

# Uplands Park School News November

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## On the traditional and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw People

*With great respect and humility, we acknowledge and honour the lands of the Snuneymuxw, Stz'uminus and Snaw-Naw-As people. They have maintained their profound, unique and spiritual connection to the land through ageless traditions, teachings, stewardship and expressions of reciprocity.*

## Principal's Message

Uy'skweyul (good day). Two months have already passed since the beginning of school and everyone has settled in nicely. Thank you to all the parents/guardians who participated in Parent-Teacher conferences. We are pleased to continue working closely with all of you to make sure our kids are successful and thriving at school.

Thank you, huy'ch'qa

Ed Young, Principal

**Hul'qumi'num' Word of the Month: Huy tseep q'u sii'em nu siiye'yu**

**Thank you, all my respected friends (scan with your phone's camera to hear the pronunciation)**



## 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



## Save the Date!!

November 7-Clocks Go Back One Hour

November 10-Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11-Remembrance Day (no school)

November 18-Virtual PAC meeting @ 6:30pm (link can be found on the PAC Facebook page)

### **New Criminal Record Check Process**

All school districts in B.C. will be following Provincial Guidelines for the Criminal Record Check Process. This means that the link to the online form as well as special code will no longer be available in Administrative Procedure 310 - Volunteer. By completing the online application, you agree to the terms and conditions for the CRRP Applicant Based Online Service to facilitate a criminal record check and to share the completed criminal record check information with Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools.

- Only need your BC Services Card for identity verification
  - First time users will be directed to activate their card by video or in person through Service BC
  - No cost to apply
  - To activate and use your BC Services Card, you must verify your identity. Available options include Verify Your Identity by Video (through a video call or by sending a video) or Verify Your Identity in Person.
  - If individuals do not have a BC Services Card, they will be re-directed to the current Equifax process (during transition period only, as this will be phased out) or to fill out manually
- Once you have verified your identity, eCRC Online service, begin the application process:
- Website: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>
  - Access Code: **UQ4T7XXBHE**

Once you have completed the online application, the Ministry of Justice will forward a copy to our District office where it will be put into our district database of volunteers. Your school has access to view this database and will be able to confirm that your criminal record check has been approved and completed. This process can take up to three weeks or more in some cases. If you are having any problems with your submission, please contact your school for assistance.

## PAC News

Join the PAC Facebook page to stay connected. Next PAC meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm virtually, link will be posted to Facebook page.

PAC meetings are the second Thursday of the month. Everyone Welcome!

PAC elections will be carried over to the November meeting, the following positions are available Chair/Co-Chairs, Vice Chair and Secretary. Without a working executive the school loses gaming funds and can not support fieldtrips and extracurricular activities. Fun lunch will also go away. Join with a friend. Please email PAC if you are interested; [upspacnanaimo@gmail.com](mailto:upspacnanaimo@gmail.com)

Please sign up for the PAC fun lunch program at [munchalunch.com/Uplands Park](http://munchalunch.com/Uplands Park).

Paradise Island Cheese pick up is November 1<sup>st</sup> 12-4pm school sidewalk. Must be picked up no later than 4:00pm or will be donated.

Purdy's Chocolate Christmas Fundraiser will be coming home shortly.

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Shop is back! Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> PAC will be collecting gently used household/gift items for students to purchase as gifts for loved ones. All money raised goes to families in need at UPS.

Donations can be passed through the office window or dropped off in the box by the office. If you are entering the school you must sign in at the office and wear a mask.

Please support COBS Bakery locations and Nanaimo Soap Exchange and let them know you are a parent as they give a % back to PAC.

Save your Country Grocer receipts as they give PAC \$10 in gift cards for every \$1000 in receipts, please drop off in the office, do not drop off at the store directly.

Currently setting up an account at the Bottle Depots more info to come

Thank you for your continued support!

UPS PAC Executive

## **Erase Bullying**

**Every child deserves an education free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, intimidation and violence.** The ERASE (Expect Respect and A Safe Education) Bullying strategy is part of the Province of British Columbia's efforts to personalize learning and supports for all students. Please visit the ERASE Bullying website or click on the logo on our school website. If your child is being bullied, please let the teacher or the principal know. We can't help if we aren't aware.

## **Great Nanaimo Toy Drive**

If you have no other means of providing toys for your children, The Great Nanaimo Toy Drive wants to help. Please check out [www.thegreatnanaimotoydrive.ca](http://www.thegreatnanaimotoydrive.ca) to see how/where/when to register.

## **K-3 Mask Mandate**

Please make sure to send your child to school with a mask. We do have some available should your child forget one, however, we are running low on supply. Thank you so much.

## **Nut Aware**

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

## **School Closures**

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.

