

# UGDSB TOGETHER

*Monthly communications updates from the Upper Grand DSB*

## Black Heritage, Black Brilliance, Black Futures Month

February provides us with an excellent opportunity to celebrate Black Heritage, Black Brilliance and Black Futures. It is our intention that the resources provided to staff and to our community will continue to enrich the teaching and learning in the UGDSB throughout the year and that the celebration of Black identity and diversity is a continuous aspect of culturally relevant responsive pedagogy and inclusion across the UGDSB.

## School & Board Information

### Provide your input on the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Planning for the next school year has begun and the UGDSB is seeking feedback on the proposed 2023-2024 school year calendars. Each year, the UGDSB's School Year Calendar Committee submits draft calendars for the upcoming school year to the Ministry. Once approved, these calendars are posted online and outline the school days, PA Days and holidays for the coming school year. Families in our district are invited to take a few minutes to provide their input on the UGDSB's draft 2023-2024 School Year Calendars via an anonymous online [survey](#).

### More than just a text: Having a conversation with your kids about mental health

The Canadian Mental Health Association's (CMHA) BounceBack program is inviting parents, guardians, support staff and care providers to a province-wide "lunch and learn" about talking to your kids about mental health. The webinar will go over subjects such as how to recognize the signs and symptoms of depression, stress, and anxiety. The webinar will be held Thursday, March 2, from 12-1pm (ET) and you can register [here](#).

### The City of Guelph is hiring summer students

The City of Guelph, in collaboration with the Upper Grand District School Board, is looking to fill summer student positions. The City has a variety of interesting, fun and rewarding summer work positions and a job with the City has many valuable benefits. Those who gain employment will have the opportunity to improve their leadership skills, expand their resume and post-secondary applications, build confidence in their skills and make a difference in their community. Hourly pay ranges from \$15.65 to \$18.49. The deadline to apply is February 5, so don't wait, [apply now!](#)





## Optional Survey

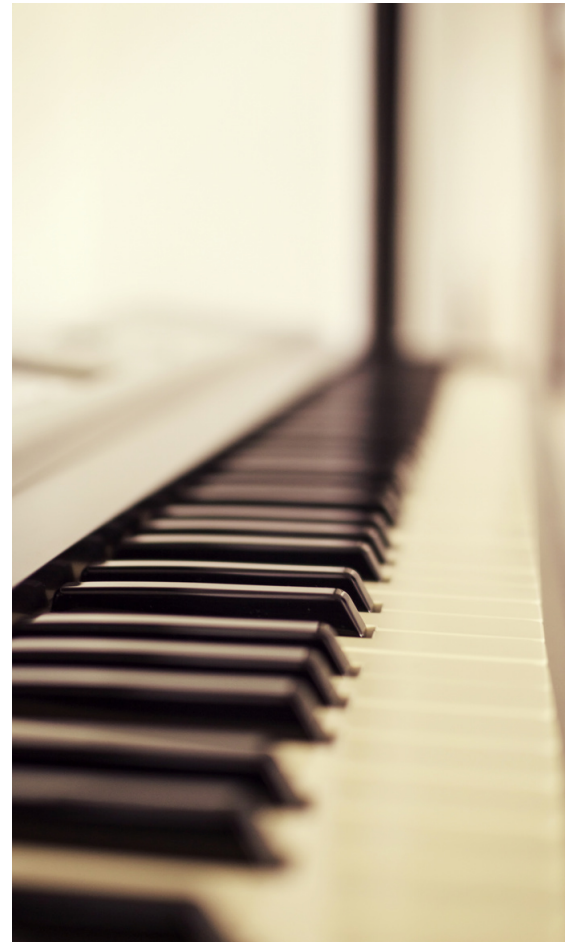
'Do you have time for a quick, anonymous and optional survey? The UGDSB Communications Team is asking parents/caregivers and students what information they need to know about transitioning from elementary school to high school. The survey should only take 3 minutes to complete and is specific to communications. We would love to hear from you! [Click here to complete.](#)

## News around the UGDSB

*WHSS achieves EcoSchool platinum standing for 2022*  
Wellington Heights Secondary School's (WHSS) dedication to green initiatives over the many years has paid off as they have achieved platinum standing as an Ontario EcoSchool. EcoSchools are based on a point system and many of the initiatives over the years at WHSS have attributed to its platinum standing. Many of the green initiatives are run by WHSS's Community Environmental Leadership Program. Read the full story and learn more about EcoSchools [here](#).

### *Guelph CVI Music to hold performance of The Beatles' Abbey Road*

Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute's (GCVI) music department is inviting the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph community out for a musical performance of the groundbreaking album from The Beatles, Abbey Road. The performance will take place Sunday, January 29 at 7 pm, and will feature special guest performer Mayor Cam Guthrie on the drums. Read more about the musical night [here](#).



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