



UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY PARENT NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 2011

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Calendar At A Glance

Oct. 3 rd	- Individual student photos
Oct. 4 th	- "Raise a Reader": authors will be at Uplands!!!
Oct. 4 th	- PAC Meeting at 6:45 pm.
Oct. 5 th	- Performing Arts: Infinitus @ 11:00
Oct. 17 th - 20 th	- SMART Learning Rounds
Oct. 21 st	- Professional Development Day. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Oct. 28 th	- Pumpkin Carving (evening)
Oct. 31 st	- Monster Mash Assembly and Parade
Nov. 10 th	- Remembrance Day Assembly (time to be determined)
Nov. 18 th	- Grade 5 Leadership Conference
Dec. 10 th	- Santa's Workshop
Dec. 15 th	- Winter Concert
Dec. 16 th	- Last day of school, Winter Break begins

Principal's Message:

Students are settling into their classes very well and it is wonderful to see all the ☺☺☺☺☺ at the school. Many are earning SOAR tickets for their helpfulness, kindness, leadership and hard work. SOAR is an acronym for Safety, Organization, Achievement and Respect and it is fabulous to see our students demonstrating these actions in our school!!! Many parents are also actively involved and it is great to see the growth of our school community.

Many thanks go out to all of the families who attended our Family Fun Dance and Pizza Supper on Sept. 22nd – the gym was packed!!! "Shakewood Annie" taught dance steps to our students in the afternoon and their awesome dancing carried over into the family dance. A huge thank-you goes out to Doris Tilly for ordering the pizza and drinks, to the parents who helped out, to grade five student leaders who helped set up the gym and to Tracey Kelly for donating the coffee. What a fantastic way to start off our school year!!!

MEDICAL ALERTS

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have returned their child's medical alert information. We would also like to see all students with health concerns wearing medical alert bracelets. Please consider this request as an additional safety precaution. If you would like more information please contact Adelle Jones at Interior Health, 250-770-3427 or email adelle.jones@interiorhealth.ca

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.

TERRY FOX RUN

Many thanks go out to Div. 1 and Mrs. Kantz for leading a meaningful assembly, followed by our annual Terry Fox Run. We are please to announce that our school raised \$388.62 for cancer research. Also *thank-you* Mrs. Salting and Mrs. Hancock for providing the apples!!



SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEES

The school activity fee, including planner is \$15.00 per student. This year the planners include *lots of extras* such as our school's handbook, information about healthy/active living, creativity and curiosity, Canada, as well as the alphabet, math time/signs, and anti-bullying information for primary students. The Student Planner works out to be \$12.49 per student. If there are any funds left over from the fee, it will go toward student field trips and/or school presentations.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS...Uplands T-Shirt Friday

School Spirit Days are every **Friday** at Uplands. Wear your school clothes or red or black 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.

ONE TO ONE READING

If you are interested in volunteering to read with children during the day please contact Katherine Pankiw by email at kfpankiw@shaw.ca. Your commitment would be one hour per week for a 6 to 8 week commitment in our school.



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

All families should have received a student accident insurance package. If you did not receive one and would like to enroll please pick one up at the office.

PAC MAGAZINE SALES

PAC magazine sales are underway. Many thanks go out to Iris Say for coordinating the fundraiser. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact her at 250-493-1922. Orders can be delivered to the office by Monday, October, 3rd.

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☺. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:45 pm.

NEW THIS YEAR!... 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. If you are interested in volunteering as class rep please contact the PAC.

SOCCER

Soccer is well underway. Grade 4/5 soccer practices are on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30. Mrs. Johnston is our soccer coach with many thanks going out to our wonderful, parent volunteer, Mrs. Foreman, for helping out (along with all of the other hard work she does around our school☺). We are so pleased with the sportsmanship and skills our students are demonstrating. Uplands will be playing soccer with other schools at King's Park on October 12th and 19th from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Come out and cheer for our Uplands soccer teams!



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

As part of our daily physical activity, grades 1-5 students do cross country every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45 am -12:00 pm.

Our cross country running team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:10 am. Thank you to Mrs. Hancock who is coaching the cross country running team. The Naramata Cross Country Running Meet is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 26th.

BC FRUIT AND VEGGIE PROGRAM

Autumn is Harvest Time in BC

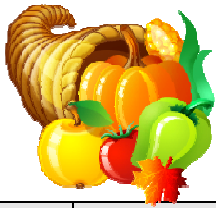
Many communities are having fall fairs or apple festivals to celebrate the harvest. Farmers' markets are still open and many farms offer tours of corn mazes and pumpkin patches. Try to take advantage of these opportunities to explore the bounty of food produced in our province. For Farm Tour listings please check www.aitc.ca/bc/farmtours.aspx.

PAC and UPLANDS' PUMPKIN CARVING NIGHT

Pumpkin Carving Evening, one of the highlights of October, will be in our gym on Friday, October 28th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. You and your family may dress up and bring a ready-to-carve pumpkin to the gym to carve. At approximately 6:45 pm, we line up and light up the pumpkins then the lights go out and we check out the pumpkin crafts. You need to bring your cleaned pumpkin, carving tools, newspapers, a flashlight or battery operated light and your family. UPAC will sell juice and popcorn with the proceeds going to UNICEF. Thank you for considering this event for you and your family.

MONSTER MASH


Monster Mash parade will be on Monday, October 31st, beginning at approximately 1:15 pm. Each class will snake through the school and meet in the gym for a parade and songs.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2	3 Picture Day <i>(Do Not Wear Green Coloured Clothing – see info. provided)</i>	4 Cross Country Running team 8:10 am	5 SEASONAL SPORT IS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING PLEASE HAVE PROPER FOOT GEAR AT SCHOOL.		6 Cross Country Running team 8:10 am	7 Cross Country Running 11:45 am Grade 5 Soccer Practice 12:30 pm	8
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30	31 <i>Monster Mash & Parade 1:15 pm</i>						

SAFE ARRIVAL 250-770-7678 Students arriving after 8:50 am must check in at the office! Thank you.