

# UGDSB TOGETHER

*Monthly communications updates from the Upper Grand DSB*

## Happy New Year, UGDSB!

Welcome back UG! We hope that everyone had a safe and restful winter break. January is a busy month, with lots of exciting things happening in schools and in the board. Schools are helping families register their children to start kindergarten in September, we have collaborated with organizations to offer students tutoring supports, and students/families and staff are learning about realistic optimism. See below for details!

## School & Board Information

### Kindergarten registration is back

It's that time of year again! The UGDSB is looking forward to welcoming a whole new group of kindergarteners to school. Starting school can be overwhelming for both students and parents/caregivers. The UG is ready to help make that transition as smooth as possible.

Registration for new UGDSB Junior Kindergarten (JK) and Senior Kindergarten (SK) students for September 2023 begins on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, and closes on Friday, January 27, 2023, at 4:00 pm. Read full registration instructions [here](#).

### Reminder: Tutoring supports for students

The Upper Grand District School Board in association with The Grove, TVOLearn, Streams Community Hub, Tutor Bright, and Reading Rocks is providing students at both the elementary and secondary levels with additional tutoring support and resources.

Learn more about the supports available on the [UGDSB website](#) and check the website for updates and additional programs.

### January's Wellness Works theme is realistic optimism

Wellness Works returns to the UGDSB for the new year. This month's theme is realistic optimism.

What is realistic optimism? Realistic optimism can be many things like believing that you will succeed with the right inputs like hard work and careful planning. Or, expecting a positive outcome while preparing for obstacles and seeing ways to work around them. Learn more about realistic optimism [here](#).





## Policy updates

For all UGDSB policies visit [www.ugdsb.ca/policy](http://www.ugdsb.ca/policy)

**The following protocol(s) have been updated:**

- Policy 205 - School Volunteers

Don't forget to visit our website for all [UGDSB policies](#) as well as [protocols](#) and [procedures manuals](#). When policies are up for review and revision we will notify you on this website.

## News around the UGDSB

### *CHSS students build mud kitchens for Brant Avenue PS*

New mud kitchens and market stands have been installed for student use at Brant Avenue Public School, thanks to the hard work of College Heights Secondary School's (CHSS) construction program. CHSS teacher Carol Beatson spoke with her senior classes, who were excited to participate in building the mud kitchens and market stands for the younger students. Students were able to practice construction and design elements. Read the full story [here](#).

### *Dancer from Westminster Woods PS wins gold at world tap dance competition*

Congratulations to 13 year-old Anisha Chowdhury, from Westminster Woods Public School, for winning gold at the International Dance Organization (IDO) World Tap Dance Championship in Croatia. She has set the barre for what hard work, practice and determination can accomplish. The young dancer was the first female soloist to win gold for Canada since 2013. Read the full story [here](#).



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