

UGDSB TOGETHER

Monthly communications updates from the Upper Grand DSB

Every Day Counts!

Did you know? For students struggling with attendance, the UGDSB offers many supports including access to Attendance Counsellors, Social Workers, referrals to community agencies and support staff in schools, in addition to many ways to ensure students keep connected and on top of their learning for periods when they have to be absent from school.

[Get family strategies to help encourage regular student attendance at school.](#)

#EveryDayCounts #AttendanceMatters

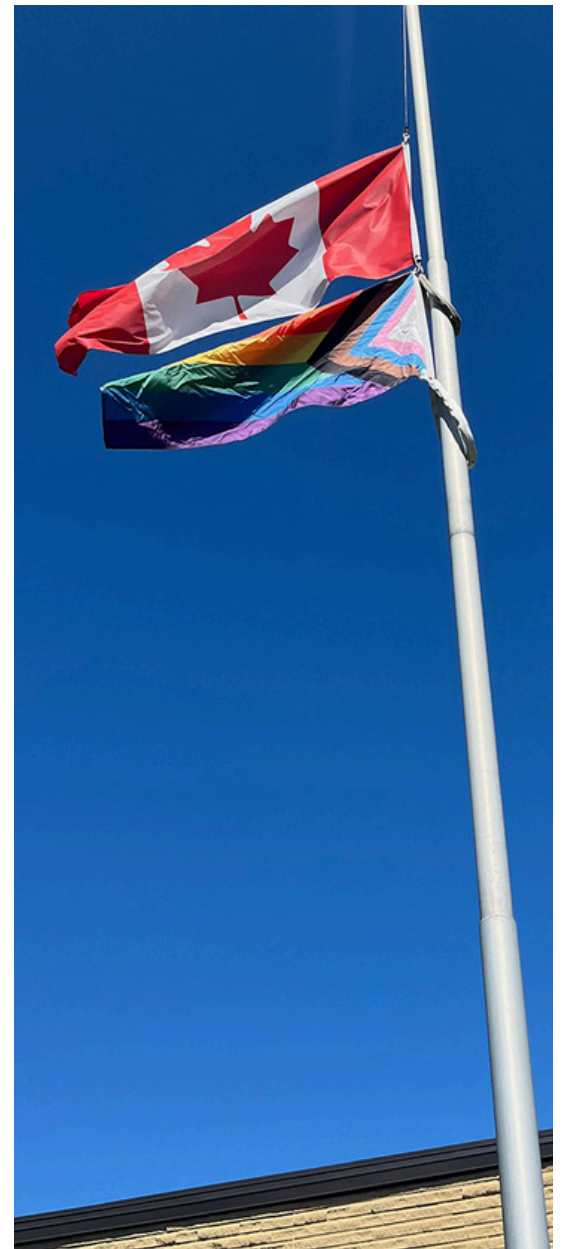
School & Board Information

June is National Indigenous History Month

The UGDSB celebrates June as National Indigenous History Month and recognizes this month as an opportunity to learn about and celebrate the rich and vibrant knowledges, contributions, histories, cultures and futures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples respectively. The UGDSB's Indigenous Education department has created a calendar with daily activities, weekly topics and extension activities for staff. The calendar focuses on the theme of celebration and incorporating Indigenous content into K-12 classrooms with lesson plans, inquiry activities and live-streamed events. There will also be in-person and virtual events throughout the month of June. [For more information, please visit the UGDSB website.](#)

Celebrating Pride Month in the Upper Grand DSB

The UGDSB is kicking off Pride Month. During this important time, it's essential that we come together to ensure our schools are supportive, inclusive spaces for all students. During June and throughout the year, the UGDSB celebrates the joy of identity and recognizes the contributions of 2SLGBTQIA+ students, staff, and families. Every student, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, deserves to feel seen, valued, and respected. To mark our commitment, the Pride Flag will be flown at every school and workplace across the UGDSB, with flag-raising ceremonies planned. However, Pride Month is about more than just symbols. Our schools will host a variety of events and activities to celebrate diversity, promote understanding, and ensure inclusivity. [Read more on the UGDSB website.](#)





UGDSB MYP

Are you familiar with the vision, priorities and plan of the UGDSB? [Check out the UGDSB website for information on the school board's Multi-Year Plan \(MYP\)](#). MYP 2022-2026 outlines the key directions that guide the board's actions for the students and communities the UGDSB serves. The priorities for the board are bold and reflect the diversity and uniqueness of Upper Grand students and school communities.

Stories Around the UGDSB

Battle of the Bands

John F. Ross CVI hosted a "Battle of the Bands" event, drawing talent from across the UGDSB. The competition featured bands from John F. Ross CVI, Westside SS, Guelph CVI, and Centennial CVI. The event was not just a competition but a celebration of the thriving music scene within the UGDSB. The EL Fox auditorium buzzed with excitement as students, staff, families and friends gathered to support their favourite bands. [Read more here!](#)

UG schools celebrate unity and pride at 3rd annual Pride picnic

Recently, five schools from the UGDSB hosted the third annual Pride picnic. The picnic was enjoyed by students and staff at Monora Park for a vibrant celebration of diversity and inclusivity. Originally founded by Erin DHS, the event was hosted by Orangeville DSS and provided 2SLGBTQIA+ and allied students with an opportunity to connect and celebrate Pride Month. [Read more here!](#)

