



UPLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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School Hours: 9:00 AM – 2:53 PM

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Principal's Message - Welcome Back!

Welcome to the new school year at Uplands! If you are new to the school, we are glad to have you join us, and we know that you are going to enjoy being part of this vibrant school community.

I am excited to be returning to the Uplands community in my new role as principal. We have an amazing team of teachers and support staff working with your children. You, as parents and guardians are also an important part of the team and play a vital role in your child's success at school. We look forward to working together to help your children "reach success".

If you have questions or comments, the office is always open to you, or you can contact us by calling 250-635-2721 or by emailing our secretary, Mrs. Davey, teri.davey@cmsd.bc.ca or me, patricia.mouland@cmsd.bc.ca

We will certainly miss having Ms. English here at school but are pleased for her and for the positive influence that she will have on our schools within the district. She already stopped by for a visit and we know we can count on her popping by when she needs a dose of fun.

Kind regards,
Pat Mouland

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You may or may not have heard the recent news, that I have taken a new position as Director of Instruction and Learner Support. It was an unexpected change, but when exciting opportunities present themselves it is wonderful to be able to say yes and jump in with both feet. I just want to say that I have loved working at Uplands school, it has been a super fun ride, the kids are a joy, the teachers are amazing, and I have felt privileged to work with lots of wonderful families. I am only 5 minutes away so I hope to pop up and visit with everyone soon. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are excited to get back at it!

Mrs. Nieckarz, English

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

Open House

Wednesday, September 20th, 2-7 pm

Non-Instructional Day

Friday, September 22nd

Photo Day

Monday, September 25th

Terry Fox Run/Orange Shirt Day

Wear an orange shirt to show "Every Child Counts"

PAC Meeting

Tuesday, October 3rd, 6:00 pm

Thanksgiving

Monday, October 9th

No School

Grand Opening of Natural Playground

Hot Dog BBQ Fundraiser

Friday, October 13th, 12:00-12:45 pm

Family Movie Night

Fundraiser for our Natural Playground

Thursday, October 19th, 6:30 pm

Non-Instructional Day

Friday, October 20th



UPLANDS OPEN HOUSE

September 20, 2017

6:00-7:00 pm

Everyone Welcome!

TSIMSHIAN SEASONAL ROUNDS

Our First Nation Support Worker, Ms. Doell, will be working with teachers to explore the Tsimshian culture, history and language as part of the curriculum but also as a springboard for having all of our students share their own culture and personal experiences.

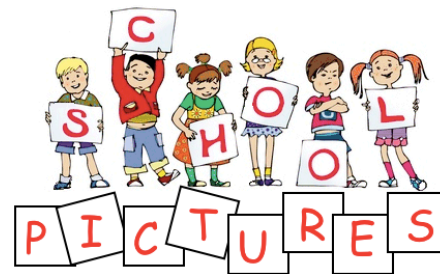
Students are learning that:

~Uplands is located on Tsimshian territory

~Sm'algayax is the language of the Tsimshian people

~Each month of the seasonal rounds is focused on the traditional food gathering practices.

September is "Blueberry Month". What are your family's shared experiences around berry picking?



Picture Day is Monday, September 25th

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Our **grade 4** students will be participating in this annual province-wide assessment from October 2 to November 10. This assessment provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy. It is one of the best predictors to see if a student is on track for graduation. Please contact us if you have any question or concerns.

NATURAL PLAYGROUND



Many of our classes have taken advantage of this amazing new space for taking learning outdoors.



The hill in the middle of the playground got sodded this weekend! Doesn't it look great!

The new playground is really coming together thanks to all of our volunteers. We have one more work party and then we should be ready to take down all of the fencing.

If you have even one hour to spare, come and join us.

Saturday, September 23rd, 10:00-4:00 pm

Sunday, September 24th, 10:00-4:00 pm

GRAND OPENING

We will have our grand opening Friday, October 13th. There will be a morning assembly and Hot dog BBQ to raise the remaining funds for the playground. Come and join your children for lunch. **12:00-12:45**. Order forms coming soon.

Uplands is NUT AWARE



We have a number of students in the school with food allergies, especially peanut and tree nut allergies.

To help keep all children safe, can you please go over these expectations with your children at home:

- Do not share food, drinks or utensils
- Wash hands before and after eating

Monthly Draw

After reading the newsletter with your family, please sign and return this portion of the newsletter. You could win a great prize. Each month we will have one family draw.

Children/Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Comment: _____
