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URSULA FRANKLIN ACADEMY

NEWSNOTES

I am pleased to inform you that we have had a very successful start to this school year. On **October 19<sup>th</sup>**, **Sam and Matthew** facilitated a videoconference between our students and students from **Edmonton, Ottawa and St. John's**.

We continue to benefit from a number of active partnerships such as: the "**Stretch**" project with the **University of Toronto, ABEL (Advanced Broadband Enabled Learning)**, and "**Think First Canada**", a brain and head injury group partnership with the University of Toronto.

We were honoured to celebrate **Dr. Franklin's birthday** at our **Family Night** on **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Parents/Guardians also had the opportunity at this time to meet with their child's teachers.

Interim report cards will be mailed home the week of **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. The first Provincial report card will be sent out in November.

**The Grade 9 "Take Our Kids To Work Day" will take place on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

We will be celebrating many of our students' contributions and accomplishments at our "**Recognition Assembly**" on **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, starting at **8:30 a.m.**

Ursula Franklin Academy will be hosting its **Grade 8 Open House** on **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. The evening will begin with an 'orientation session' in the auditorium, starting promptly at **7:00 p.m.**

We are proud to be hosting Dr. Franklin's Book Launch. The book is titled "**The Ursula Franklin Reader: Pacifism as a Map**". This event will take place in our auditorium on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

The UFA Wednesday Program continues to offer students unique enrichment opportunities. The three updated categories are: Connected Knowledge, Health and Well-Being and Community Building. I would like to thank the students, teachers, guests and parents for their contributions to this exciting program.

The School Advisory Council continues to be quite active. One of the major projects that our parents have taken on this year is the April Fundraiser (see enclosed flyer). The proceeds from this entertaining evening will go a long way toward an ambitious plan that will see the re-landscaping of the front of our school.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events.

Tito Faria

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## Notes from the UFA Library

We are working hard to keep the UFA library a hub for student research and school events again this year. The library is regularly open only three periods (due to reductions in staff), but all teachers can access library resources with their classes during any period. The library is open most lunch breaks, and before and after school some days thanks to teacher volunteers.

The library catalogue is accessible from any computer in the school and most of the online databases provided for student research can be accessed from home with an internet connection (see box below).

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Our library website is a powerful gateway to countless sources of information; I recommend that every student bookmark the page on all computers they use (see URL below). In the library there is a broad selection of fiction and non-fiction books in circulation, an extensive collection of reference material and many magazines, videos and audio material available.

Parents and friends can support our library with the gift of books, magazines, used computer equipment and time. Good novels that you have enjoyed could add to the experience of many students while freeing up your shelf space for new books you bought last Saturday! Maybe you have library experience and some free time! If you have any ideas for donating potentially useful items, please call Luke Wintjes (Teacher-Librarian) at 416.393.0430 x 20021 (msgs: x20020) or send an e-mail to: [luke.wintjes@vufa.tdsb.on.ca](mailto:luke.wintjes@vufa.tdsb.on.ca)

UFA Library website (bookmark it!)  
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/libraries/librarySec.asp?schoolNo=5604>

### Accessing Resources From Home:

EBSCO – (Wide range of Databases)  
Username: **tdsb**  
Password: **second**

Grolier Encyclopedia  
Username: **torondsb2**  
Password: **toro1264**

ESTAT (Canadian Statistics)  
Username: **tdsbstu**  
Password: **estat**

Britannica Encyclopedia Online  
Username: **ursula**  
Password: **flames**

Novelist (Online Guide to Fiction)  
Username: **tdsb**  
Password: **tdsb**

Career Cruising Online  
Username: **ursula**  
Password: **careers**

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## Guidance Report

All graduating students have begun to participate in Wednesday sessions that are designed to help them with sorting out post-secondary options, the university and college application process, scholarships, finding a satisfying field of work and more. They will be given resources such as the INFO guide to the universities and several websites that are useful.

Students taking Wednesday Co-op attended alternative sessions to cover the above information. These sessions were held on Oct. 5 (Per. B) and Oct. 13 (Per. E). Details have been emailed to students through VUFA.

Please check "Guidance Space" and "Parents' Room" on VUFA to keep informed about topics like these that are of interest to parents and students alike.

## Calling All Parents!

Parents, do you have an interesting career? Would you enjoy speaking about your work experience with students? Or has your path been a bit out of the ordinary?

Students would love to hear about it! We are looking for parents/guardians (or their friends) who would be willing to speak about their careers to students during a Wednesday session. We could help you to prepare by giving you sample questions that the students might ask. If you think you might be interested, please call **Ali Callegarini** at 416-393-0430, ext. 20136 for more information.

## Neuroscience & Art:

There are a few major projects underway in the Neuroscience & Art course:

- 1) Students are in the process of establishing a partnership with U of T Neuroscience undergraduates and Think First, a head/brain safety awareness group. After several months of training, the undergrads and our students will head into our local elementary schools and run half-day workshops where the elementary students participate in interactive activities with an overarching theme of neuroscience learning and head safety.
- 2) Think First group is looking to expand their outreach program nationally and extend the curriculum connections to the high school level. A lucky Neuroscience & Art alumnus from last year will be joining **Seth Bernstein** on the national committee to help plan these extensions.

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3) On November 20th, students will be heading to Mt. Sinai hospital to participate in a groundbreaking study that will investigate purported links between video-game prowess and laparoscopic surgery. Students will be tested on 2D spatial manipulation and fine motor ability using games like Tetris and Grand Turismo, and subsequently tested on a variety of simulated surgical manipulations using fibre optic cameras and surgical tools. Data analysis will occur on site with the students' participation, and the results could potentially be published in a scientific journal.

4) Students will be attending to the Rendezvous With Madness Film Festival in November. The film festival is put on by the Workman Arts group at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health on Queen Street, and showcases films that feature mental health and addiction themes. **Seth** is currently sitting on the programming committee in order to help establish the film selection for the youth afternoon.

5) **Seth** also attended the **Society for Neuroscience's annual conference in Atlanta from October 14-18th** on bursary as part of a small delegation of public educators chosen to further connections between researchers and educators. He particularly enjoyed hearing **Frank Gehry** speak about perception, brain and architecture, along with participating in several workshops specifically designed for the delegation.

## COACH'S CORNER



### Boys' Soccer Breeze Through Season

This year's Boys' Soccer Team is slowly coming to an end, but has been quite successful. Our record so far is 3 to 3, but we have scored a tremendous amount of goals. This year's team consists of:

**Fabian Reinke**

**Jinoo Nam**

**Mat Whitelaw**

**Cam Dorrett**

**Nathan Coon**

**Lucas Chinnery-Pierce**

**Colin Outridge**

**Alexander Lewis**

**Robert Chun**

**Robert Perchthold**

**Charles Kyriacou**

**Scott Nam**

**Kevin Pak**

**Daniel French**

**Adrian Veenhoven**

**Nick Majesky**

**Kellen Reid**

**Alex Vesia, (Team Captain)**

### Jr. Boys' Volleyball Looking Strong

This year, with so many boys interested in playing volleyball, UFA now has two teams. The Jr. Boys' Volleyball team is coached by two senior students: **Trista Boles & Kaela McDowell**. The team is made up of very talented Grade 9s and 10s. With their first game on **Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**, the boys put on a great show winning the game two sets to one. Looking to the future, this year looks very promising for the team. Special thanks to staff supervisor **Steve Griffiths**.

#### Team Members:

**André O'Neill**

**Connor Deuchars**

**Josh Cantelon**

**Max Zavier**

**Robbie Sakamoto**

**Josh Jakymyc**

**Graham McLaughlin**

**Chris Stiliadis**

**Spencer Poon Woo**

**Myles Damolidis**

**Simon Burke**

### Boys' Tennis Team

The **Boys' Tennis Team** started up this year with talent that would have made Roger Federer have a challenge. The team was eager to play every game. They had great practices, even in the rain. The season consisted of four games of which we ended the season off with a record of 1-3, winning against Parkdale. Congratulations to the boys who gave a great effort. Thanks to **Andrew Batten** for being a great coach and staff sponsor.

#### Team Members:

**Peter Green**

**Steven Kavanagh**

**Rudy Luft**

**Sandy Rossignol**

**Andrew Green (Coach)**

**Cem Demren**

**Drew Bell**

**Liam Dunal**

**Evan Pointner**

**Arminder Flora (Manager)**

**Peter Herrmann**

**Hayden Phillips**

**Spencer MacDonald**

## FOR YOUR INFO



- ❑ **Uniform Sale at McCarthy's** – Runs from October 13<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>. 40% some items! Please visit [www.rjmccarthy.com](http://www.rjmccarthy.com) for more details.

- ❑ **Information Session for Parents re: the Individual Education Plan and the IPRC process** at the following locations on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 p.m.:

**Council Chambers**  
**140 Borough Drive**  
**OR**

**Board Room**  
**1 Civic Centre**  
**Court**

**Registration is not required.**

- ❑ **Used Uniform Sale. Everyday @ lunch in the Main Office! Great discounted prices!**
- ❑ **UFA is going to New York!! This exciting senior arts trip which includes both an on and Off-Broadway production is happening March 29-April 1 2007. If your child has expressed an interest in the trip look for the information letter she or he should be bringing home soon. Andrew and Glenda, the staff sponsors, will be setting up a parent information meeting with a representative from the Student Travel Society Inc later on this month.**

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### Former Grads Receive Scholarships

The Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship Program is a program of the Ontario Government that rewards students who graduate with top marks at their high school, and who plan to continue their studies at an Ontario college or university. Students who maintain an 80% average at the post-secondary level can receive these scholarships, which are worth up to a maximum of \$3,500 per year, for up to four years in total.

Six former UFA students who graduated last year have received this distinction:

- **Melanie Croydon-Sugarman**
- **Nikola Petrovic**
- **Rishi Sharma**
- **Jana Stoilova**
- **Ramata Tarawally**
- **Steven Zhang**

We are thrilled to announce that a number of our 2006 graduates have been awarded scholarships by the University of Toronto and its academic divisions. We applaud the following former graduates of Ursula Franklin Academy: **Melanie Croydon-Sugarman, Helena Fan, Dasvinder Kambo, Lian Ting Ni, Anna Omelyanenko, Paravadee Sangassapaviriya, Rishi Sharma, Snejana Stoilova and Cun Zhang.**

We here at UFA congratulate these students on this accomplishment.

### Former Student Excels at Cambrian College

Former UFA Student **Erin Baxter** (Class of 2001) was awarded the President's Gold Medal at Cambrian College's recent convocation ceremonies.

**Erin** graduated from the 3 year Business Administration – Marketing program and maintained an outstanding accumulative GPA of 4.0. UFA extends congratulations to **Erin** on her success.

### Thanks from Stephen Lewis Foundation

**The following text is taken from a letter sent to UFA on behalf of the Stephen Lewis Foundation:**

“We have been touched and amazed by how much students were able to raise collectively, and the commitment and support of their friends, families, and communities. In addition to raising funds (which will do much to assist those in need), there is no doubt that the initiative has raised significant awareness of the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS in Africa. This alone is an important contribution. Your inspired initiative is making a significant difference – the ingenuity and generosity of Canadians seems to know no bounds.”

#### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>October 24</b>	School Dance (7-10 p.m. @ Ukrainian Hall)
<b>October 30</b>	Jostens Photo Retake Day
<b>October 31</b>	Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal @ 2:42 p.m.)
<b>November 1</b>	Take Our Kids to Work Day . Please contact Jason Cole in Guidance for more info.  Recognition Assembly /Breakfast (Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.)
<b>November 7</b>	School Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
<b>November 14</b>	Open House @ 7:00 p.m.
<b>November 21</b>	Dr. Franklin's Book Launch @ 7:00 p.m.
<b>November 24</b>	First Provincial Report Card
<b>November 28</b>	Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal @ 2:42 p.m.)
<b>December 5</b>	P/T Interviews
<b>December 12</b>	Staff Meeting (Early Dismissal @ 2:42 p.m.)
<b>December 18 to 21</b>	Expanded Week
<b>December 25 to January 2</b>	Holiday Break



## On the Green

The golf team played very well this season, finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> place out of a field of 14 teams.

On **October 10<sup>th</sup>** at St. Andrew Valley, **Andrew Perryman, Josh Lee, Andrew Green, and Beau Hobbs** played at the city regionals. Our top golfer was **Andrew Perryman** with a score of 80.

**Joe Faria** would like to congratulate all team members on a very enjoyable season and thanks to **Beau Hobbs' mother (Rita Snow)** for driving golfers around the city.

## On the Court

Our Senior Girls' Basketball Team is having a great season. We're six games into our season and have only lost one game, to Parkdale C.I.

With a spirited and friendly team and great coaches (**Heather Strupat and Kevin Francis**) the season's bound to finish off well. Our Senior Girls are definitely a team worth playing (or watching) this year!

## Cross Country Season

This year by far our most successful season. Almost 40 dedicated runners committed to rigorous morning practices and Sunday runs. Thanks to the commitment of our talented parent coach **Louisa Cantelon**, the team had an amazing experience this season. We had a very successful South West final race, with ten runners qualifying for Metros. They include: **Allison Prowse, Stephen Robins, Gordon Locke, Harold Treen, Daniel French, Evan Pointner, Steven Kavanagh, Jonathan Vaughan, Zoe Erwin-Longstaff, and Julien Matthey-Vasquez**. A thanks goes out to our teacher supervisor **Liliana Wolosin**, who made this team possible. Thanks also to team captains **Galen Hogan, Julien Matthey-Vasquez, and Marianne Pointner**.



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