

**UFA NewsFlash – October 18, 2019**  
**Important Information for the Week of**  
**October 21 – 25**

## **Dr. Franklin Unplugged Week!**

Doctor Franklin Unplugged Week . . . begins on Monday! Coordinators have been visiting classrooms and handing out pledge forms to interested students. Parents, if you have signed to be a verifier, thank you so much!

So many teachers, parents and community members have agreed to contribute to the week, with several guest speakers coming in to run a variety of lunchtime workshops and activities. There will be lots to stimulate discussion, raise awareness, and give students opportunities to just have fun! Kin ball, cookie decorating, Zumba, trivia, Ultimate Frisbee, and much more is on offer, led by a host of different students and club leaders.

Students, if you haven't picked up a pledge form yet, you can get one at the end of the kick-off assembly on Monday morning. Note: If you want to be able to accumulate points, you must submit a pledge form to Ali in Guidance by Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Nut Break by the latest. Let the long list of wonderful prizes be a motivator!

And don't forget about fundraising for Stella's Place, a wonderful charity that we'll learn more about at the kick-off assembly. Donation information is included in the pledge package.

*Let the unplugging begin!*

### **Monday, October 21 – Assembly Day Schedule**

- Kick-Off Assembly for Dr. Franklin Unplugged Week

### **Tuesday, October 22**

- School Support Team Meeting (a.m.)
- United Nations Day (UN)

### **Wednesday, October 23**

- Ontario College Fair – Enercare Centre

### **Thursday, October 24**

- Ontario College Fair – Enercare Centre

### **Friday, October 25**

- Grade 9 Learning Skills Workshop
- See further details in the [Other Important Information](#) section below.

## Outside Window Replacement

The Window Replacement process will commence this Friday, after school, on one room (113) to access the protocol being put in place. In discussion with the Project Supervisor, the Demolition and Installation Contractors as well as the Environmental Assessment Staff, the expectation is that the process will take about 3-4 days per room. The contractors believe that when they remove the plaster around the old windows they will find some asbestos. It is the type of asbestos that is easily contained and is not considered to be a hazard if protocol is followed. The work site will be isolated (sealed) and monitored continuously by Environmental Staff and access to the affected work area (by our community) will not be granted till the work area is declared safe and clean.

We are working with the Project Supervisor and TDSB Health and Safety staff to arrange for two presentations where the community will have an opportunity to pose questions. As those dates and times become available I will let you publicize them via a NewsFlash Update. In addition, TDSB Health and Safety will provide us literature that we will make available via a NewsFlash update when it becomes available.

In the meantime – if you have any concerns that you would like addressed immediately, please don't hesitate to email me ([david.freedman@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:david.freedman@tdsb.on.ca)) or call the school (416-393-0430).

## Other Important Information

### Grade 9 Learning Skills Workshop – October 25

On Thursday, October 25, all grade 9 students will participate in a half-day in-school event focussing on Learning Skills. Students will attend a grade assembly with their first period class, then after Nut Break, senior students will visit their second period class to run activities intended to help students identify and build skills needed to succeed in high school. Twenty grade 11 and 12 students have been using the first block of Wednesday sessions to prepare these activities and engage our grade 9s in this UFA tradition.

### Future Options Fair – October 29

On October 29 senior students will be able to meet with representatives of various colleges/universities and gap-year programmes during the morning. Details will be shared with students at school. PALs will be running an epic Bake Sale – so bring a lot of money.

### School Advisory Council – October 29

Our next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be taking place Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the library. All are welcome.

### Schedule Changes – Advanced Notice – October 31

We will run an assembly day schedule on the 31<sup>st</sup> with an 8:45 a.m. school start time to accommodate the Halloween Assembly.

### **Grade 8 Open House – November 5**

Our annual Grade 8 Open House takes place the evening of Tuesday, November 5. To accommodate everyone who wishes to attend we will have two presentations, the first at 5:30 p.m. and the second at 6:15 p.m. Parents (and students) are asked to pre-register for the session that best fits their schedule. This is the kick-off event for the 2020-2019 Admissions Process. Please refer interested parents/students to our website that has an overview of our program as well as a link to our on-line registration form. Each presentation is followed by an optional tour of our school. <http://www.ufacademy.org/overview/>

### **Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day – November 6**

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 1<sup>st</sup>. Details will be shared in Grade 9 home rooms.

Have a great week!

David