

Uplands Park School News January 2021

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Principal's Message

Uy'skweyul (good day). If you are anything like me, you are welcoming 2021 with open arms and glad to see the end of 2020. Although the holidays looked much different, I hope you had time to relax and unwind a little. We have a lot of school year left and lots of great opportunities for students to learn and grow. I look forward to the rest of the school year and working with all of you to ensure success for all.

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: qullhanumucun
(pronounced Cull-thon-ah-mit-sun) which means
Orca/Killer Whale



Save the Date!!

Mon/Jan. 4

First day back after break

Jan. 19

Art Starts Presentation-Celtic Traditions (Virtual Performance)

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.

WELLINGTON SECONDARY

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT GRADE 8 REGISTRATIONS

Grade 7 students are automatically registered and scheduled at Wellington Secondary for Grade 8, as Wellington is our catchment high school. There is no need to apply to Wellington as this is automatically taken care of for your child.

Students wishing to transfer to a secondary school other than our catchment area high school, should notify their Principal and Grade 7 teacher and apply online here: [Student Online Registration](#)

If you are interested in applying for one of our District Secondary Academies, please visit our website for more information here: [District Secondary Academies](#)

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year opens on Wednesday, January 6th, 2021.

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 into that time of year when the weather is 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 10th, 2021** and will be sent out electronically as they were in June. Teachers have been and will continue with **Ongoing Communication of Student Learning** (OCSL) in a variety of ways such as work samples sent home in paper form, 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 New Year Everyone](#)



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