



# Uplands Park Elementary

SD 68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools

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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### Principal's Message

Dear Families,

In October, it was wonderful to welcome families to Uplands Park while they attended the Parent Teacher Conferences. I hope families enjoyed being able to see their child's work to date as well as connect with the classroom teacher about their child's learning.

I want to thank the PAC for hosting a great Halloween Dance that was well attended by Uplands Park families. It was terrific to see such a great turn out for this community event.

At Uplands Park, students have been learning about the significance of Remembrance Day in their classrooms. In addition, our Remembrance Day Assembly took place November 10<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Thank you to Mr. Entner and grade seven students that planned and presented the assembly. They did an amazing job of helping students at Uplands Park better understand the importance of Remembrance Day

I am looking forward to upcoming Uplands Park winter events planned for December, and hope students enjoy these activities as well.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Robinson*



### 2022-2023 School Calendar

Frosty Foot Race	December 9
Santa Shop	December 13 and 14
Christmas Sing Along	December 15 and 16
Last Day before Winter Break	December 16
First Day after Winter Break	January 3
Professional Development Day	February 6
Professional Development Day	February 7
Progress Reports Issued	February 10
PAC Family Games Night	February 16
BC Family Day	February 20
Last Day before Spring Break	March 10
First Day Back to School	March 27
Good Friday	April 7
Easter Monday	April 10
Curriculum Implementation Day	May 11
Professional Development Day	May 12
Victoria Day	May 22
Summative Reports Issued	June 29
Last Day of School for Students	June 29
Administration Day	June 30



### **Appropriate Clothing for Weather Conditions**

The weather has now changed to colder, wetter weather. Please ensure that your child(ren) have proper clothing (boots, coats, gloves) for the weather before they leave home in the morning. We encourage students to play outdoors during recess breaks and are typically outside even when it is raining or cold. Thank you for your help with this. It is also advisable for students to have a change of clothing in their school bags, including socks.

### **Emergency School Closures**

Occasionally, schools are temporarily closed on short notice for emergency purposes. A heavy snowfall is the most frequent reason for an emergency school closure, but it can also be because of a power outage or other reasons. Announcements will be made by 7am on local radio stations such as WAVE 102.3 and posted on the school district website as well as Twitter and Facebook.

### **Erase Bullying Resource**

The Ministry of Education in conjunction with School Districts across the province have developed and implemented an online student and parent resource about and to report bullying incidents. Please visit [www.erasebullying.ca](http://www.erasebullying.ca) for more information.



### **BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program**

Uplands Park is involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. One of our goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits and vegetables as snacks. This year, students have had the opportunity to have plums and pears. In the coming months, students will have the opportunity to have other fruits and vegetables.



### **Christmas Sing Along**

This year we are planning a fun and informal sing along with students on December 15 and 16, rather than a formal winter concert. Classes will gather in the gym to sing favourite carols such as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and other songs. Parents may join us for this fun activity. More details will be communicated in the Parent Week at a Glance in the coming weeks. We hope students enjoy this experience.



### **Sports**

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Zone and District Cross Country Meet. Well done everyone! A big thank you to Ms. Dyck for sponsoring this sports opportunity.

Volleyball is underway already. Our Bantam team will be participating in the NETPEA league games every week. The Bantam boys play on Wednesday and the Bantam girls play on Thursday after school. Good luck to all our players for the remainder of the season. Thank you to Ms. Shahi and Mr. Entner for sponsoring, coaching and refereeing the games. Thank you to our student volunteers for score keeping. And to all the parent volunteers for your time and expertise.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

The school provides supervision 15 minutes before school and after school. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:25 am, unless they are attending the onsite daycare. Similarly, please ensure that your child(ren) is/are picked up or walk home at the end of the day by 2:40 pm. If you know you will be late, please contact the office a minimum of 15 minutes before the end of the day, so that the office staff can locate your child and relay the message.

### **Board Games**

Board games are a fun way to spend time at recess. Ms. Shahi and Ms. Zuydervelt have started Games Clubs for different age groups at recess. If you have gently used board games that are not being used, donations would be appreciated.

### **Food Drive**

Uplands Park is having a food drive over the next few weeks. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, please send them with your child(ren). We have a Christmas tree set up in the foyer with boxes for these food items.



### **Santa Shop**

Our school PAC is organizing the Santa Shop this year. If you have gently used items you would like to donate, it would be appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the school foyer.

On December 13 and 14 students will have the opportunity to buy gifts from the Santa Shop. These gifts will be wrapped and ready for the holidays.