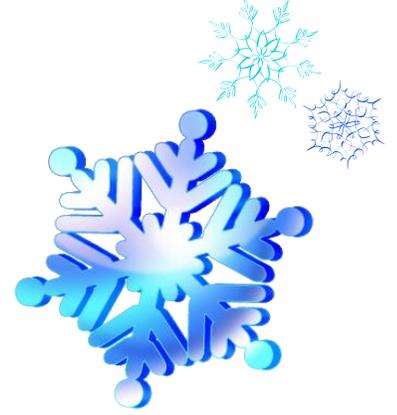


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From The Principal...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were enjoyable for you and your family. On Feb. 15th you will receive the first term report card. Unlike the progress report, this report will provide more detail on how your child is doing in each of the subject areas. Please take time to review the report with your child and consider ways in which you may support their growth. If you have any questions or require further understanding of your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher to help clarify any questions or concerns you may have.

The winter months will continue to provide inconsistent weather conditions. Please help us to ensure students are prepared for the outdoors by having them come to school with appropriate gear for outside. We will always monitor the weather and ensure that decisions about sending students outside are made with their safety in mind.

Have a wonderful couple of months and please feel free to contact me personally if you have any questions or concerns about our school.

Sincerely,
Chad Reay
Vice-Principal

Mark your calendars! Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year is Jan. 9-19

Exciting changes are coming as we get ready to welcome our newest students to our school. Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year will take place from January 9 to 19, 2018, and will feature a new online pre-registration process.

All Kindergarten students (JK and SK) who are **new** to the Upper Grand District School Board must pre-register online at www.ugdsb.ca/childergarten. Students entering SK next year who are already attending an UGDSB school this year are not required to pre-register online.

Pre-registering online will allow parents to fill out a Student Admission Form at a time and place that's convenient to them. Our school will have a computer available for families to pre-register online here, if desired. If you're not sure which school your child is eligible to attend, visit www.findmyschool.ca.

Once they've pre-registered online, parents must come into their home school before the Jan. 19th deadline, to drop off required documentation and complete their registration.

Kindergarten Registration steps for all new Kindergarten students:

1. Between Jan. 9-19, 2018, pre-register your child online at www.ugdsb.ca/childergarten
2. Check for a confirmation email indicating you've successfully completed pre-registration
3. Once you have pre-registered, go to your child's home school to drop off required documentation to complete your registration. Required documentation:
 - a. Proof of Age (child's birth certificate or passport)
 - b. Proof of Immunization (Health Record card)
 - c. Proof of residency identifying parent/guardian's current home address (e.g. utility/tax bill, bank statement, purchase/lease agreement)
 - d. Verification of date of arrival/immigration documents (if child was not born in Canada)

Junior Kindergarten French Immersion

In the UGDSB, admission into the French Immersion (FI) program begins in Junior Kindergarten (JK), which is the only entry point into the program. All UGDSB schools that offer JK FI have an enrolment cap, and there is a defined selection process for students if a school exceeds its enrolment cap.

For the 2018-19 school year, all parents wanting to register their child in JK FI must have completed their registration by Jan. 19 at 4 p.m., in order to be considered 'on time.'

JK FI registration is considered complete when:

- The Student Admission Form is completed and submitted online (pre-registration)
- Required documentation has been brought to the home school
- A 'FI Pre-Registration Receipt' is completed, signed and submitted at the school. The FI registration process is not complete until you have received this receipt.

For more information on the JK FI registration and selection process, visit www.ugdsb.ca/jkfi.

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION

Avoid school suspension by keeping immunization records up-to-date!

Student's immunization records must be provided to Public Health in order to attend school. In the next few weeks, Public Health will be sending notices to students with incomplete immunization records. Anyone who gets a notice should contact their family doctor so they can update their vaccines, and then report their new vaccines to Public Health.

Report every vaccine to Public Health using one of the following methods:

Online: Fill in the form at www.immunizewdg.ca

Email: Send a photo of the immunization record to vaccine.records@wdgpublichealth.ca

Call: 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4396

If a student is not getting vaccinated for medical reasons, reasons of conscience or religious beliefs, an exemption form must be submitted to Public Health. The forms are available at www.wdgpublichealth.ca.

Public Health is committed to helping students update their vaccination records so they can avoid suspension from school.



HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS AND STAY WELL

Wash your hands: There are no vaccines to protect us from the common cold or a stomach virus that is easily spread to others. Teaching children to wash their hands properly can reduce the chances of getting sick. Everyone should wash their hands before eating, after using the bathroom, coughing and after blowing their nose. Wash your hands before preparing food. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

Cover your cough and sneezes: Teach children to cover their cough and sneezes to stop the spread of different illnesses such as colds and the flu. Use a tissue or arm to cover the mouth and nose.

Stay home when you are sick: When many people are close together as in schools and classrooms it's easy for illnesses to spread. Children should not be in school with a fever, undiagnosed rashes, vomiting or diarrhea. Children should stay home at least 24 hours following the end of symptoms.

Talking to Children

How many times have you asked your child what they did in school today and they said “nothing”? Do you feel that most of the conversations you have with your children are just about telling them what to do? Many parents feel this way; life is busy.

Giving children opportunities to have conversations is really important for their growth and learning. What to do? Children often ask a lot of questions, especially young children. Parents answer those questions and the conversation often just ends. How do you keep the conversation going? Instead of answering the question what if next time you ask a question instead? Consider these questions: What do you think it is? What do you think about that? What interests you about that? What do you notice? How do you think that works? If you get a one word answer you might make a comment such as, “tell me more”, “I’d like to hear more about that” or ask another question.

Listening carefully is also important when talking to your child. Children respond positively if they know they have been heard and that you are interested in what they have to say. Use comments to encourage your child to keep talking: “Tell me more about that”, “that must have been difficult/interesting”, “it sounds like you had fun”, “you must have felt disappointed/frustrated/angry”. Talk while having dinner together, preparing dinner, going out for a walk, at bedtime, on the way to school or while standing in the grocery line. Think of yourself as a partner in the conversation.

