

Uplands Park School News

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Principal's Message

Uy'skweyul (good day). The school year is rapidly flying by. We are already into December and everyone is really excited for all the events that have been planned for this month. I want to thank Cheryl Levine, Nicole Currie and Deb DeJong for planning our 12 School Days of Holi-Laze. They are really fun events that staff and students are looking forward to. With that being said, December is quite a busy month so please make sure to pay attention to the dates below. I also want to say thank you to our Uplands PAC who have been such a huge support. We have an O Canada banner on the way thanks to PAC not to mention the myriad of purchases they have made to support our students. Everyone at Uplands really appreciates the time and effort that PAC pours into our school community, so THANK YOU!

All the best to everyone in the community from all of us here at Uplands.

Thank you, huy'ch'qa

Ed Young, Principal

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday - Friday:

8:40 am	Welcome Bell
10:30 am	Short Recess – outside play
10:45 am	Instruction Continues
11:45 am	Long Recess – outside play
12:20 pm	Welcome Back Bell - Lunch/Read
2:20 pm	Classes Dismiss for the Day

Office Hours: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hul'qumi'num' Word of the Month: 'tumxuytl (pronounced

Tum-hi-th) which means "December-time of cold weather"



Save the Date!!

12 School Daze 'til Holi-laze

Thurs/Dec. 3	Red/Green Day - wear anything red, green or both!
Fri/Dec. 4	Baby It's Cold Outside - wear a scarf, mittens and a hat!
Mon/Dec. 7	Candy Cane Day – wear red and white, maybe even green
Tues/Dec. 8	Sweater Day – wear or decorate any sweater
Wed/Dec. 9	Snowman Day – wear white, blue, snowflakes and anything snowman!
Thurs/Dec. 10	Polar Express Day – wear your PJ's!
Fri/Dec. 11	Reindeer Day – wear antlers, a red nose or anything from the north pole!
Mon/Dec. 14	Santa Day – wear your Santa hat or anything Santa
Tues/Dec. 15	Wrap Yourself Day - wear gift wrap, bows, tinsel, garland or even lights!
Wed/Dec. 16	Elf Yourself Day – wear anything Elf!
Thurs/Dec. 17	North Pole Day – wear anything Reindeer, Elf or Santa
Fri/Dec. 18	Grinch Day – wear your Grinchiest Green or your best Cindy-Lou or Max and PJ's!

Parking Lot Reminder-Just a friendly reminder that our parking lot is for staff parking only and to be kind and courteous to others as they drop off and pick up their children. Please be mindful that we have little ones that could dart into traffic at any moment so remember to drive slowly through the loop.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up We continue to urge parents and families to exercise caution when dropping off or picking up children. When you are dropping off or picking up children, please keep physical distance (2 metres) in accordance with COVID-19 protocols and/or wear a mask. We would ask that you encourage students that are able, to walk independently to the lineup. If you are waiting before the start or end of school for your child, please keep distance and/or wear a mask. Adults without masks should not be near other students. Thanks for helping to keep our school community as safe as possible. As people are standing together for a period, we recommend families wear masks to assist in keeping our school community healthy.

COVID Q&A- We understand the importance of keeping our families safe and healthy. Superintendent Scott Saywell and SD69 (Qualicum) Superintendent Keven Elder had the opportunity to ask Island Health MHO for Central Vancouver Island, Dr. Sandra Allison, questions they have been receiving from the community. This video is 40 minutes long and can be watched in its entirety [here](#).

Nut Aware

A reminder that Uplands Park Elementary is a nut aware school. Thank you for helping to keep our students and staff safe.

School Closures

Unfortunately, we are getting into that time of year when the weather is getting colder and the risk of snow is greater. 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.

Formal Report Cards-will be issued **February 5, 2021**. Teachers have been and will continue to **Ongoing Communicate Student Learning** (OCSL) to you in a variety of ways through work samples sent home in paper form or electronically, or Celebrations of Learning. Our teachers have been working very hard together to create templates and

samples of student learning that will clearly inform you of your students' ongoing progress and achievement at school.

Remember, in OCSL you can expect to see 1) Learning Outcomes (curricular competencies) that the students are practicing, 2) descriptive feedback from teachers regarding student work, 3) student self-reflection, 4) real-time samples of everyday work.

Happy Holidays, Everyone

