

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Student Voice
4. Staff Representative Update - Skills for Success
5. Principal Report
6. AOB



Introductions

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Teresa Bain - School Council Chair

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Kaira & Zechariah - Student Leaders

James Cako - Principal james.cako@ugdsb.on.ca

Angela Snell - IB & Student Life Coordinator

School Council Chair Update

- ★ School councils serve in an advisory capacity to the school Principal, and the Board to promote continued excellence in education, placing the overall interest of students first.
- ★ School councils support to engage parents in their child's learning and provide a powerful network of support
- ★ Through the active participation of families, school councils work to improve student achievement

Land Acknowledgement

The Upper Grand District School Board is situated on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of two Anishinaabek Ojibwe Nations: the Michi Saagig of the Credit and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. This land also includes a specified tract of land granted to the Six Nations of the Grand River. These Nations hold legal and specific rights in their respective territories. This area has been and continues to be home for Indigenous Peoples and non-Indigenous peoples.



Student Voice

- A Day In Life. What is Senate? Our role
- How to get involved
- Events to date!
- Upcoming Opportunity Grade 9 Orientation & BBQ
- Terry Fox Day & Football Game
- Student Life Activities + Club Fair
- Treaty Recognition Week & National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
- Upcoming Events

R.I.S.E Reconciliation Initiative

- R.I.S.E (Recognition of Indigenous Sovereignty and Equity)
- This week is Truth & Reconciliation Week
- Fundraising and spreading awareness throughout the week
- Class discussions
- Selling shirts to fundraise

Guest Angela Snell - IB Coordinator

- [Skills for Success](#)
- [Mental Health Portal for UGDSB students](#)

Learning Skills Committee - A Collective Approach



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Time Management

Test & Exam
Preparation

Principal Update

- UGDSB Multi Year Plan
- Summer & Opening Week Updates
- Upcoming Events/Updates
- Public Health Recommendations
- Communication @ GCVI (How to stay updated & informed)
- Student Supports
- PIC Event - Engaging School Councils

UGDSB Multi-Year Plan

Our Purpose: To Inspire a love of learning and develop engaged, globally literate citizens

Our Vision: To be recognized as leaders in creating unparalleled, agile, and inclusive learning experiences for all

Our Plan: We will...



**Inspire a
Lifelong Love of
Learning**



**Champion
Health &
Wellbeing**



**Ensure Equity of
Access &
Outcomes**



**Lead through
Sustainability**

Enablers

Foster Engaging and Supportive Learning Environments

Strengthen and Grow Community Relationships

Continuously Learn, Evaluate and Improve



Foundational Education & Student Achievement



3 GOALS FOR ALL SCHOOLS TO ACHIEVE

These goals are related to 'Foundational Education and Student Achievement'

The UGDSB will be a provincial leader in educational achievement for all students through:

- **high graduation rates,**
- **superior results in Math and**
- **exceptional literacy (Reading) skills.**



Summer Updates & Opening Weeks

- Renovations - Windows, Aud Wall, 216 Kitchen, Updating Art
- Enrolment - 1740 Students (almost 450 grade 9's) & Over 120 staff
- IB Results - 5% above Global Average (35.8%)
- OSSLT & EQAO Math - Leading the way
- Credit Recovery & Summer School- over 35
- Summer PD - Grade 9 English - New curriculum & creation of diagnostics, Grade 9 destream math teachers created diagnostics, IB Conference in Toronto.
- Transitions - Student Service Tours, Grade 9 & ISP orientation, Grade 9 BBQ, Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Evening, Post-Secondary Information night
- Cafeteria and Breakfast Club Update
- Multi-Faith, Meditation and Prayer Room - Library
- Parking Lot, Cell Phones, Attendance



Some Important Updates

1. 70 students taking an E-Learning this semester & [Opt Out Form](#)
2. [Student Life Activities](#) (Sports, Arts, Clubs, Activities)
3. No registrations Fee but there are activity fees (Fees for service) & some enhancement fees in certain courses - please note **Financial Support Available**
4. Community Hours - 40 Hours has returned for graduating students
5. Parent/Guardian Contact Week - October 2 - 6
6. Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - October 19th (2:30 - 7:30 pm)
7. University Fair - 9:00 - 1:00 pm - GCVI - October 19th
8. Mid-Term Reports Available to Families - Nov. 20th

COVID UPDATES (HEPA, Ventilation, Windows, Masking, etc)

A reminder that the Public Health recommendations for Covid-19 remain the same (from the Public Health Website):

You should stay home until **all** of the following apply to you:

- your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea)
- you do not have a fever
- you do not develop any additional symptoms

When your symptoms are improving and you are no longer isolating at home, doing the following can provide extra protection against the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses circulating in the community.

For **10 days** after your symptoms started:

- wear a [tight-fitting, well-constructed mask](#) in all public settings
- avoid non-essential activities where you need to take off your mask (for example, dining out)
- avoid non-essential visits to anyone who is immunocompromised or may be at higher risk of illness (for example, seniors)
- avoid non-essential visits to highest risk settings in the community such as hospitals and long-term care homes

How to Stay Updated & Informed at GCVI

Website: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/gcvi/>

[Website](#) - News, **Announcements** Tab, Dates, Clubs/Activities Tab

Twitter: Twitter @GuelphCVI

Instagram: Instagram @gcvi_ugdsb

School Messenger: Primary phone number & email address

Google Classrooms

Student Supports

- Guidance Counsellors
- Student Services
- ISP Coordinator (ELL & International Students)
- Social Worker
- Child & Youth Counsellor
- SWIS Worker (Settlement Worker In Schools - Immigrant Services)
- Clubs & Activities
- Caring Adult

Mental Health Supports for Students

- Kids Helpline: Text- 686868 or call 1-800-668-6868
- Here 24/7 : 1-844-437-3247
- Indigenous Hope for Wellness Helpline: 1-855-242-3310
- CMHA, Waterloo Wellington: 1-844-CMHA-WW3
- Family Counselling and Support Services Guelph Wellington:
1-800-307-7078
- Black Youth helpline: 1-833-294-8650
- GCVI Guidance Department, Social Work, Youth Counsellor, classroom
teacher training

Upcoming Dates

September

29 - National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Activities
(Orange Shirt)

30-Env. Club “Big Dig” Campus Clean up

October

2-6 - Parent/Guardian Contact Week

4 - Club Fair

5 - Teacher Appreciation Day

10 - Holiday

19 - University Fair (8:30 - 12:15 pm)

19 - Parent/Guardian Interviews (2:30 pm - 8:00 pm)

20 - College Fair

26 - Tentative Date for a School Dance - Aud

November

3 - Photo Retake Day

6-10 - Treaties Recognition Week

8 - Term 2 Starts (Civics/Careers)

10 - Remembrance Day Assemblies

15- Your Future Your Choice - CCVI

20 - Mid-Term Reports available to families online

22 - College Fair

23 - IB Information Night (6:30 pm)

24 - PD Day

PIC Event - Inspiring Engagement with School Councils - Wed. Oct. 25th - CWDHS

Whether you are currently part of a school council or are looking to become more involved in your child's school, this opportunity is a great way to learn, discuss and share with each other. Topics will include leading an effective school council, fundraising, communication and secondary school parent council. This free event is in-person and will include dinner, information from PIC and two breakout sessions.

DATE: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Centre Wellington District High School, 905 Scotland St., Fergus.

COST: FREE to all UG parent/guardians - [Click here for the full agenda.](#)

[Click here to register for this event.](#)

Any Other Business?

- Questions
- Items for next agenda?
- Next meetings.
- PIC Event - October 25th
- School Council - Monday November 27th - 6:30 pm