

UGDSB TOGETHER

Monthly communications updates from the Upper Grand DSB

UGDSB celebrates Black Heritage, Black Brilliance & Black Futures Month

Responsively and with critical thought, UGDSB students driving this work have requested that the month of February be named Black Heritage, Black Brilliance and Black Futures month. This intentional name represents a balanced approach to understanding that the history, reality, and future of people of the African diaspora involves immense racism and injustice including slavery as well as pre-slavery history, excellence, social justice and contribution. [Keep an eye out this February for information about Black Heritage, Black Brilliance and Black Futures month.](#)

School & Board Information

Learn about Healthy Lifestyles in February for the Umbrella Project

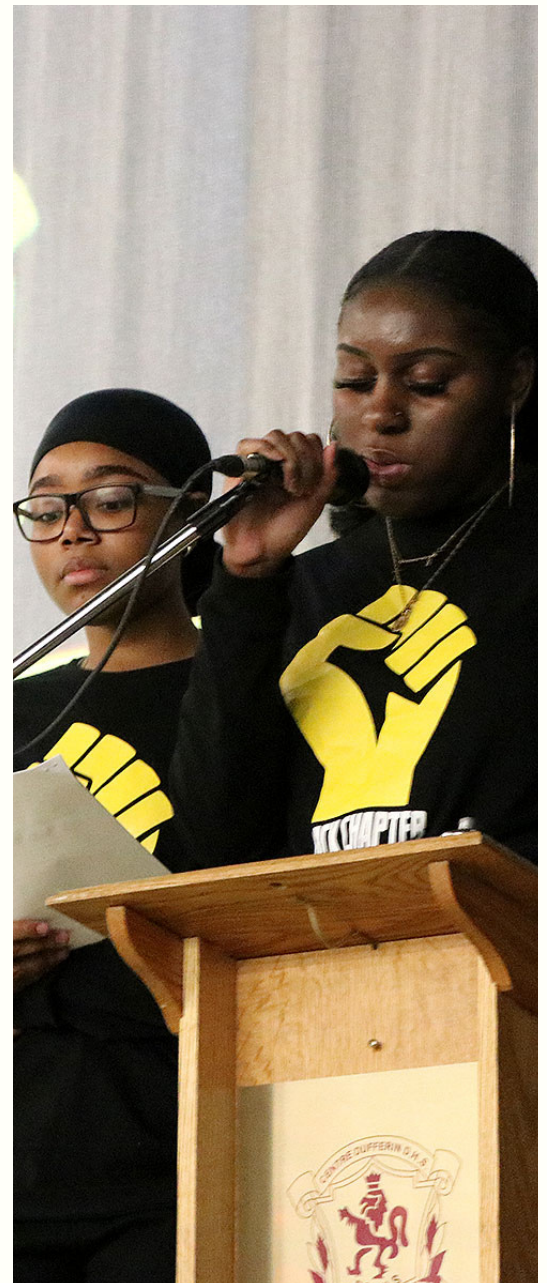
Healthy lifestyles mean taking responsibility to provide your body with the resources it needs to function best. This means establishing daily habits that prioritize the care of your physical body. [Learn more about this and the Umbrella Project on the board website.](#)

Director's Search Update

As previously announced, UGDSB Director of Education Martha Rogers will be retiring as of August 2021. To conduct the search for a new Director, the board has retained the services of Promeus Inc., a well-known executive search firm. As part of this process, at the January Board Meeting, trustees approved a job advertisement to be distributed both internally and externally. The job advertisement is available on the board website, under [Careers](#). The advertisement will be widely circulated externally by Promeus. Applicants will apply directly to Promeus and information on how to submit an application is contained within the ad.

UGDSB and PIC are hosting virtual events for parents/guardians

The Upper Grand District School Board and Parent Involvement Committee are hosting three virtual events this year for parents and guardians. The first event - 'Navigating Pathways and Understanding New Curriculum Expectations,' is tonight (January 28) from 6:30-8:30pm. The 2nd event, 'Parenting for Student Success During a Pandemic,' is on March 4. The third event, 'Navigating Special Education,' is on April 8. Information about the March and April sessions will be available closer to the date on the board website and social media. [Learn more on the board website.](#)

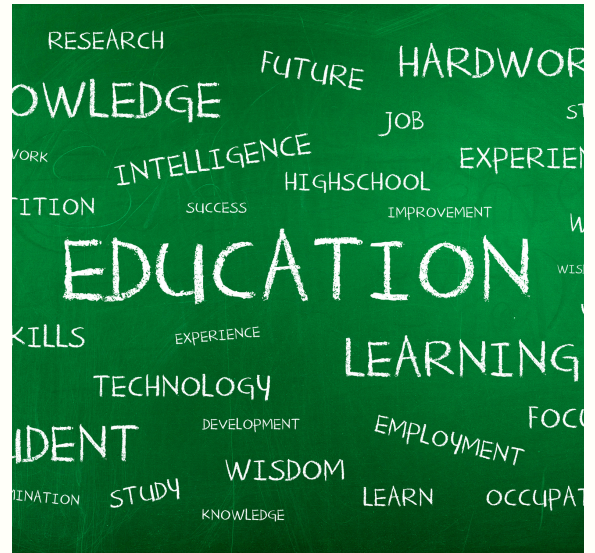


Pictured above: CDDHS's 2nd annual Black History assembly Feb. 7, 2020

News around the UGDSB

UGDSB Pivot Project team share project insights

Inspired by experiential learning goals and global initiatives such as the Goals Project and World's Largest Lesson, the UGDSB Pivot Project was established in 2019 by a small, cross-curricular, cross-panel program team. This team has a commitment to support any teacher in any curriculum area, K-12+, with integrating sustainability thinking, active citizenship, and the UN sustainable development goals into their practice. [Learn more about this project on the board website.](#)



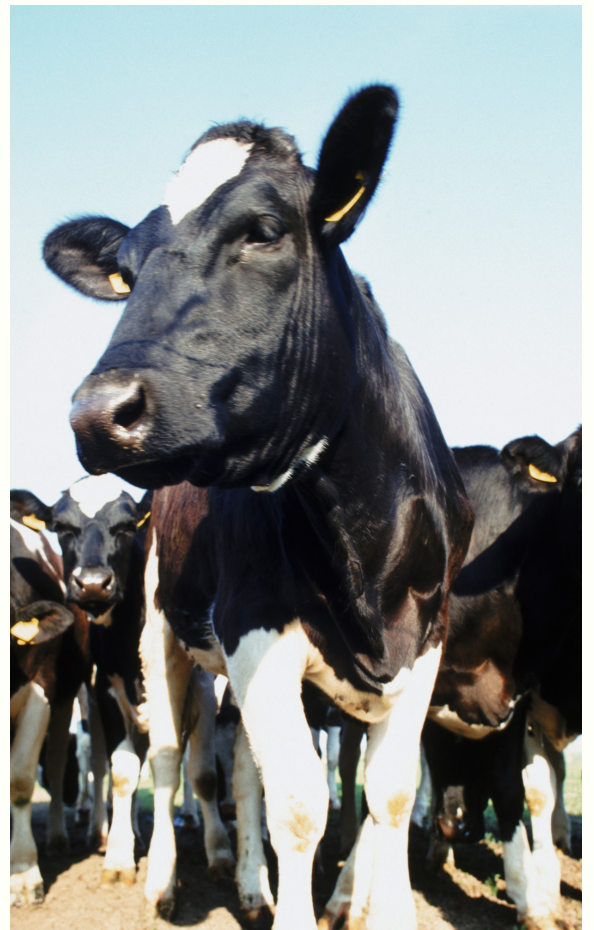
Learn how Norwell DSS LEAF program has adapted to a remote setting

Students in the LEAF program at Norwell District Secondary School have had to shift to a virtual setting this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For students, the connection – even virtually – to experts in the agriculture industry makes the learning experience real and meaningful. [Learn more on the board website.](#)



CWDHS highlights hard working local kitchens

A class at CWDHS spent their first week of remote learning highlighting how members of the community can support local, hard working kitchens. [Learn more here.](#)



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