

# UPS REPORT



UPLANDS PARK SCHOOL—A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

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## Principal's Message:

Our student leaders did a wonderful presentation on Perverserance this month!

Also our community was very proud of our students at our Remembrance Day Assembly. Thank you to Clara Jaegar and Justin Fairbrother who lead the assembly.

We had the Vancouver Aquarium visit our school for the whole day on Nov. 16 this was a special visit - very informative. The following day we had some excellent musical entertainment from the Bluesberries. Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring this musical performance. If you were asked to do the "twist" at home now you will know why! Lastly we had CAMP QUALITY here Nov. 24 - this is a puppet show for kindergarten to grade 5 students promoting empathy, respect, compassion and anti bullying. It was well received by all - and what a fantastic message.

We are encouraging students to put their wrappers in the garbage prior to going outside or to bring a "litterless" lunch. We appreciate your efforts in helping us keep our school grounds clean.

We have a lot happening for December - please take note of the dates and I will put a reminder out on our listserve (email).

Our theme for December is "Responsibility"

See you at our next PAC meeting Thurs. Dec. 3.

As of November 30 - we will have a counselor Ms.

Julia Allen - welcome Ms. Long to our school

community! Congratulations to our EA, Ms. Scott who had a beautiful baby boy, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Baby and mommy are doing well!!!!

Ms. Robinson - Principal

## Dates:

**Nov. 30** - Canned Food Drive begins until Wed. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

**Dec. 1 - Dec. 4** - collecting pledges for Frosty Footrace

**Dec. 3** - PAC meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Dec. 4** - Frosty Footrace - DRESS IN FROSTY CLOTHES! "Fun" hats, scarves, "silly" socks (anything that is colourful, fun and good for cold days!)

**Dec. 4** - final day of Door Decorating Contest

**Dec. 7 - 18** - Book Fair

**Dec. 8** - Family Christmas Sing-A-Long -6:30 Gym. Please drop in for some fun (very casual) (We will have a musical in February)

**Dec. 9** - Report Cards go home

**Dec. 15 and 16** - PAC Santa Shop - all items \$1

**Dec. 18** - Last day of classes before Winter Break

Christmas break Dec. 19 - Jan. 3

**Jan. 4** - return to school from Winter Break



## Door Decorating Contest

At the end of November classes will be decorating their classroom doors. The Uplands Spirit Award will be given to the best Primary and Intermediate doors. The theme is WINTER. Classes will be collecting non-perishable food for the Salvation Army. Thank you for your support!

**CONNECT ED** - Online School District 68 Magazine. Parents please click on the link - this is our School District magazine:

<http://www.sd68.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/ConnectED-Fall-2015.pdf>

**GOGO CHRISTMAS TREES - Gr. 7** The Grade 7's are selling \$5.00 coupons for Gogo's tree farm and pre cut lot on Pryde Street. The coupon is good for \$5.00 off any tree from the farm or pre-cut lot. If you were already thinking about getting a tree you aren't paying anything extra but the school receives \$5.00. There will be a form coming home on Monday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> which you would return to the school with your money if interested, and we will send a coupon(s) home with your child. There is a maximum of 1 coupon per tree. Thank-You for supporting the grade 7 Capenwray camping trip



#### **UPLANDS PARK - PROJECT WILD**

Our School is a Project Wild School where we focus on outdoor education. Our school goal is:

**SCHOOL GOAL INQUIRY:** How does authentic experiential learning of and in the natural environment impact literacy skills? As a staff we are committed to creating success for our students. Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor shoes and coats as we will be using our forest and being outdoors as much as possible.

#### **Supporting Uplands School:**

**Nanaimo Soap Exchange:** When you are out shopping please consider shopping at the Soap Exchange at Country Club mall. Let the staff know you are an Uplands parent - a portion of the sales goes back to the school.

**COBBS Bakery** - When buying baked goods at COBBS let the staff know that you are from Uplands Park (We are in "Raise the Dough" program)

**COUNTRY GROCER**- We have a box in the office. Please bring all your receipts to us. A portion of the receipt subtotals will be turned into food vouchers. We purchase food for a breakfast and lunch program for our students.

**FRIDAY - DEC. 4 - THIRD ANNUAL FROSTY FOOT RACE** - This is our community run to raise money for our families at Christmas time. Pledge sheets have been sent home with students . If you need another sheet they are available in the office.

Friday - Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> is **DRESS FROSTY DAY!** - wear fun and silly hats, scarves, mittens, silly socks. It is a Frosty Fun Day.

**WHEN:** Warm Up in the GYM 10:30 a.m. (after little recess). This is a school block run around neighbourhood.

After the run we will meet back on the black top where hot chocolate and popcorn will be served to students. The Hot Chocolate is a donation from Tim Horton's and our PAC is providing the "free" popcorn!



#### **BOOK FAIR**

The Library is hosting a book fair from Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come and see what we have to offer.

On the evening of **Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** in the GYM we will be having a Christmas sing-a-long. It is from 6-7 pm we will be singing carols in the gym led by our music teacher, Ms. Wilson.

The PAC is making crafts and setting up Coloring tables. Mrs. Dyck will be selling Christmas Crafts for the SPCA. The book Fair will also be open. All the families are invited to come and sing, make a craft, shop the book fair. It will be fun night!

**MOVIE NIGHT** - Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - GYM - Doors open at 6 p.m. and movie begins 6:30 p.m. (sponsored by the Grade 7 class - ALL WELCOME). The movie is **INSIDE OUT**.

#### **Volleyball**

**Bantam Boys - Mr. O'Brien**

Bantam boys play on Wednesdays after school. Practices will be held during big recess on Mondays.

## **CASH BACK PROGRAM**

Fountain Tire- We are pleased to offer a 5% cash back to Uplands on every invoice when the customer uses the cash back account. There is no sign up required. Tell them you are an UPLANDS PARK PARENT.



## **PAC News November-2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Santa Shop**

PAC is once again hosting a Student Santa Shop. Beginning November 13<sup>th</sup>- December 11<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting small household items/toys for the students to purchase as gifts for a parent, caregiver, grandparent or sibling for \$1.00. Gifts will be wrapped and all money raised will go to families in need.

Please contact the PAC via email [upspacconnect@gmail.com](mailto:upspacconnect@gmail.com) or via our Facebook page to arrange pick up of items or put them in the donation box at school.

The Santa Shop will be set up in the gym December 15 & 16 if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you for your support.

PAC Meeting Dec 3rd

Santa Shop Open Dec 15-16

Fun Lunch Dec 18-Subway

Spring Awesomely Awesome UPS Fun Fair May 13<sup>th</sup> 2016. We are in need of volunteers to help with planning please connect with us via Facebook or email: [upspacconnect@gmail.com](mailto:upspacconnect@gmail.com)

Thank you to all parents for your support this year we cannot do it without you.



## **Imagination Station Before and After School Care License #CVIH639 PLQ**

Uplands Park Schools on-site before and after school care program has been approved to open another 18 on-site childcare spaces effective December 1, 2015. Please contact Kathy Cameron at [ImaginationOSC@hotmail.com](mailto:ImaginationOSC@hotmail.com) for more information or drop by the center located in room 113.

## **Games**

Nov. 25 UPS goes to Mountainview  
Dec. 2 UPS home game vs Georgia  
Dec. 9 BYE  
Dec. 13 UPS home game vs McGirr  
Dec. 20 Uplands home game vs Hammond Bay

## **Bantam Girls - Ms. Janjic**

We have 9 dedicated Bantam Girls on our team this year, all of which bring something unique to the team. We are already a solid team because of the outstanding commitment and enthusiasm from the players. We are certainly going to have a fun season. We are practicing on Mondays at lunch and hopefully sneaking in a Wednesday too when we can. Our games are on Thursdays.

## **PeeWee Boys - Mr. Galloway**

Games are Tuesday after school. Dec. away at NCI, Dec. 8 at UPS vs Coal Tyee, Dec. 15 at UPS vs Georgia, Jan. 5 at UPS vs Q-way, Jan. 12 at UPS vs PVS, Jan. 19 at UPS vs HB.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE** - If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station - tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook and mobile app. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.