

UGDSB TOGETHER

Monthly communications updates from the Upper Grand DSB

Where to get inclement weather updates

A reminder to all UGDSB families to review the school board's and our transportation partner's Inclement Weather Procedures.

Did you know that you can get updates on bus cancellations and delays from our transportation provider [STWDSTS](#)? The UGDSB posts online if schools are closed, but we do not post information about bus cancellations. [Get all the info here.](#)

School & Board Information

Kindergarten Registration is fast approaching!

Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens on January 9, 2024. The French Immersion on-time application window for registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open from January 9 to January 26 at 4:00 pm.

- Children who were born in 2020 may attend Junior Kindergarten (JK) starting September 2024
- Children who were born in 2019 may attend Senior Kindergarten (SK) starting September 2024
- If your child attended JK in the Upper Grand District School Board you do not have to re-register for SK.

[Learn more about Kindergarten Registration on our website.](#)

Grade 9 course selection happens in January

Getting ready for high school is an exciting time for grade 8 students and their families. Did you know that course selection for incoming grade 9s happens in January? Here's some important information for grade 8 students and their parents/guardians:

- All course selection for incoming grade 9s happens in January - regardless of school or program
- If the student is going to a different school board for high school, check in with that school board to learn about their important dates and expectations
- If your child is new to the UGDSB, [please check with the school you will be attending](#) for their registration processes, course calendars, and course selection sheets
- All grade 8 students will be provided time during school hours in January to go through the course selection process in myBlueprint with their teacher/school staff

[For more information on course selection for students starting high school next year, visit the board website.](#)





Policy Input

A reminder to review the draft policies and provide your input by the January 12, 2024, deadline. Policies currently accepting feedback are:

- [Policy 216 – Communications](#)
- [Policy 322 – Safe Operation of Schools and Board Sites](#)
- [Policy 520 – Continuity of Learning](#)
- [Policy 709 – School Generated Funds](#)

All UGDSB policies can be found online at www.ugdsb.ca/policy.

Stories Around the UGDSB

June Avenue PS gives back while promoting sustainability

Inspired by other UGDSB elementary schools, June Avenue Public School's Helping Hands Club decided to host an event this year to raise money for the local food bank while promoting sustainability in their community. This student led initiative involved students planning a holiday market at their school. The club advertised for gently used items to be donated to the holiday market. Every item at the market was available for purchase for \$2. [Read more on the UGDSB website.](#)

WHSS celebrates Warm Winter Wishes

For the 22nd year in a row, the Grade 12 Business Leadership Class at Wellington Heights Secondary School in Mount Forest has championed the Warm Winter Wishes charity initiative, and students have raised money to support local elementary and secondary students, and their families, who are in need. [Read about all their efforts this year on the UGDSB website.](#)

