

Uplands Park School News March 2021

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Principal's Message

Uy'skweyul (good day). Thank you to the entire Uplands community for spreading kindness during the month of February. One of the things I love the most about this community is the kindness that is shared the entire year, not just February.

I believe we are finally through the worst of the "winter" weather and spring is on its way. Please make sure to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and warmer weather. Not only will you feel better, you'll sleep better too! Spring break begins soon so make some plans to enjoy this beautiful place we call home.

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: pish

(pronounced like fish) which means cat





Save the Date!!

March 9-Fire Drill

March 11-PAC meeting: 6:30pm virtually via Zoom

March 12-Last day of school before spring break

March 14-Daylight saving time: clocks go ahead 1 hour

March 29-Return to school after spring break

Please complete the Daily Health Check with your child prior to school every morning. If your child has symptoms, please keep them home for 24 hours or until they no longer have symptoms. If you are unsure, contact your health care provider or call 811.

Parents can download the mobile B.C. K-12 Daily Health Check app. It can also be found on the [NLPS COVID-19 webpage](#) – click on the K-12 Daily Health Check Questionnaire or you can find this directly on the [Ministry of Education site](#).

Daily attendance: a proven factor for success in school, however, if ***your child is ill or unable to attend school on that day, please call the office before 9:00am.*** We also ask that your child **arrive at school after 8:25 am** unless there is a specific school reason to be here earlier. Our morning supervision begins at 8:25 am and we want to ensure that the students are safe. If your child arrives after 8:45 am, please have them **sign in at the front of the school** with our secretary. If you need to pick your child up early for an appointment, please make sure to write a note in your child's planner or contact the office. We want to ensure we know when you are arriving as students may or may not be in their homeroom class and we want to make sure your child is ready when you arrive. Thank you for understanding.

Free Virtual Healthy Start Fair:

- Saturday, March 6: 11am - 12 noon
- Monday, April 7: 12:30 - 1:30pm

Families with children up to six years are invited to learn about free resources and services available to them. Some of the resources include healthy eating, public health supports, Indigenous services, early learning and development supports. Please click the link below for more.

[Virtual Healthy Start Fair](#)

Local Calendar Consultation: At the February 3, 2021 Education Committee meeting, the following draft versions of the **local school calendar** were presented. District staff and the community had 30 days to provide feedback. Your suggestions and comments can be emailed to consultation@sd68.bc.ca by Friday, March 5, 2021. A final draft of the calendar will be approved at a future Board meeting. Please click the links below to view the calendars.

[Two-year calendar 2021-2022 and 2022-23](#)

[2021-22 school calendar](#)

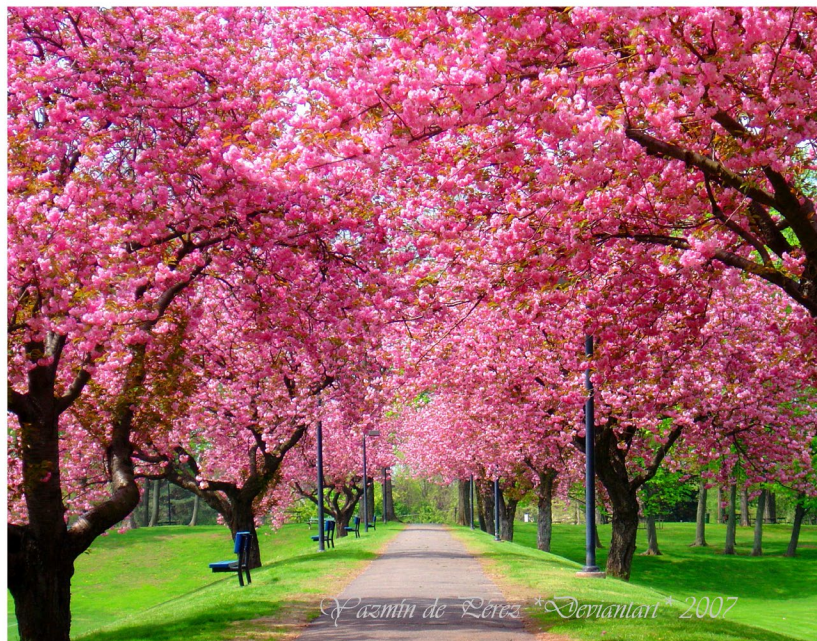
[2022-23 school calendar](#)

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.

Nut Aware:

A reminder that Uplands Park Elementary is a nut aware school. Please don't send your child to school with nuts or nut butters. Thank you for helping to keep our students and staff safe.



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