

# NEWSNOTES

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## Welcome Summer!

UFA began *Bike to School Week* (*B2SW*) celebrations on Monday, May 30th, and they wrapped up on Friday, June 3rd. The week was a complete success! Sunny days brought an increase of more and more cyclists to school, with over 40 people cycling by the end of the week. Along with a regular group of riders, there were also some new cyclists arriving daily; this included staff and students.



All students were entered into a raffle with prizes donated by various local bike shops in the city.

On Wednesday morning of *B2SW* riders also enjoyed a light snack and refreshment out front of UFA. Free Toronto bike maps and other cycling related information were made available to all members of the UFA community to encourage more ridership and cycling safety.



In addition, the *B2SW Crew* kept track of the total kilometers traveled by staff and students in an effort to see how

far a 'mini Ursula Franklin' could cycle by the end of the week. By mid-week, we had covered over 700 kms! The final tally was 1200 kms—almost taking us from

Toronto to Thunder Bay! Following *B2SW* raffle winners were keen to select from the prize table!

Marika would like to send a HUGE thank you to Zennin Mittal-Mercer and Claire Chisholm for their organization, consistent support and for helping to greet riders every morning. A special honourable mention to Reid Coyle and Luke Sheilds for their part in acquiring donations.

On behalf of the *Flames Cycling Club*, enjoy the rest of *Bike Month in Toronto*, and cycle safely!

## BIKE RACKS AWARDED TO UFA

Through a great team effort between Philosophy and Design Students, the Environmental Alliance and the Bike Club, our application to the TDSB bike racks programme was successful! We have been awarded two bike racks to be installed in the spring of 2017. Additional bike racks encourage students to use sustainable ways of getting to school by making biking easy and safe. We hope this will encourage more students to cycle to school, improving physical health in the short term and encouraging lifelong healthy living practices. Congratulations to all who worked so hard on the application and for highlighting cycling in general all year long!



## Dates to Remember

June 24	Review Day Exams and Final Marks
June 29	Graduation
August 30	Timetable Pick-Up (a.m.)
August 31	Timetable Pick-Up (p.m.)
September 6	First Day of School
September 9	Photo Day
September 14	Retreat Departs
September 16	Retreat Returns
September 20	Staff Meeting Schedule
September 20	School Advisory Council 7:00 p.m.
September 27	Family Night
September 29	Welcome & Grade Reps Assembly
October 4	Club Fair
October 6	Recognition Assembly
October 7	PA Day
October 10	Thanksgiving
October 11	Photo Retake Day
October 18	Staff Meeting Schedule
October 20	Grade 9 Learning Skills Workshops
October 25	School Advisory Council 7:00 p.m.
October 27	Future Options Fair
October 31	Halloween Assembly
November 1	Grade 8 Info Night
November 2	Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
November 9	Model UN Trip – Montreal
November 18	PA Day
November 22	Staff Meeting Schedule
November 28	Term 1 Report Cards Distributed
November 29	Online Interview Bookings Open @ 6:00 a.m.

## From Guidance and Student Services



### Student Timetables

Anna Pesovar, Heather Strupat and Ali Callegarini have been hard at work this past month trying to make sure that students get the courses they want. Students have, in some cases, submitted requests for changes and the counsellors have tried to make them happen.

Timetables will be available for students to pick up on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Details will be contained in the summer mailing.

If students need or want to make a change, they will be able to see a counsellor on those two days, or they can sign up to meet with a counsellor during the first week of school.

All students need to have their timetables sorted out by the beginning of the third week of school; no timetable changes are permitted after that time. Please remember that all students are expected to remain in full-time status (six or more courses).

*Ali Callegarini, Head of Student Services*

### Farewell to Anna Pesovar

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Anna Pesovar, who has been a guidance counsellor (and math teacher) at UFA for thirteen years.

Anna is looking forward to retirement, and plans to enjoy organic gardening at her cottage in Hungary.

Heather Strupat, who has already begun working in Guidance this past spring, is joining the department and we wish her a warm welcome. We anticipate that Heather will take on students with last names beginning with A-L.

*Ali Callegarini*



(L-R Seated: Ali Callegarini, Ursula Franklin, Anna Pesovar; Standing: Georgia Gallagher; Tito Faria, Anne Kerr)

### E-Learning and Night School

E-Learning courses for Semester One will close for registration on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, so it is important that students wishing to enrol have their counsellor to approve the request in the week before school starts.

Remember that an E-Learning course has to fit into a student's day timetable, and the student is not enrolled until s/he brings in the signed permission form that is sent upon requesting a course.

Semester Two E-Learning is also currently open for registration and will close early in the school year, so students should not delay if they are interested in enrolling.

Night School registration typically opens for registration very early in the school year. Please check the TDSB Night School website to find out more about dates, course offerings, etc.

*Ali Callegarini*

## Franklin Athletic Association - FAA

Thanks to President Marie Sherman and her team of FAA executives for making this year in sports at Ursula Franklin so successful. The Athletic Banquet that took place on Tuesday, May 31 was beautifully planned by Cassidy Huang, Grace Pires and their committee. The athletes enjoyed the wonderful venue, beautiful programs, great food, photo booth fun, door prizes, slideshow and awards to celebrate their accomplishments.



Please join our community in congratulating the following Award Winners:

**FAA President's Cup** - Marie Sherman

**Joe Faria Sportsmanship Award** - Esker Gaffney-Knox

**Manager of the Year** - Annie Jiang

**Junior Male Athlete of the Year** - Harper Stone

**Junior Female Athlete of the Year** - Tenzin Youdon

**Senior Male Athlete of the Year** - Ben Winters

**Senior Female Athlete of the Year** - Shayla Perko

### FAA Executive 2016-2017

**President-** Brendan Plymale

**Vice President-** Grace Pires

**Secretary-** Lily Zhang

**Finance-** Zoe Gaouette

**Intramurals-** Griffin Lewicki, Tejas Patel

**Publicity-** Ruby MacLachlan, James Dunne

**Athletic Banquet-** Elizabeth Chee-Hing, Sule Wong

**UFA Idol-** Raphael Kempf, Olinda Salillari

**Fundraising-** Sophia Tonks, Cassidy Huang

**Inside Ride-** Sofia Panasiuk

**Candy Canes-** Stella Baigent

The following sports will be offered next year with appropriate interest, and coaching supervision:

**Fall** - Cross Country, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Soccer

**Winter** - Swim Team, Boys' Basketball, Badminton  
Girls' Volleyball

**Spring** - Girls' Soccer, Ultimate, Girls' Slopitch,  
Track Field

## Action Pour la Cause de L'Abus Sexuel



Dans la classe de français de douzième année on a pris action pour la cause de l'abus sexuel. On a choisi cette cause parmi plusieurs et on a trouvé que c'était important de faire une campagne qui pourrait sensibiliser les élèves de notre école. En classe, nous avons travaillé ensemble pour notre projet final et nous avons créé des affiches, une chanson, et d'autres activités. On a terminé ce projet avec une démonstration



silencieuse qui a eu lieu dans les autres classes, et qui a été accompagnée par la classe de la onzième année. Pour cette démonstration, on a tous porté des chandails rouges pour représenter qu'on est contre le blâme des victimes, le rouge étant une des couleurs portées sur « Rainbow Day », qui a eu lieu le jour après notre démonstration. On a marché dans les couloirs et nous sommes rentrés dans les classes silencieusement avec nos affiches. Les élèves de l'école ont pu diriger leur attention en vers la cause qu'on a présentée.

The Grade 12 French class took action by addressing the important issue of sexual abuse. They chose this issue amongst many others as they found that it is incredibly important to raise awareness and talk about sexual abuse in schools. During class they worked together on their final project to create posters, a song, and other activities. They ended this project with a silent demonstration in our halls as well as visiting classes taking place at the time. The Grade 11 class joined in this demonstration. Everyone wore red shirts to demonstrate our beliefs and to support the "Rainbow Day" colours (red=against victim blaming). Wearing red allowed us to bring more awareness to this cause for which our class chose to take action.





# Model United Nation

The Model United Nations team of Ursula Franklin Academy has come to the end of its fifth year. The Model UN Club here at UFA is a unique platform where students have the opportunity to learn about international issues and relations, which they may not otherwise be exposed to. Additionally, students that partake in Model UN conferences are able to view these international issues from a perspective other than their own, as they must argue the opinions of the nation that they represent rather than their own.

This past year, the team of 25 students attended three conferences, two hosted by the University of Toronto and one hosted by University of Toronto Schools. At each conference, several students were recognized for their skills in debating or writing about pressing international issues. In the last five years, this team has gone from a few students interested in world politics, to one of the most sought after clubs at UFA. We have been recognized as best large delegation by the University of Toronto two years in a row, and have even competed at an international conference that had its opening and closing ceremonies at the UN headquarters in New York City.

Next year, we are excited to participate in the SSUNS Model UN conference in Montreal, hosted by McGill University. The rapid development of this team is directly due to our diligent and diplomatic club leaders, and of course, our dedicated teacher supervisor Chio Gray. These past five years have been full of unexpected wonders, here's looking forward to the next five.

## Goodbye ...

As is often the case at the end of the year, we find ourselves bidding adieu to members of our faculty.

This June marks the end of a UFA math era with beloved teacher Anna Pesovar moving into retirement. Thank you Anna for your creativity, your passion, and your love of teaching. You will be dearly missed!



Also retiring is math and science teacher Liliana Wolosin-Ozersky. Much appreciation is extended to you Liliana, for your contributions to the classroom, as well as for coaching and supervising various sports teams over the years. On behalf of the UFA community, best wishes in the next phase of your journey.

Sincere appreciation and best wishes are extended to Brian Lacheik, Lindsey Marshall, Monika Szoke,

and Ali Wadee who also will be leaving us. Your contributions to the UFA community have not gone unnoticed. Your efforts are appreciated by students, parents and staff. We hope our paths cross again soon.



## ... and Hello!

We welcome to our staff a number of new faculty members in September — Carolyn Boot (math/computer science), Robert Malo (phys'ed), Tim Price (computer science/business) Greg Saylor (math), Kyle Whitfield (phys'ed & geography) and Antonio Zappitelli (math/science). We look forward to you joining our community.



## Students Planning Their Futures

As you might already know, Grade 12 students must attend a compulsory guidance Wednesday session in the fall, and Grade 11 students do the same in the winter. During these sessions, students will research post-secondary programs and learn about the ins and outs of applying for college and university, how to access financial aid and scholarships, and how to combine career research with post-secondary planning. Students will automatically be enrolled in these Wednesday sessions.

In addition, each fall, UFA holds a “Future Options Fair” where representatives from various colleges, universities, employment and gap year programs set up tables. Students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 are invited to visit and talk to the representa-

tives. This fall, our Future Options Fair will take place on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 27.

Grade 11 and 12 students are also encouraged to visit the Ontario College Information Fair, which takes place on Monday and Tuesday, October 17 and 18, at the Enercare Centre at Exhibition Place. Go to [www.ocif.ca](http://www.ocif.ca) for more information.

As well, Grade 11 and 12 students should visit the Ontario Universities Fair, which takes place this fall on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. New this year is the OUF Passport.

Go to [www.ouf.ca](http://www.ouf.ca) and . . .

- ♦ *Register for an OUF Passport – a fast and easy way to share your contact information with the universities that you’re interested in.*

- ♦ *Save time and register in advance, so you can start looking at university booths as soon as you get to the Fair!*
- ♦ *Register online, with your name and email address.*
- ♦ *Confirm your email address.*
- ♦ *You will receive a personalized OUF Passport with a barcode by email.*
- ♦ *Bring your Passport to the OUF with you, on your smart phone, as a paper printout or both.*
- ♦ *If you would like further information from a university at the OUF, just ask a university representative to scan your Passport. This way, the university will be able to contact you directly.*

***Passport registration opens on August 22., 2016***



# UFA Come Alive Outside School Yard

## Opening Ceremony!

After several years of design and construction, the grade 12 Philosophy and Design students, along with the rest of our school are pleased to announce the opening of the Come Alive Outside school yard. The design incorporates the Fibonacci sequence and extends



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the learning that occurs in the school outside! Many features are now complete including an outdoor classroom, a birds, bees and butterfly friendly Wander and Wonder garden in the side yard, an aromatic Peace Garden tucked away and the Three Sisters Pumpkin patch where the on-site nursery children recently planted peas, corn and squash. Our goal was to create a four season landscape design that would service

both the Ursula Franklin Academy community, the Bloor West Village community as well as the often invisible other components of the of the ecological web in which we live, the local flora and fauna. To this end we planted indigenous plant species and as a result, our school yard has been certified as



An aerial view of the Fibonacci sequence.

a Wildlife Habitat by the Canadian Wildlife Federation. The first school to receive his honour.



The daycare kids planting a pumpkin patch.

There is a saying attributed to the First Nations peoples which is that "We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our Children". This underscores the responsibility we all have to be mindful of

how we tread on this planet for it belongs to the future. It is a wonderful poetic justice that through this school yard young people have created a place for their future, our future and the future of generations to come. The true work of this garden is just beginning, nature's work. Let's celebrate that work as well.



Yolanda Mak and the Design students celebrating their work!





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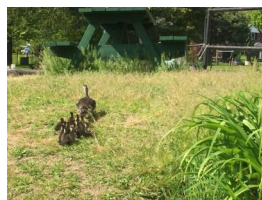
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## Water Basin Needed!

We are looking for a large water basin the size of 0.5 meter or larger. An old metal fire pit bottom would be ideal. This will help us to complete the water feature of our landscape design. Please bring to the main office or Room 337 Attn: Yolanda! Thank-you!



### From the Main Office

Helpful Hint: Put your child's name on the label in their uniform. We will make sure they get it back if they lose it!



## EcoSchools Platinum!



Congratulations to the entire UFA Community, led by the Environmental Alliance for this year's efforts. We are thrilled to let you know we have been assessed as a Platinum School once again this year. On behalf of the earth, thank you, and keep up the good work!



## Graduation



June 29th is the big day!

Graduation Ceremonies begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

All are welcome.

Light refreshments to follow in the main corridor.

