



# UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY PARENT NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, 2011

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## Calendar At A Glance

Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Early Dismissal days for K-Grade 5 - Parent/Teacher interviews 1:40 PM
Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	- Individual Photo Retakes, DO NOT WEAR GREEN
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	- Remembrance Day Assembly @ 1:00
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	- Remembrance Day - No School
Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	- Grade 5 Leadership Conference
Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	- Term 1 Report Cards sent home
Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	- Santa's Workshop
Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> pm and 16 <sup>th</sup> am	- Winter Concert
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	- Last day of school, Winter Break begins
January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2012	- Schools reopen

## **Principal's Message:**

The first two months of school have gone by so quickly. Students are settled into their classrooms, engaged in their learning and have participated in many school events/activities.

## **October Highlights include:**

- *Raise a Reader* and author visits
- Soccer practices and games with other schools
- Cross Country Running Meet and practices
- Buddy classes working together
- Student leadership
- SMARTLearning
- Infinitus performance
- Fire Safety presentation (by Pen High drama class)
- Farm Bag Fundraiser
- Ab. Ed. Cultural Activities
- Family Pumpkin Carving Evening and Monster Mash ☺
- Hot Lunches (*many thanks to Doris Tilley, Debbie Giroux and all the parent volunteers*)
- SOAR program and "Student of the Week"
- 1:1 Reading Program (*many thanks to Katherine Pankiw, coordinator, and to all of the volunteer readers*)
- T-Shirt Fundraiser
- Everyday learning☺☺☺

This month we look forward to our Remembrance Day assembly on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, grades 4/5 volleyball, parent/teacher interviews, performances, first Farm Bag delivery☺ and our Intermediate Leadership Conference. A warm Uplands welcome goes out to Ms. Stewart our new Kindergarten teacher and to Ms. Humphrey who will be teaching Divisions 6 on Wednesdays and Division 8 on Thursdays. The commitment and teamwork of staff, students, families, community and district, help to provide opportunities that enrich the education of our children. We are grateful for your cooperation and support - making our school such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

***Thank-you!!!***

## EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Uplands Early Dismissal Days (1:40 pm) will be on Wednesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> for students in Grades K – 5.



**Busses will run at the normally scheduled times. Supervision will be provided for the school bus students only. All other students are expected to leave the school by 1:45 pm. Thank you**

## SAFE ARRIVAL

Please contact our office at 250-770-7678 to advise if your child is going to be away or late for school for any reason. Please feel free to leave a message on our answering machine before or after school hours.

*We also ask that you do not send your child prior to 8:30 in the morning, when outside supervision begins. All students are expected to leave the school grounds promptly by 3:00 pm unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

## SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEES

The school activity fee, including planner is \$15.00 per student. Cash or cheques payable to "Uplands Elementary School" should be sent directly to the school office. Thank you to all the families who have paid their fees. We ask any families with outstanding fees to please have those paid by November 15. Thank you.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS...Uplands T-Shirt Friday

School Spirit Days are every *Friday* at Uplands. Wear your school clothes or black or red to show your school spirit. Samples of school clothes and order forms are located in the general office. You may view anytime between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm.



## PAC MAGAZINE SALES

Our Magazine Sale fundraiser was a success. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Iris at 250-493-1922. Orders may still be placed using **online at QSP.ca** (code 2188) throughout the year. Uplands PAC will still receive a benefit from these late orders. Many thanks to Mrs. Say for organizing the fundraiser!

## SOCCER

Congratulations to all of our soccer participants and coaches, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Foreman. It has been a very successful season and we are very proud of our dedicated students. Thank-you for representing Uplands in such a positive manner! Keep it up!!

A huge thank-you also goes out to Pen High for providing the bus for our games and to Mr. Scotchburn for driving it and helping out!!

## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Congratulations to ALL the cross country runners who participated in the Naramata Run and to those who came to all the early morning practices! Mrs. Hancock is very proud of each runner's performance. Several runners placed in the top 10 for their category. **Awesome effort** by all runners and a big thank you to the coach, Mrs. Hancock!

## T-Shirt Fundraiser

Our T-shirt fundraiser was a great success! \$1032.60 was raised for our special family!! Many thanks go out to Mrs. Scotchburn for organizing it and to everyone who participated in the event.

## SECOND PORTRAIT DAY

If your child was absent for the original portraits, or if you have chosen not to order from the first previews, you will have a second opportunity to have your child's portrait taken on Friday, November 4, 2011. Your child does not need a special Photo Order Envelope for this photo session. Photo order envelopes with preview prints will be returned to the school in 7-10 days.

### **HOT LUNCH**

Hot lunch is well underway! Thanks to Doris and Debbie and their dream team. If you are able to assist in distributing lunches or helping with set up please contact Doris at 250-493-3041.



### **REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY**

Uplands Remembrance Day Assembly will be on Thursday, November 10th starting with classes going to the gym at 1:00 pm. Many thanks to Ms. Street's grade 2/3 class for leading the assembly Mrs. Bevington's students from Princess Margaret Secondary School, who will also be performing. Parents are welcome to join us for this meaningful assembly.

### **STUDENT PLANNERS**

Please use your student's planner to inform your child's teacher of important information regarding your child. If you are picking up your child early for doctor appointments or other activities or have a change in their normal routine we ask that you simply put a note in the planner. Play dates should be arranged the night before with all parents involved. We do not permit students to make play dates from school. Please also discuss these changes or arrangements with your child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **BC FRUIT AND VEGGIE PROGRAM**

Breakfast FAST

*No time for breakfast?* Try these:



#### **Breakfast in a Drink**

Make fruit smoothies in a blender or food processor. Blend, fruit juice, milk, yogurt, or soft tofu, and pieces of fruit. Experiment with different juices and fruit. For a thicker drink use chunks of frozen fruit. Pour into a travel mug and enjoy on the way to school or work.

#### **Breakfast Wrap and Roll**

Spread a tortilla with light cream cheese and add any vegetables on hand (left over cooked vegetables, shredded carrot or lettuce, alfalfa or mixed spouts, strips of sweet red or green pepper), season with your favorite dressing or salsa. Roll up and eat on the go.

Grab a muffin or a bagel, add a piece of cheese, and nature's fast food – a piece of fruit- for a quick nutritious breakfast.

- Pick local fruits and vegetables
- Wash fruits and vegetables before eating
- Enjoy the great taste of local fruits and vegetables

The fruits and vegetables served in this program are washed and ready to eat. Handlers and students are reminded of the importance of regular hand washing.

### **PAC'S PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT**

Uplands annual Pumpkin Carving Night was held on Friday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to the parents who helped out and to all of those who participated. Proceeds from the popcorn sales will go to UNICEF.

### **MONSTER MASH**

Uplands' Monster Mash parade and dance was held on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. It was great to see all the costumes and students having so much fun!!!

## **REPORT CARDS:**

Parents/Guardians rely on report cards as a key source of information on their child's progress. A report card normally provides parents with important information, including who the child's teachers are, what classes their child is enrolled in, the child's attendance and whether or not their child is on track to successfully complete course/grade requirements (marks and comments). This fall's student reporting process is complicated by the teachers' strike and associated Labour Relations Board essential services order, which currently does not require teachers to produce report cards. Despite teacher job action, the duties of principals and superintendents remain unchanged by the teachers' strike. Section 5(7e) of the School Act states "The principal of a school is responsible for administering & supervising the school including...the program of student evaluation and assessment & reporting to parents" & Sec.6(1) states that the superintendent shall carry "out a system of education in conformity with the orders of the minister". While the strike may interfere with a principal's ability to discharge this responsibility fully, insofar as possible, the expectation is that all efforts need to be made to maintain normal reporting.

As such, report cards will be issued as per the school calendar, however if the teacher job action continues, the report cards **will not have marks and comments** except for those divisions/classes taught by Principals or Vice Principals

## **PAC**

Meetings are held monthly in the school library. At these meetings decisions are made affecting your children, and your input is important. All parents are most welcome ☺. Please see the PAC bulletin board in the school across from the office for sign up sheets and more information about meeting times and events. Our next PAC meeting is on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. **Plus:** Look for Uplands PAC on Facebook! "Like" us to follow PAC news!!

## **Executive for 2011/2012**

Chairpersons: Tracey Foreman

Vice Chair: Tracy Kelly

Secretary: Tammy Parsons

Treasurer: Simone Peters

Hot Lunch: Doris Tilley and Debbie Giroux

1:1 Reading: Katherine Pankiw

*Many thanks to those who have stepped up to volunteer on our PAC – much appreciated!! Keep it coming!! We still need class reps for some of the divisions ☺.*

## **SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

This year's Santa's Workshop will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> in Uplands School Gym. Please start collecting items for our annual Santa's Workshop. Each year children have the opportunity to go shopping for Christmas gifts for their family members. If you have any small new or gently used items you would be willing to donate, please start collecting them. We are looking for items such as pocket books, puzzles, soft toys, videos, jewelry, ties, trinkets, kitchen gadgets, tools, various toys, games, and things for Dads. Students will be looking for items for their brothers, sisters, moms and dads, so we are looking for a full spectrum of items. We ask that any items sent to school are clean and in working/playing order. Thank you for getting started on this collection. Items can be dropped off in the office between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm. Volunteers will also be needed for this event. Please contact Tracey Foreman at 250-462 – 6200 if you are able to help out.



All classes will tour through Santa's Workshop during the morning of December 9<sup>th</sup> to buy for their family members. Most items will be 25 cents with some items priced at \$1.00. Proceeds from this event goes toward a Christmas Wish family Uplands school sponsors with any extra money going to the Food Bank.



# UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER, 2011



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <u>Hot Lunch</u> <i>Taco Time</i>  1:40 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews	3  1:40 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Interviews	4  Re-take Photo Day	5
6 <i>Daylight savings time ends turn clock back 1 hour</i>	7	8  PAC meeting 6:30 pm	9 <u>Hot Lunch</u> <i>The Bench</i>	10  Remembrance Day Assembly 1:00 pm Please join us!	11  Remembrance Day  No School	12
13	14  Grade 5 Volleyball	15	16 <u>Hot Lunch</u> <i>Hot Dogs</i>	17  Grade 4 Volleyball	18  Gr 4/5 Student Leadership Conference	19
20	21  Grade 5 Volleyball	22	23 <u>Hot Lunch</u> <i>Subway</i>	24  Grade 4 Volleyball	25  Assembly 9:00 am First Term Reports go Home	26
27	28  Grade 5 Volleyball	29	30 <u>Hot Lunch</u> <i>Boston Pizza</i>			

**SAFE ARRIVAL 250 - 770 - 7678**

**Students arriving after 8:50 am must check-in at the office! Thank you!**