



November 2017

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Unionville Meadows Messenger

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

November has arrived and we have much to look forward to as we move into our third month of school. Although the teachers and students focus most of their time on academics, we also recognize the importance of our learning skills as well as the physical and social/emotional well being of our students. At UMPS, our staff is very intentional around promoting an awareness around health and well-being in a variety of ways. Our healthy snack program is up and running alongside to our new open entry routine in the morning. This supports student self-regulations as they are entering the building in a calm manner to begin their day. Teachers, students and parents/guardians need to work together to set goals to develop all of the learning skills, work habits and healthy living goals in order to set the foundation for academic success.

Parents and school will be setting up parent teacher interview or student led conferencing time using our online tool Edsby. We are very excited to be launching this tool and we look forward to seeing parents and students coming to school on Nov 23rd or 24th to share learning and next step with teachers.

We look forward in the months ahead as we continue to work in partnership to many new learning and experience.

Alison Hall & Nancy Tsang

BOOK FAIR

Nov 20—24th

Opens until 3:45 daily and closes at
12:00pm on Nov 24th



November at a glance

- 1 Gr.8s at Markville SS
- 2 Gr.2s at Milne (both 1 / 2s & Ms. De las Alas)
Fire Dept. visits Gr.1 at 9:30am
Student Gov't at Ring of Peace Conference
Picture Day order due
- 3 Gr.2 at Milne (Adatia & Vogiatjis)
Parent register on Edsby
- 6 Gr.4 at Milne (Love)
- 7 Gr.4 at Milne (4/5 and 3/4)
Reading Rangers begins for Gr.1 at 3:00—3:40pm
- 8 Gr.7 at Milne (Amin & Yip)
- 9 Gr.7 at Milne (Wallace)
- 10 Remembrance Day
Assembly at 10:30am
- 13 McMichael Art2Go for Ms. Lee's Gr.6 class
- 15 Big Kid Performance K-3 at 1:30pm
- 16 School Council at 6:30pm
- 17 Picture Retake Day
- 20 McMichael Art2Go for Ms. Woo's Gr.6 class
- 22 Amazing Youth begins from 3-5pm for Gr.6-8
Report Card goes home
- 23 Parent teacher interview 3:30—8:30pm
- 24 PA Day (No School)
Parent teacher interview 8:30—11:30am
- 30 P/J/I ELL and SSC students and CC are at ROM

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/>



CROSS COUNTRY

We had a very successful Cross Country season this fall. Congratulations to all of our runners! Seven of our cross country runners qualified for the Regional Meet: Kathleen, Greg, Trent, Annie, Nichole, Flora and Bonnie. A special thank you to the cross country coaches, Ms. Clarke and Ms. Love for your work over the season.



MUSTANG BOWL

We had another year of great success as our Gr.4-8 participated in our annual Mustang Bowl. The two teams had a great time playing against each other and the Gr.4-6 enjoyed hot chocolate while watching the game. Thanks to Mr. Andonoff, Ms. Xie and Ms. Caplan in organizing the event. In addition, thanks to all the parents and school council members in making the hot chocolate sale another success! Go Mustang Go!!



REMINDERS

Please send forks and spoons with your child(ren). We will not provide these at the office.



BABY NEWS

Ms. Mohammed welcomed her son, Aaron Karim Kasim, 6lb 3oz. Aaron was born on October 4th, 2017. Both mother and baby are doing well.



Please label your child(ren)'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!



GR.8s AT PINE CREST

Our Gr.8 students attended a leadership camp over three days at Camp Pine Crest. They had an amazing time and the weather was awesome. Students participated in a variety of outdoor activities while building and developing their leadership skills. This is definitely a memorable trip as they complete their last year at UMPS.

A special thank you goes to Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Ng, Mr. Yip, Ms. Hussain and Ms. Xie for all the preparation for the trip.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first School Council meeting was held on October 5th. We saw many new faces and we have new members taking on school council roles! It's truly going to be an exciting year!

We welcome ALL PARENTS to join our meeting. Every council meeting has NEW ideas so just because you missed the first or second meeting, we'd be thrilled to see you at our third, fourth or fifth. We offer FREE BABY SITTING at all meetings, so come and share your ideas with us.

Our next meeting is November 16th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons.

2017-2018 School Council Members

Chair	Amanda G.
Secretary	Tamika P.
Treasurer	Anim M. & Deependra S.
Parent Engagement	Mia X., Saira K, Yang J.
Grants	Saira K. & Effie A.
Fundraising	Naline A. & Emily Z.



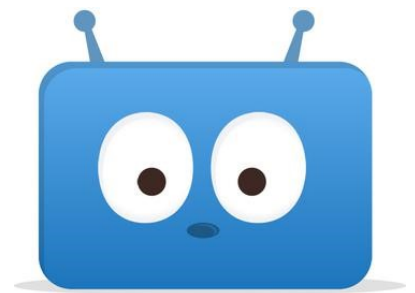
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW / STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

On November 24th and 25th, 2016, teachers will be offering Parent Teacher Interview / Student Led Conference to discuss your child(ren)'s progress report. This is an opportunity for teachers, students and parents to celebrate all the learning successes and to plan for next steps.

Parents / guardians will receive an invitation email asking you to join Edsby.

Families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Student Led Conferences. **Only families who create an Edsby account prior to the schedule being opened (on DATE) will have access.** For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <http://bit.ly/edsbyparents>.

You will receive an email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. If you do not see the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

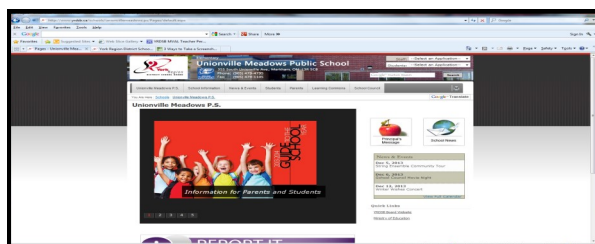


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Hear about special events, important days,
and celebrations of learning!

Also, check out our website:

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



We are in urgent need of individuals who can read/speak/write the following languages to be our translators for the school board:

- Arabic
- Cambodian
- Dari
- Hebrew
- Hungarian
- Macedonian
- Turkish
- Vietnamese
- Chinese (Mandarin / Cantonese)



The Training Session will be held on
Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 5:00 –
7:00 p.m. at Bayview Secondary School,
10077 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill.

Please Register at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/PKa5ierPzzxTJhJo3>



From the desk of Ms. Phillips-Shiner

The Learning Commons has been a busy place so far this school year! In case you don't know, a Learning Commons is more than just a library. It is still a place for people to find books and sign them out to take home, but it is so much more! A Learning Commons is a library and a classroom all rolled into one where teachers, students, and the community can come together to learn, explore, read, investigate and collaborate. It is a place where students can access technology, learn valuable collaboration skills through games, design and create in our MakerSpace, chill out and read something, and meet with others to complete a task. As we continue on this year, my goal is to continue to equip the Learning Commons with materials that will allow students to feel comfortable in the space and willing to learn.

One way we can do this is through our SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR! The book fair is coming to UMPS November 20th – 24th. **Our goal is to sell \$6000 worth of books and products.** This would result in us earning over \$3000 that can be used to purchase new books and materials for our Learning Commons and MakerSpace! The Fair will be open during Monday to Thursday during the school day and Friday morning. There will be extended hours on Thursday November 23rd during our Parent-Teacher Interviews. Come in and enter our draw to **win** \$25 in books for you and \$25 in books for your child's class!

Click the Scholastic link below to see some of the great titles featured at this year's fair!



IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Scholastic Book Fair

- November 20 – 24
- Open daily 8 am – 3:45 pm
- Open Thursday until 8pm
- VOLUNTEERS welcome! Come speak to Ms. Phillips-Shiner if you can help out.
- The more books money we raise, the more great stuff we can buy for our school!

Check out our Learning Commons collection on our website by clicking this link

https://yrdsb.ent.sirsidynix.net/client/en_US/E449

Did you know we have e-books? Each student can log in to Overdrive using their computer login number. Try it out using the link below.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT UMPS

Amazing YOUTh



Amazing YOUTh is a four-week program for selected grade 6 to 8 students on how to deal with the pressures they may be facing as pre-teens and strategies on how to deal with them. They will also develop self-regulation and leadership skills that they can use in the classroom and day-to-day lives. This after-school program is facilitated by the Hong Fook Mental Health Organization and will start on November 22nd from 3 to 5 p.m. Due to limited enrolment, selected students will be invited to participate in this program with the hope that it will be available again in the new year. If you have any questions, please contact the Performance Plus Team through the school office.

Reading Rangers

Come read with your child! Reading Rangers is a four-week after-school program for selected Grade 1 students that will provide parents/caregivers strategies to help their child(ren) improve and enjoy reading. They will then have the opportunity to try the strategies by reading with and to their child(ren). This provides the time for busy families to spend time together and learn with and from each other! There will be a snack available each week! Parents/grandparents/caregivers being able to speak or read English is not required to participate in this program. Translation will be provided. The program will start on November 7th from 3:00 to 3:40 p.m.










CHAI AND CHAT

Our first Chai and Chat was a huge success as we had over 30 parents joined us. This was our initial Chai and Chat and we focused in providing an opportunity for parents to network with each other as well as to seek their input in regards to the usage of the community room. Parents had time to share their thoughts and how they can contribute to the room. We are very excited to continue building the relationship with our parent community through other Chai and Chats to come.



November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 (Day 4)	2 (Day 5)	3 (Day 1)	4
			Gr.8s at Markville SS	Gr.2 at Milne Fire Dept. visit Gr.1s Ring of Peace Picture Order Due	Gr.2 at Milne Register for Edsby 	
5	6 (Day 2)	7 (Day 3)	8 (Day 4)	9 (Day 5)	10 (Day 1)	11
	Gr.4 at Milne 	Gr.4 at Milne Reading Rangers begins for Gr.1s	Gr.7 at Milne	Gr.7 at Milne	Remembrance Day Assembly 	
12	13 (Day 2)	14 (Day 3)	15 (Day 4)	16 (Day 5)	17 (Day 1)	18
	Art2Go for Gr.6 (Lee's) 		Bid Kid Performance for K-3 at 1:30pm	School Council at 6:30pm	Picture Retake Day 	
19	20 (Day 2)	21 (Day 3)	22 (Day 4)	23 (Day 5)	24	25
	Art2Go for Gr.6 (Woo's) Book Fair 	Book Fair	Amazing Youth begins from 3-5pm Report card goes home Book Fair	Parent Teacher Interview Book Fair	PA Day Parent Teacher Interview Book Fair until 12:00pm	
26	27 (Day 1)	28 (Day 2)	29 (Day 3)	30 (Day 4)		
				P/J/I ELL, SSC and CC classes at ROM		