



Unsworth Elementary School Newsletter



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Message from the Principal

The celebration of 'Hundreds Day' at Unsworth is an early sign that Spring is on it's way! We have wrapped up our second term, as teachers completed assessments and set the course for the third and final term. While teachers and students focus on building upon their academic successes, we continue to support students in self-regulation and solving problems in peaceful ways.

During the month of February, we acknowledged Black History Month every day by celebrating and recognizing the contributions of Black Canadians and other Black influencers from around the world.

We also highlighted the virtue of kindness. Students were encouraged to look for ways to include others in their play and widen their friendship circles at school. Pink Shirt Day was a big hit with the colour splashed everywhere!

*Be kind whenever possible...
...it is always possible.* ~ Dalai Lama

Report Cards – Coming Home

Report cards will be distributed the week of **March 11th**, just before Spring Break. A reminder that student report cards are a snapshot of a student's progress in relation to the learning outcomes for their grade levels. Your child's report card will include your child's progress to date, reference to areas for future development and ways you can support your child, as well as information regarding their work effort and attitude towards work.

Parents are encouraged to review and celebrate their child's academic successes and to help their child set goals for the final term.

**Syós:ys lets'e
th'ále, lets'emó:t**

~One heart, one mind, working
together for a common purpose.~



Parent Input for Student Placement Request Forms for 2024 / 25

In May and June, we begin working on student placement for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Please review the following information outlining our student placement process and how you can provide input.

The process of assigning students to classes is a complex one, which begins with the district allocation of staffing based on projections of numbers of students for September. In creating classes, we must balance the student needs in each class, and also work within the limits of the Ministry of Education guidelines concerning class size and composition.

The placement of each child is carefully discussed by a group comprised of the child's present teacher, other teachers who have been involved in the student's learning, next year's possible teacher, the Learning Resource Teacher and the Principal. The resulting placement will take into account the whole child. The following factors are considered when grouping students and are not in any particular order:

- The learning style of the student and the teaching style of the teacher
- The child's physical and social maturity
- The balance of student needs, behaviour, skills and talents in each class
- The child's interactions/friendships with other students
- The child's intellectual development level
- Promoting leadership potential in students
- Student level of independence

[Fillable Class Placement Form](#)

The current teacher will have a substantial amount of information to provide about your child's learning and social/emotional needs and will make recommendations. There are many considerations taken into effect when considering the best classroom placement for each child, other than friendships, which understandably are important to your child, but part of the process of growth involves getting to know others and working with them.

Parents requesting special consideration of **significant educational circumstances** in the placement of their child are advised to pick up and complete the Placement Request form available at the office and submit it by **Friday, May 24th**. The information provided by the parent will certainly be considered along with the other criteria that must be balanced in making educational decisions for effective learning environments in each classroom. **We will not be accepting parent requests in September; you MUST provide input by May 24th.**

Are you moving?

We are currently initiating the staffing process for the 2024 / 25 school year. To determine our staffing allocations, we are required to have accurate enrollment numbers. If you intend on moving and know that your child (ren) will not be attending Unsworth next year, we would love to hear from you as soon as possible. Likewise, if your child (ren) will be attending another school in the district, you are strongly encouraged to register at that school as soon as possible. Please contact our office or write your child's teacher a note to confirm if you are moving.

School Website

Please refer to our school website regularly to keep informed of school events. Our website provides information about what is going on in the school, current news and announcements.

[Unsworth Elementary](#)

Lost and Found

We have several items in our lost and found bin, but mainly gloves, boots, shoes and a few jackets and sweaters. All items will be donated on March 15th to a local charity. Please don't wait to have a look for items that you may be missing.

Parent Advisory Council News

The next P.A.C. meeting is scheduled for **April 23rd @ 9:00 a.m. in The Nest**

TumbleBooks is available!

What is TumbleBooks?

TumbleBooks is an online library of high-interest books/picture books for students in Grade K-5. TumbleBooks are presented in an innovative and exciting format which teaches children to learn to read, build vocabulary and have fun at the same time. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books and adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book that you can read, or have read to you.

The School District has purchased a district license and the link is available to all our families. You can have ready access to thousands of high-interest children's books from the comfort of your own home.

The link is located under the student information tab on the left of our website. Check it out! It's a great resource for families. [TUMBLE BOOKS](#) (user name: sd33 password: reads)

MUNCH-A-LUNCH

Our Munch-A-Lunch website is up and running! Get your orders in as soon as possible. The ordering closes 7 days prior to the Hot Lunch date. Here are our upcoming hot lunches:

March 15th – Popcorn Day



Library News – Read A Thon

On Wednesday, March 13 from 1:00-2:00 in the afternoon, students at Unsworth will be participating in a Read-a-Thon. This is a fundraiser for our library to help fund prize books in the vending machine. As of Jan. 31, 220 students have won a book so far this year!! Students will bring home a pledge form the first week of March. Parents, grandparents, family friends and others can pledge a set amount or an amount per minute read. The students read for the entire period and then bring the pledge money to school after the event. Students may be wear pajamas or comfy clothes, and bring pillows/blankets/stuffies to help make the time more enjoyable. Parents, grandparents and guardians are all welcome to join us 😊

Dates to Remember

March 11 – 15
March 18 – April 1
Monday, April 1
Tuesday April 2
Friday, April 26

Report Card Week
Spring Break
Easter Monday
Back to School
Pro D Day



Parking Lot Reminders

- If you are in your vehicle, please turn the engine off as the parking lot is a no-idle zone. There are young lungs at work here. 😊
- Please do not leave your vehicle if you are in the drop off lane
- Please do not park in the bus lane
- Please do not park in the staff parking lot
- If at all possible, could we ask that if your children are in Grade 3 – 5, could you please consider coming to pick up your student(s) at 2:30 in an effort to help keep the flow of traffic moving on Unsworth Road.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone!

Student Learning Survey 2023 / 2024

During the months of January to May, School District #33 is participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Student Learning Survey Project in cooperation with school districts throughout the Province.

Parents/Guardians/Caregivers can complete the online Anonymous Student Learning Surveys any time before 11:59 pm May 3rd, 2024, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

For 2024: Students in **Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12** will complete the survey. Unsworth Students in **Gr. 4** will be completing the survey between March 1st and May 3rd, 2024.

To complete the Parent survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to <https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/access.asp>
3. Under the section “Parents - Direct Access” – no logon number required select:
 - District: the name of your child’s district : **33**
 - School: the name of your child’s school : **Unsworth**
 - Language: the language of your choice
4. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to answer each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
5. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message “Thank you for sharing your views”.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact me at 604-858-4510 or through email at shawn_mcleod@sd33.bc.ca

