

# UGDSB TOGETHER

*Monthly communications updates from the Upper Grand DSB*

## Enjoy your winter break!

Thank you to students, staff and families for your continued efforts in keeping our community safe this year, you deserve a relaxing winter break! Remember to screen your children for COVID-19 symptoms and potential exposures every day, especially before returning to school on January 4, 2021, by using [the COVID-19 screening tool](#). We wish you all a happy and safe winter break and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

## School & Board Information

### Kindergarten Registration is coming!

Kindergarten registration will be open from January 5 to 22, 2021. French Immersion applications need to be submitted by January 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. to be considered on time. Remember, if your child was registered for JK in the 2020-2021 school year, you do not need to re-register for SK. For more information about Kindergarten Registration, [please visit the board website](#).

### This January we are looking at self-compassion as our Umbrella Skill

Self-compassion is the care we offer ourselves when we make mistakes, embarrass ourselves, or come short of a goal we were hoping to achieve. It's about being kind to yourself even when things don't go as planned. Keep an eye out for more information about self-compassion and the Umbrella Project in the new year. Don't forget to follow #UGUmbrella for the latest updates.

### Secondary School Information

Secondary schools will be sharing information with staff, students and families about Quad 2 updates, including information on Final Quad 2 Report Cards, and information on Semester 2 (Quads 3 and 4), including the Quads 3 and 4 calendar. Information will be posted on all secondary school websites and the board website by the end of December.

### Reaching out for support

We know this time of year can be a difficult time for many of us and for many reasons. More than ever, now is the time reach out if you need support and to look out for friends and family who may need support. If you live in Dufferin County and are struggling you can contact DCAFS at 519-941-1530 or, in Guelph/Wellington call Here247 at 1-844-437-3247.





## Policy Updates

For all UGDSB policies visit [www.ugdsb.ca/policy](http://www.ugdsb.ca/policy)

- Policy 503: Safe Schools is out for public consultation until January 19.

**For more information or to provide feedback for Policy 503, visit the board website.**

## News around the UGDSB

*Island Lake PS shares Winter Celebrations around the World showcase with students*

Upon looking at the many festivals and holidays celebrated at this time of the year, Island Lake PS staff noticed they all have one thing in common, the theme of light. [Learn more on the board website.](#)



*Two UGDSB students organize street food drives*

Jaylen and Owen have set a fundraising goal of being able to donate 10,000 lbs of food to the food bank by December 25. [Learn more on the board website.](#)



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