

Ursula Franklin Update – Sept 25 - Three important updates to this week.

Climate Change Walkout – Friday Sept 27th

1. This is not an official TDSB/UFA sanctioned Field Trip, however given the nature of the protest, students who do participate will not be penalized in terms of school work. Staff at UFA have been asked not to cover any new material or schedule any culminating activities on Friday. Students who do remain behind will have the opportunity of working with their teachers to either catch up on missed work or review key topics they may be having difficulty with.
2. Students who are participating will be marked as absent in the classes they do not attend. If the student has parental permission to be absent – the absence will be marked as Excused. It would appear that the students intending on leaving from the school will do at 10 a.m. To ensure we do not have a large line-up in the office, which could delay the student from leaving with their friends, we are asking that students inform the Office as early as possible. The Excusal can be entered anytime (even on Thursday).
3. Safety – please review basic Safety Protocol with your child. We know that participation in an activity such as this – generates a high degree of enthusiasm which sometimes tends to lessen their attention to safe practice. We have indicated to the students that it would be best that they travel in groups, rather than alone and that they have a working phone so that they can reach out for help if there is a need. Basic Safety precautions such as obeying traffic signals, walking on the sidewalk rather than on the road is essential – we cannot count on drivers being able to respond to sudden surges.
4. Finally – it has come to our attention that certain adult groups are using this walkout as a vehicle to garner attention for their causes. Students should be aware that they are present and actively work to ensure that they do not get drawn into those groups.
5. ***I don't want to discourage you from allowing your students to participate – it is an opportunity for students to get actively involved in an issue that will have a profound effect on them in the future. We just want to make sure that if they participate, it is in a manner that ensures they are safe.***

Grub Day and Climate Change Walkout – Friday Sept 27th from

This Friday, September 27, will be **a free** Grub Day for all students which means that students do not have to wear their UFA uniform to school. This decision has been made to address both the safety concerns with regards to wearing the UFA uniform at a public event, and concerns about the logistics of changing into other clothing. Student Council, would like to encourage all students, whether attending the event or not, to wear green shirts or clothing of their choice that shows their support for the cause.

Student Council would like to thank you for your support.

Notice of a Staff Change

See attached Letter!!

