

Uplands Park School News December

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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). December is upon us and we have many events and activities planned. We have spirit days leading up to the break, our annual Santa shop and more! Please review the calendar to do your best to keep up. 😊

From everyone at Uplands, please enjoy the holidays with friends and family. Stay safe and all the best.

Thank you, huy'ch'qa

Ed Young, Principal

Hul'qumi'num' Word of the Month: Tth'ihwum
please



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!!

December 2-12 Days to Holidays begins (Red/Green day)

December 3-Wear a hat, scarf and mittens

December 6-Wear red, white and green

December 7-Sweater Day

December 8-Snowman Day

December 9-Polar Express Day (PJ day)

December 10-Reindeer Day

December 13-Santa Day

December 14-Wrap Yourself Day

December 15-Elf Yourself Day

December 16-North Pole Day-wear anything related to the north pole

December 17-Grinch Day or wear your PJs

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: **UQ4T7XXEHE**

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 December 6th 6:30pm virtually, link will be posted to Facebook page.

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

2021/2022 PAC Executive Welcome!

Chair-Savannah Edis

Vice Chair-Daniell Adair

Secretary-open

Treasurer-Amber Appleman

DPAC/Past Chair-Erin Race

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

Thank you to all who support Paradise Island Cheese we surpassed last year!

Purdy's Chocolate Christmas pick up TBD early December.

7th Annual Santa Shop is back! Beginning November 1st 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.

Volunteers will be needed for Dec 1 for set up afterschool

Dec 2 9am-330 Dec 3 9am-1230 for wrapping. Sign up on Facebook

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.

Bottle Depot account set up at Hayes Rd. location

Thank you for your continued support.

UPS PAC Executive

Moving

Are you moving? If you are moving to a new address and/or to a new school over the Winter Break, please inform the office as soon as possible. We want to make sure that we have up-to-date information.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Formal report cards will be issued **February 4**. Teachers have been and will continue to provide **Ongoing Communicate Student Learning** (OCSL) to you in a variety of ways through work samples sent home in paper form or 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 achievements 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.

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 to see how/where/when to register.

K-3 Mask Mandate

Please make sure to send your child to school with a mask. Thank you so much.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up

We continue to urge parents/families to exercise caution when dropping off or picking up children. When you are dropping off/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 staying after school for your child to play on the playground, please keep distance and/or wear a mask. Adults without masks should not be near students. Thanks for helping to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Nut/Scent Aware

A reminder that Uplands Park Elementary is a nut and scent aware school. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or nut butters and please avoid wearing strong perfume or cologne. 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.

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.

