasta  
& a Strawberry shortcake cup

Order for any day we service your school between April 7 - 30!

Place your order on-line at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca)

Orders must be placed by 10am the previous business day.

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## 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/>

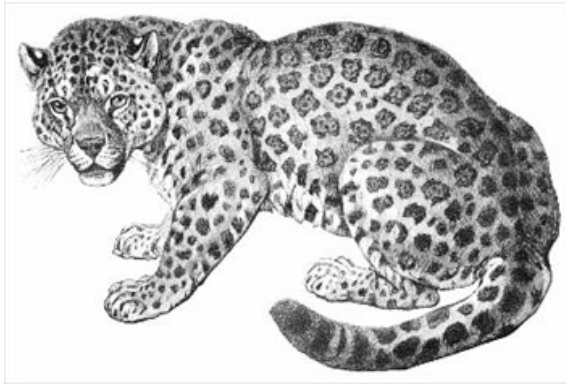
# Poetry

Students in Ms. Love's Grade 3 class have been learning about poetry. Here are some examples of the work they created.

Two poems by Sum-Yan N., Grade 3:

(haiku)

Snow falls on the ground,  
As heaven cries frozen tears,  
All through the winter.



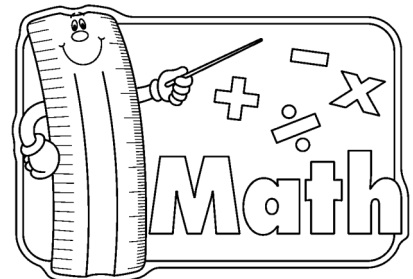
(acrostic)

Jetting across the Amazon  
Antagonist and hunter  
Greedy munching away at prey  
Unruly in many ways  
Aerodynamic shape  
Running at high speeds  
Success is found after learning mat

Acrostic poem by Jeevesh B., Grade 3:

## Math

**M**ean, median, and mode are all about math  
**A**mazing thing to help you practice  
**T**eaches you about numbers  
**H**elps people out with a lot of things  
**E**ngineering is a job you do after knowing math  
**M**akes you think a lot  
**A**dding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing are ways to solve problems  
**T**here are many different things you can learn  
**I**t does not matter what age you are to do math  
**C**hecking your work is found most often





## Hair Donation



On March 27, Kristy S., had her friend Jennah K. and her teacher Ms. Patel, cut off 10 inches of her hair at the Healthy Schools assembly. She has donated her hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, an organization that provides children who have medically-related hair loss with free hair replacements. The Mustangs commend Kristy for this wonderful act of kindness!

## Unionville Meadows Public School

Presents

# The **REAL** Story of Little Red Riding Hood

Book by Judy Wolfman  
Music and Lyrics by David Reiser

With performances by the  
7-8 String Ensemble,  
Junior Choir, and Kindergarten classes

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
7 pm

Unionville Meadows Public School Gymnasium

## Planning for the 2015/2016 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 2015, 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.



## Kindergarten! ... here I come!



Our Kindergarten registrations continue. If you know of anyone in the neighbourhood whose child was born in 2011, please remind them to come into the school as soon as possible to register their child for Junior Kindergarten.

## DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

### INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2015-2016

#### Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

**So what are you waiting for Grade 8's?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a Level 1 YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 13 languages at 4 high schools.**

#### Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLE-FIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLE A.S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD			Saturday	
GREEK	LBG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS OF CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave. <i>South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.</i>	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St. <i>East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road</i>	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. <i>South of Highway #7</i>	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd. <i>Warden Ave. &amp; Highway #7</i>	September 22, 2015 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm

**Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions

Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval

# Green Team Update

## Milk Bag Project

Since starting the milk bag project last year in November, our school has diverted over 4,000 milk bags from the landfill site and made a total of 7 sleeping mats. We presented our completed mats to Jennifer Wong and Jessica Yau from the City of Markham Sustainability Office during our Healthy School's assembly, where they will be giving them to an organization that helps support disaster-relief countries like Haiti. Keep Thinking GREEN!

**As a reminder:** When you open a new bag of milk, instead of throwing out the bag, you can wash it and bring it in to school where the green team will upcycle the original product. This way, we are reducing the amount of waste going to the landfills and we are also doing our best to help those in need of support by sending weaved mats made of milk bags to them. These weaved mats are used world-wide in emergency zones that may not be able to get the supplies they need. Once the milk bags are collected, they will be made into a mat through a process of cutting, fitting the milk bags onto wooden looms (made by Unionville High School), and weaving. These mats are very durable and can be used as many things such as sleeping mats or surgical mats. To help support this project, remember to keep sending in your milk bags, as we have not yet exceeded the amount we received last year. Also, we are continuously checking the bins in every classroom to make sure that the waste is thrown into the correct place. Keep thinking green!



By Sharon, 8T



## April 22 is Earth Day!

Are you wondering why we are not having the "Spring" like weather that we are all hoping for? Why do the temperatures keep changing? Although Earth Day is for **ONE** day, we should be thinking about this **EVERY DAY** because the choices that we make and the things that we do, are affecting our climate. Here are some things that you can do to **HELP** with climate change.

### AT HOME

- \* turn off lights and electronics when you are not using them to have less air pollution
- \* plant a tree helps clean the air
- \* throw waste in the proper bins to have less garbage in the landfill site
- \* have your child(ren) walk to school rather than getting a ride in a car

### IN THE COMMUNITY

- \* don't let your car keep running as that pollutes the air we breathe
- \* use environmentally-friendly cleaners when washing your car





The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

### Weekly Sessions July 6, 2015 to August 14, 2015

Programs are offered at [locations](#) in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with extended YMCA before and aftercare programs available at all locations [YMCA Before and Aftercare Registration](#)

<a href="#">Aldergrove S.I.</a>	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
<a href="#">Armada S.I.</a>	11 Coppard Ave., Markham
<a href="#">Crosby Heights S.I.</a>	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill
<a href="#">Discovery S.I.</a>	120 Discovery Trail, Maple
<a href="#">Lakeside S.I.</a>	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick
<a href="#">Lake Wilcox S.I.</a>	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill
<a href="#">Maple Leaf S.I.</a> (formally Prince Charles P.S.)	155 Longford Dr., Newmarket
<a href="#">Milliken Mills S.I.</a>	289 Risebrough Circuit, Unionville
<a href="#">Oscar Peterson S.I.</a>	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville
<a href="#">Sixteenth Avenue S.I.</a>	400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill
<a href="#">Unionville Meadows S.I.</a>	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham
<a href="#">Woodbridge S.I.</a>	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

For additional information please email [performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca](mailto:performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca) or call 905-884-2046 ext. 241.



## After School - time to get active!

Children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily to live healthier, happier lives, yet many only spend 14 minutes doing heart pumping activities after school. Most children spend their after school time sitting playing video or computer games, watching television or reading.

Tips to get your kids active after school:

- Get outside with your kids
- Use active modes of travel such as walking and cycling as much as possible
- Restrict television viewing and video/computer games during the after school period
- Encourage your child to participate in sports or intramural activities after school
- Investigate the availability of programs at your local Parks and Recreation Department
- Help your child find activities that they enjoy and best suit their abilities



For more information visit [www.york.ca/healthyschools](http://www.york.ca/healthyschools)



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