

UFA NewsFlash – November 4, 2019

Important Information for the Week of November 4 – November 8

Tuesday, November 5: Grade 8 Open House

- Our annual Grade 8 Open House takes place the evening of Tuesday, November 5. We will have two presentations that evening in an effort to accommodate all of our prospective parents and students. We are requesting that family's pre-register for the presentation of your choice. Each presentation will be followed by an optional tour of the school. This is the kick-off event for the 2020-2021 Admissions Process. Please visit our website for more details. <http://www.ufacademy.org/overview/>
- We need to extend a thank you to Ali, our PALS, student volunteers and staff for organizing and participating in our upcoming annual Open House!
- **Tuesday is an Early Dismissal – classes are finished at 2:31.**

Wednesday, November 6: Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day

- Parents/guardians and/or family members of Grade 9s are encouraged to participate in the Take Our Kids to Work Day annual event. Typically all or most of our Grade 9s enjoy a day at work with a parent/guardian or other adult family member. Permission Forms are due in the main office by November 4. Details were shared in Grade 9 home rooms.
- *A copy of the Permission Form is attached to this NewsFlash.*

Thursday, November 7: Canadian Open Math Challenge (COMC)

On Thursday, November 7, 21 UFA students will be participating in the COMC (Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge), Canada's premier Mathematics contest. Students will have their Mathematics knowledge and problem-solving skills fully tested in this challenging contest. The top scorers in this national contest will have the opportunity to participate in the Canadian Mathematical Olympiad. Good luck to our mathletes!

Other Important Information

Remembrance Day Observance – November 9



“Peace is not the absence of war. It is the presence of justice, and the absence of fear. You don’t have peace and justice to yourself. There is no peace by making others under stress and there is no justice by doing injustice to others”. “Peace and justice are indivisible. You work on peace and justice for those you love and those you can’t stand. There’s nothing else. There is either peace or justice for all, or there is peace and justice for none.”

Dr. Ursula Franklin, upon receiving the United Nations in Canada Pearson Peace Medal, January 2002

The Wednesday Enrichment program is looking for parents to get involved!

As a valued member of our community, we would love to have your interests, passions, hobbies and professional practices shared with our student body! If you have any interest in doing so you can move forward in the following ways.

- Have your child 'propose' a session via the Wednesday site, where any teacher is able to pick up and support the proposal. In the description section you can state exactly what your role would be and what the four 'lessons' would look like.
 - or
- Contact Greg Saylor, greg.saylor@tdsb.on.ca, and discuss how you might help out. I'm also happy to answer any Wednesday related questions you might have.

Unit three sessions descriptions are due November 29th and the unit will run on Wednesdays December 11th, 18th and January 8th and 15th.

Please Note:

Public Consultations – Optional Attendance and Secondary Program Review

Public consultations will begin in November on a draft revised Optional Attendance policy as part of the Secondary Program Review. The Optional Attendance policy is being reviewed to ensure consistency with the TDSB's Mission, Values and Goals Policy, the Equity Policy and the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The Optional Attendance policy has not been fully reviewed since 1998 when the TDSB was created.

We (TDSB) are also holding consultations as part of the Secondary Program Review. In June 2019, the Board of Trustees approved the action plan outlined in the [Secondary Program Review report](#). This report presented the rationale for a comprehensive review of secondary school programming and related policies, procedures and practices (including Optional Attendance). Final recommendations may include the following:

- Potential consolidation of school
- Relocation or consolidation of existing program(s)
- Repurposing of secondary school buildings to address other system needs, i.e. using a secondary school facility for a large elementary school
- Different models of school organization, including full-year programming and campus models

Please note the following public consultation dates:

- November 14, 7:00 p.m. at Western Technical-Commercial School, 125 Evelyn Crescent, Cafeteria
- November 20, 7:00 p.m. at East Education Office, 140 Borough Drive, Committee Room 3/4
- November 26, 7:00 p.m. at C W Jefferys Collegiate Institute, 340 Sentinel Road, Cafeteria
- November 28, 7:00 p.m. at John Polanyi Collegiate Institute, 640 Lawrence Avenue West, Cafeteria

More information about the [Policy Consultation](#) process will be found on the public TDSB site at the beginning of November.

Information about the Secondary Program Review can be found on the public TDSB site <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/SecondaryProgramReview>

Other opportunities for consultation on this policy and the Secondary Program Review (face-to-face and online) will be made available throughout the months of November, December and January.

PIAC (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee) – November 9

Attached is a flyer (pdf and jpg) for the PIAC (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee) event that is happening at Earl Haig SS on November 16, 2019. This is an annual event that features many workshops that are of interest to school council and to individual parents.

Doctor Franklin Unplugged Week - Update

“Unplugged” was a lot of fun this year, with the number of pledgers and the number of lunchtime activities up from last year! Here is a rundown:

- 104 students pledged to unplug from a menu of tech options
- Approximately 245 students participated in a variety of lunchtime activities
- We raised \$1150.00 for our charity, Stella's Place
- Many student clubs and individuals led activities:
 - Model UN
 - FAA
 - Environmental Alliance
 - The Trivia Guys (Kai, Patryk & Jerome)
 - Ultimate Frisbee (Anna, James & Theo)
 - Settlers of Cataan (James)
 - Student Council
 - Reach for the Top
 - Peer Mediation

The following community members participated in various ways, typically leading workshops and fun activities:

- Bailey Parnell, TED Talk speaker, founder and CEO of Skills Camp, one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women
- Asante Haughton, TED Talk speaker from Stella's Place
- Tanya Endert from Telus (and also an UFA parent)
- Speakers from Aura Freedom
- Roslyn Levy and Marion Feld
- Mike and Debbie Batten

We'd like to acknowledge and thank the parents and faculty who donated 29 wonderful prizes:

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| • Family of Niko I | Family of Riley S | Family of Kieran W |
| • Family of Toby C | Family of Elle L | Family of Yael D |
| • Family of Erin J | Family of Lindsay S | Family of Devan F |
| • Tony | Sheila | Yasmin |
| • Greg | Randy | Cameron |
| • Danielle | | |

Thank you to the members of our faculty who helped lead and supervise lunchtime activities:

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| • Danielle | Payton | Shafana | Carolyn |
| • Chio | Heather | Aivars | Sheila |
| • Tony | Mia | Monica | Hillel |
| • Matt | Seth | | |

All the hard work of coordinating the organizational details was done by the following three members of PALS:

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| • Mei C | Michelle L | Mya T |
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The rest of the PALS helped with attendance duties during lunchtime activities.

Ali, the sponsoring teacher, would like to send out a **huge thank you to all of the above folk mentioned**, and she hopes she hasn't left anyone out.

The following list of top prize winners (still tentative, until all verifiers can be reached) are invited to come to the **Unplugged Pizza and Prize Lunch in the Media Room on Thursday, Nov. 7**, where they will get to choose from the assortment of wonderful prizes.

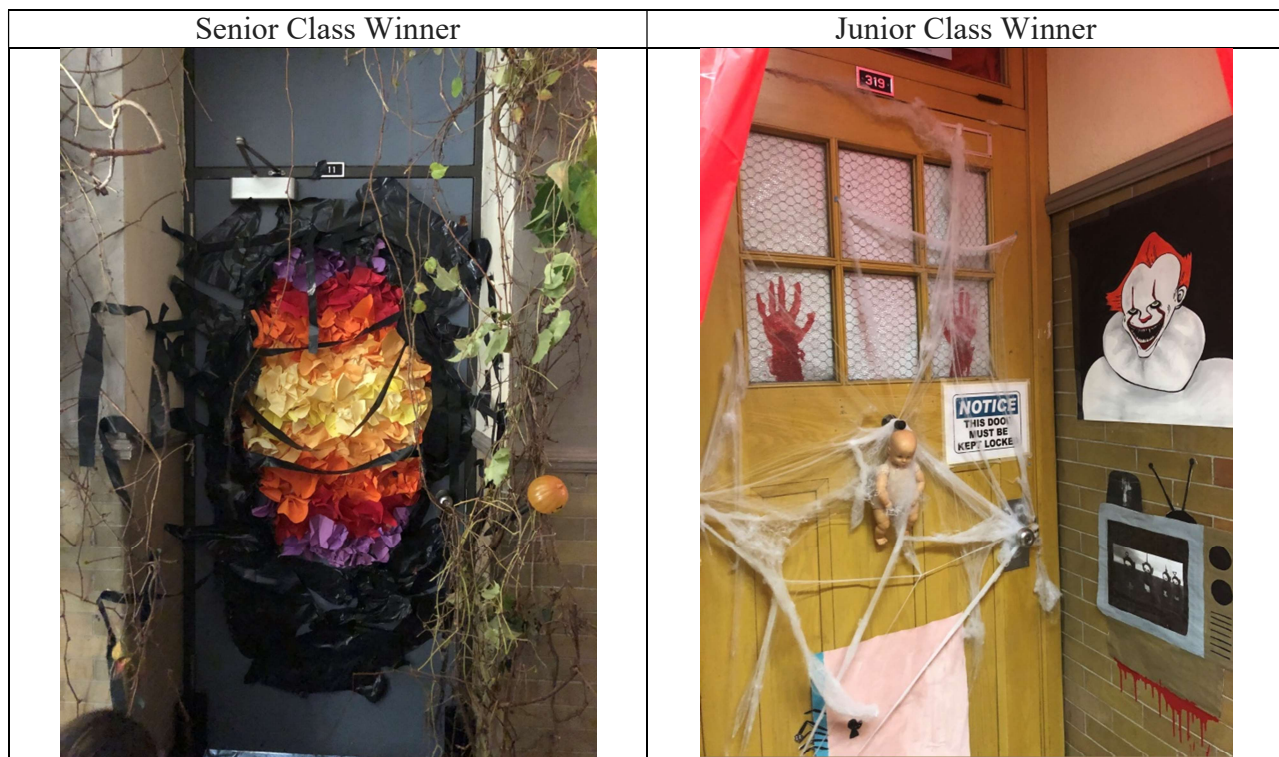
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| • Solenne L | Camille P | Colette B | Teodora B |
| • Andy N | Morgan Y | Minna P | Alexandre L |
| • Ondine S | Jacob M | Alina C | Saffa I |
| • Oscar W | Ryder K | Stefan C | Devan F |
| • Samantha V | Timea S | Zoe A | Declan G |
| • Ava D | Mizpah A | Liefe M | Yael D |
| • Nirjara R | Mephram S | Saumya K | Alexandra J |
| • Akshay K | | | |

FAA NewsFlash Update: (by: Hannah L)

Our fall sports are almost finished. Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball and Tennis have all finished their season. They all played amazing seasons and improved so much! A few Cross Country students moved on to OFSAA and are competing today and tomorrow. Our winter sports are starting up. Swim Team and Junior Boys Basketball are already recruiting members, and the other sports will be having interest meetings soon. FAA is looking for acts for Holiday Assembly, so if interested please contact Jamie W or Sophie P. Finally, FAA will be selling baked goods at UFA's open house to raise money for our Athletic Banquet.

Halloween Assembly Update – Oct 31st

Student Council wants to thank everybody who took part in the Halloween Assembly, with a special thank you to the students who participated in the costume contest. As a lead up to Halloween, the home rooms were busy decorating their doors. The winners were revealed at the assembly: the winner of the senior door decorating contest was the elaborate *Stranger Things* themed door and the winner of the junior door decorating contest was the creatively designed horror movie themed door. Thank you to all the students who dressed in appropriate Halloween costumes and to all the staff who supported the Halloween themed events.



Have a great week!

David