

# Uplands Park School News

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## Principal's Message

Uy'skweyul (good day). Welcome back to another exciting school year! I trust you all had the opportunity to rest and relax with family and friends.

Although we are entering our 3<sup>rd</sup> school year with COVID, we hope that this year will be smoother than the previous two.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new and returning staff members. Please welcome back Darlene Brebber (K/1), and a warm Uplands welcome to Rachelle Neave who will be teaching grade 3 this year.

We are excited to have such an amazing, dedicated group of new and returning teachers for our students. We work best together as a team (child, family, and teacher) so communication will be very important to us. Teachers will be in constant contact with parents and if you have any questions or concerns or just want to talk, you can reach me at the school (250-758-3252) or email [edward.young@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:edward.young@sd68.bc.ca)

Again, welcome back and we look forward to a great school year!

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



## Save the Date!!

September 7 11am to 12pm School start (12pm PAC Hot Dog Lunch for all families)

September 8 Full time school begins (Grades 1 to 7)

September 9-15 Gradual Entry for Kindergarten

September 16 First full day of Kindergarten

September 16 Virtual PAC Meeting 6:30pm

September 17 Terry Fox Run

September 24 PAC Hot Dog Sale

September 29 Orange Shirt Day

September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

Student photos will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup>, with retakes taking place on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## Kindergarten

Welcome to all new Kindergarten students and families. We are looking forward to building wonderful relationships with all of you. 😊 Please refer to the email sent from the Kindergarten teachers regarding the gradual entry schedule which begins on Thursday.

## 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

## PAC News

Welcome Back Families! Looking forward to more PAC activities this year!

Join the PAC Facebook page to stay connected. First PAC meeting will be September 16<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 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; [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).

We are starting off the year with a Hot Dog Sale due to the later school start up on September 24 forms will be coming home shortly.

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.

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.

### **Federal Election**

The Prime Minister has called for an election which has been set for Monday September 20<sup>th</sup> 2021. Uplands Park will **not** be used as an election site.

### **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.