

UPS REPORT



UPLANDS PARK SCHOOL—A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

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Lisa Robinson-Principal

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Principal's Message:

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to all our families!

Thank you to our PAC for making December such a special month - with the Santa Shop and giving out Popcorn to support our Frosty Footrace.

Thank you to all staff - especially Mrs. Dyck for making the Frosty Footrace such a success - we were able to support many of our families at Christmas. Our student leaders will do a presentation on Fairness at our monthly assembly next week. If you look in your child's planner all themes for the month are in the table of contents.

Our PAC meeting is this Thursday, January 7th. Ms. Allen our school counselor will be presenting a workshop for all parents on "Children and Anxiety." This will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Please join us.

The PAC is selling Clipper's tickets Jan. 12-14 (\$2 a person or \$5 for a family) to the 2 p.m. Clipper's game (see attached poster).

A reminder children will be outside for little and big recess - please send hats, warm coats, gloves and appropriate foot ware as the snow gets everyone quite wet. Also a spare set of socks are helpful too. 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. Here's to a fantastic 2016!

Ms. Robinson - Principal

Dates:

Jan. 4 - Notices go home regarding Gr. 3 Swim to Survive and Gr. 4 and 7 upcoming FSA

Jan. 7 - PAC - 6:30 p.m. Anxiety Presentation

Jan. 12 - PAC sells Popcorn - 50 cents

Jan. 12 -14-PAC selling Clipper's Tickets- \$2 a person or \$5 for family

Jan. 13 - Fun Lunch Orders due

Jan. 24 (Sunday) Clipper's Game - 2pm

Jan. 29 - Curriculum Implementation Day- student do not attend

Feb. 8 - BC Family Day - No School

Feb. 22 and 23 - Pro-D Days - Students do not attend



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.

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.

Kindergarten Registration for 2016-17

Registration for Kindergarten for September 2016 will start at all elementary schools on Monday, January 4th – during regular office hours. At Uplands, this is 8am to 3:30 pm. Complete information about registration will be available on the school district website www.sd68.bc.ca.

French Immersion Application Process

Parents who wish to apply for a September 2016 space for their child in the program must do so in person at the District Administration Centre, 395 Wakesiah Avenue, Nanaimo between January 4 and 15, 2016. Please see information at www.sd68.bc.ca.

Ongoing PAC Fundraisers

- Cobs Bakery Raise the Dough**-mention you are an Uplands parent and a % comes back to the school (Both locations)
- Soap Exchange at Country Club Mall**-mention you are an Uplands parent and a % comes back to the school
- Country Grocer**-bring your receipts into the office and the school receives a % back in gift cards
- Canadian Tire Money**-bring in unwanted CT money envelope on PAC Board
- Fountain Tire**-offering 5% back to school when you purchase tires
- Van Houtte Coffee**-Purchase coffee K-Cup pods from the Madsen Road office and tell them you are an Uplands parent and a % will be donated to the school
- Campbells Labels for Education**-drop off your labels on the PAC board consult list for participating products

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

January and February typically yield some fairly cold weather. When it is cool and the wind chill is factored in, it can get chilly. Students are expected to and need to be outside for big recess. This is at least 30 minutes of exposure to quite cold temperatures. Most students will need gloves or mittens and a reasonable winter jacket to be moderately comfortable for this amount of time. Most students will also require boots, as the grounds are typically wet. Students are also outside for 15 minutes at little recess. Students do not have the option of remaining inside, so please make sure that they have appropriate clothing for this chilly period of time. If you have concerns please contact the school.

Looking for Artificial Christmas Trees

We are looking for Christmas Trees at Uplands – if you have any gently used trees you would like to donate to the school please contact Laurie Dyck at 250-758-3252 or email me at lrobinson@sd68.bc.ca

Piano Lessons

Classical & Pop music

\$18/30 min. lessons

ARCT diploma in Piano Performance &

AVCM diploma in Piano Teaching

Any questions, please feel free to contact me!

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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 for more information or drop by the center located in room 113.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR
EVERYONE!**

Grade 4 & 5 Snow Pass

Get your Grade 4 & 5 Snow Pass! Are you looking for ideas on how to spend the upcoming winter outside, building new memories or looking for a great gift idea for that nine or ten year old in your life? The Canadian Ski Council has you covered! The Grade 4 & 5 Snow Pass™ team wants to help get your family outside and moving this Holiday Season with the Grade 4 & 5 Snow Pass. The Canadian Ski Council's Snow Pass™ provides children in grade 4 and 5 with the opportunity to skin snowboard three times at EACH participating ski area for only \$29.95. That's a lot of skiing and snowboarding right across Canada!

Applying for a Snow Pass is now easier than ever! Visit www.snowpass.ca, upload your child's picture and proof of age, enter your payment, and voila, your child's Snow Pass will be sent straight to your home. You can also pay a little extra to have your Snow Pass sent to you via XpressPost so that you receive it sooner. Details can be found on the SnowPass website at

www.snowpass.ca. Apply online today in order to receive your child's Snow Pass in time for holidays. First ski and snowboard trip? Check out the Canadian Ski Council's Go Skiing Go Snowboarding website resource page [/www.skicanada.org/goskiinggosnowboarding/](http://www.skicanada.org/goskiinggosnowboarding/) for great information on how to get started in skiing and snowboarding. Our website has lots of helpful information on what to wear, what to expect on your first day and how to prepare for a fun filled day on the slopes. Our Go Skiing / Go Snowboarding website also includes links to help you and your family to get started in skiing and snowboarding: