

Uplands Park School News October 2021

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Principal's Message

Uy'skweyul (good day). And just like that, summer is over, and October is here. It was a great start to the school year, and we are all looking forward to a year filled with learning, fun events, and memorable times.

October is a busy month so keep an eye out for notices, fundraising announcements and more!

Thank you, huy'ch'qa

Ed Young, Principal

Hul'qumi'num Word of the Month: apuls (apple)

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!!

October 5-School Photos

October 11-Thanksgiving (No School)

October 18-21-Parent/Teacher Conferences (Students dismissed at 1:20pm)

October 21-Shake Out BC (Earthquake Drill)

October 22 & 25-Pro-D Days (No School)

October 26-Photo retakes

October 29-Halloween Parade

October 31-Halloween

Parents/Visitors to our Building:

We enjoy having parents and visitors in our building and we are pleased to say you CAN come into the building this year. We would ask parents and visitors to have a purpose to be in the building and set up an appointment before you come in to speak with any of the staff. This allows us to keep track of the number of people in the building as well as the flow of traffic inside. Only the front door will be unlocked so please use this door when entering and exiting. Please stop at the office to sign in before heading to your child's classroom and again to sign out before leaving. Thank you so much for your cooperation! Please email or call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mask Mandate: Please be advised that starting Monday October 4th, 2021, all students K-12 are required to wear masks while at school. This includes while sitting at their desks and riding the bus. Please make sure you send your child to school with a mask. We have a small number of masks that we can give to students if they forget but our supply is very limited.

School Cash Online

Our district has moved to a cashless system when paying for your child's school supplies, field trips etc. When paying you must visit the following website:

<https://nlps.schoolcashonline.com/> You will need to register (if you haven't already) and enter you child's information. Once you have set up the account, you will pay all fees through the online system. If you have any questions, please call the school at 250-758-3252

School Supplies

Please remember to pay for your child's school supplies as soon as you can (if your child's teacher has purchased the supplies). Unpaid school supply costs will be incurred by the school leaving less money for other essentials. If you are unable to pay, please let us know, and we will take care of it. Thank you so much for your attention to this important matter.

PAC News

Join the PAC Facebook page to stay connected. Next PAC meeting will be October 14th 6:30pm virtually, link will be posted to Facebook page.

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

PAC will be holding elections at the October meeting, the following positions are available Chair/Co-Chairs, Vice Chair and Secretary. Please email PAC if you are interested; upspacnainaimo@gmail.com

Please sign up for the PAC fun lunch program at munchalunch.com/Uplands Park.

Paradise Island Cheese Fundraiser will be coming home this month the class that sells the most will receive a hot dog lunch!

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!

Looking forward to a great year!

UPS PAC Executive

Student Planners

There is always so much information to communicate in the opening days. **Please be sure to read your child's planner pages as there is necessary and important information in it.**

Pick up and Drop off

Drop-off: Please plan to drop your child(ren) off and pick them up *as close to the bell as possible* to minimize traffic on the school grounds. Teachers will inform students which door to meet at in the morning to ensure safe and orderly entry.

Pick-up: Uplands Park staff will dismiss students at 2:20 pm each day and naturally this will lead to high traffic areas, but we want to keep everyone safe. Please drive carefully when entering school grounds and please don't park in the staff parking lot, especially behind parked cars. Please arrange a safe pick-up plan with your child.

Nut Aware/Scent Aware

A reminder that Uplands Park Elementary is a nut and scent aware school. We ask that you not send your child to school with nuts or nut butters and please refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes when visiting. Thank you for helping to keep our students and staff safe.