

UGDSB TOGETHER

Monthly communications updates from the Upper Grand DSB

Reporting Identity Based Harm

Did you know?

Students, families and community members can report acts of identity based harm using the 'Report Identity Based Har and/or Bullying' tool. A button for this tool is on the homepage of the [UGDSB website](http://www.ugdsb.ca) and all school websites.

School & Board Information

Provide your input on draft policies

At the October 24th Board meeting, the following policy items were approved. All updates have been made on the board website (www.ugdsb.on.ca/board/policy).

The following updated policy was approved:

- [Policy 208 – Smoke and Vape-Free Environment](#)

Policy Feedback Opportunities

The following policies were released for public consultation:

- [Policy 200 – Community Use of Schools](#)
- [Policy 317 – Student Fees \(New name\)](#)
- [Policy 420 – Recruitment and Selection \(New\)](#)
- [Policy 519 – First Nation, Métis, Inuit Self-Identification and Education](#)

You are invited to review the policy drafts and submit online feedback at www.ugdsb.ca/board/policy.

The deadline for public input is December 8, 2023 at 4 pm EST.

Persons without internet access may call 519-822-4420 (or toll-free 1-800-321-4025) ext. 544 to request a printed copy of the draft documents.





Positive Interactions

It is the responsibility of all members of a school community to do their part in ensuring positive interactions and respectful relationships. To maintain a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning and working environment, the following standards of behaviour must be followed by all staff, students, parents/guardians/caregivers, volunteers, trustees, community partners, community groups using board facilities, and all visitors on board property. [Learn more here.](#)

News around the UGDSB

Students participate in EcoStars program

UGDSB elementary students are getting the unique opportunity to learn from high school CELP students this fall through the EcoStars Program (pictured above). As part of EcoStars, students engage in experiential learning activities about food chains, food webs, habitats, and biodiversity related to the Life Systems Strands in the grades 4-6 Science Curriculum. The interactive nature of the program not only helps elementary students immerse themselves in their science teachings, but also helps students build a love for the outdoors. [Learn more on the UGDSB website!](#)

Cross County Meets

Recently, students from a number of UGDSB schools had the chance to participate in a regional cross country meet at Centre Wellington DHS. For weeks leading up to the events, students practiced by working on their stamina and endurance and the meets were an opportunity for all students at different levels to participate and get active. [Read more here!](#)

