



THE Village VOICE



Village Union PS Monthly Newsletter

Congratulations to our Intermediate Dodgeball Team!

Our team placed first in their division bracket and came in top 4 at the Durham finals in the 10th Annual Intermediate Co-Ed Dodgeball Tournament! Way to go!



NEW & NOTABLE AT VILLAGE UNION PS

STAFFING UPDATES

We wish Mrs. Noonan well on her maternity leave & welcome Ms. Osenenko to Kindergarten! We also welcome our dedicated supply teacher, Ms. Sollecito and new literacy tutor, Ms. Zwarych Welcome back to Mrs. Lucas who is returning from maternity leave!



Quick Reminders

CONNECTING

DON'T miss it!

Please make sure you are accessing the Parent Portal to update your contact and emergency information regularly. To receive our weekly info emails, please select 'Yes' to receive communication via email.

LUNCHES



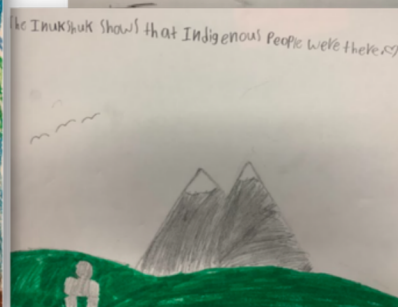
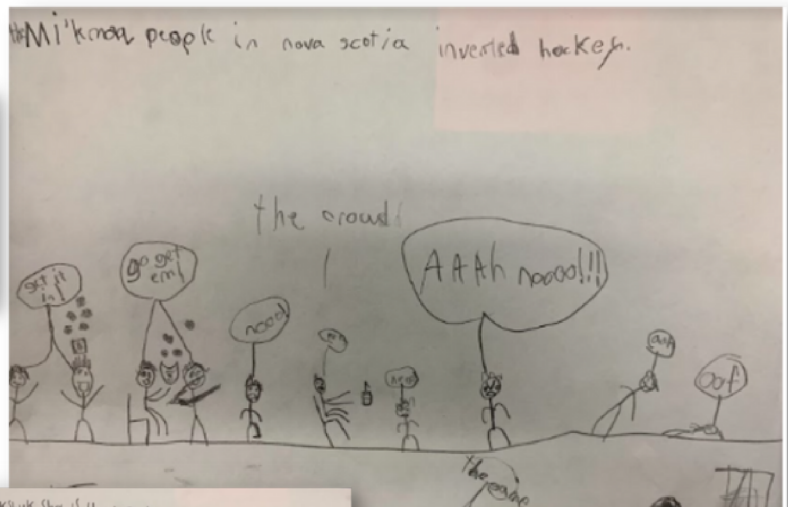
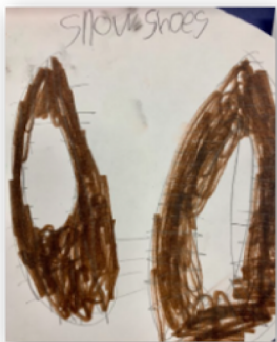
Lunches should be 'boomerang' - this means bringing home trash and recyclables. Re-usable bags and containers are a plus! We have a weekly sub lunch available via LunchBox Online

DROP-OFF

Our driveway closes at 8:30 to allow for bus safety and traffic calming. If you arrive between 8:30-8:45, you can enter the back parking lot off Nassau St. and park near the old pool before walking around to enter.

CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT: GRADE 3

In our Grade 3 classroom our students have been learning about the contributions that Indigenous Peoples have made to our society through innovations and inventions. The students explored how Indigenous people used the land and items around them to create transportation, food, medicine, clothing and much more. We also learned about how the Colonizers who came and settled Canada were influenced and taught by the Indigenous Peoples and how many of these inventions and innovations are still in use today. As a final task, the students were asked to think about their new learnings and visually depict the innovation or invention that they found to be interesting and relevant to them. Below are some examples of their artwork.





WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS



Students will be outside for recess at both nutrition breaks daily unless it is raining or below -20 C (with windchill). It is important to bring winter wear and boots for outdoor play! During the winter months, it may help to have a dry change of socks and pants in backpacks!

Attention Students!
If school buses are cancelled due to weather:

- Elementary and secondary schools in the affected zones remain open.
- We will post on the DDS website and social media by 7 a.m.

DAILY WELLNESS SCREENING

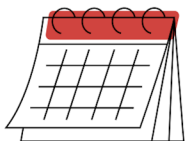
[HTTPS://WWW.ONTARIO.CA/SCHOOL-SCREENING/](https://www.ontario.ca/school-screening/)

Anyone who is feeling sick or has any symptoms of illness, including those not listed in this screening tool, should stay home and seek assessment from their health care provider if needed.

IMPORTANT DATES



- FEBRUARY'S CHARACTER TRAIT: KINDNESS**
- February 15 - Term 1 Report Cards go home
 - February 17 - Random Acts of Kindness Day
 - February 20 - Family Day Holiday (No School)
 - February 22-24 - Human Trafficking Symposium for Intermediate Students
 - February 23 - Pink Shirt Day
 - March 2 - Grade 8 Grad Photos
 - March 10-19 - March Break (No School)
 - April 7-10 - Easter Break (No School)



Thank you for ensuring a positive school culture where all members of our school community are treated with dignity and respect.

Visitors, including parents and guardians, are asked to please report to the main office when entering the building.

As outlined in the DDSB Code of Conduct and the Ontario Occupational Health & Safety Act, the DDSB is committed to providing a safe and respectful working and learning environment for all.

The use of profanity, verbal and/or physical abuse, harassment or threatening behaviour towards staff, students and other members of the school community is not permitted.



February

Black History Month is an opportunity for Canada to recognize the past and present contributions that African Canadians have made and continue to make in such areas as education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development, politics and human rights.

KINDNESS

I am **sensitive** to people's feelings.

I **HELP** others in need.

I am never mean or hurtful with my actions or words.

I am **CHARITABLE.**



WE all SHOULD know That **DIVERSITY** makes for a rich tapestry, AND WE MUST understand that all the threads of the tapestry are **EQUAL** in Value no matter what their color.

- Maya Angelou

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