

Uplands Elementary/Uplands Montessori

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Family Fridge Memo Aug 27, 2025

Hello Uplands Community,

I hope the summer months have treated you all well.

We have some new staff joining our Uplands team. Please help me in welcoming:

- Brooklyn Holthe (K teacher)
- Priyanka Bhatia (grade 4/5 teacher)
- Renae Carey (grade 3/4 teacher)
- Morgan Wilson (grade 1/2 teacher)
- Kari Wojak (Monte K teacher)
- Jacquie Nowak (Monte 1,2,3 teacher)

Ryan Neufeld,



The First Week of School:

- ☐ **Monday, Sept. 1st** – Labour Day (School is Closed)
- **Tuesday, Sept. 2nd** – Gr. 1 to 6 students will return to their previous year's classrooms. New kindergarten students do not attend as they will follow their gradual entry plan.
 - New Students (gr. 1 to 5): Welcome to Uplands! If you need help finding your classroom, please visit the front office so we can guide you to the correct classroom.

This first day of school is a partial day. Students are dismissed at 10:20.



- **Wednesday, Sept 3rd to Friday, Sept. 5th** – Student will continue to return to their previous year's classroom with the following exceptions:

- Neighborhood gr. 1s (last year's Ks) will go to room 5 (Mrs. Aranas' former class)
- Montessori gr. 1s (last year's Ks) will be taught by Karl Luhmert, Cheryl Chambers, Lori Oppen, Priyanka Bhatia, and the resource team.

Mrs. Matthon's former class will line up outside Mrs. Bhatia room #18 (located on the basketball court)

Mrs. Aranas' former class will line up outside Mrs. Oppen's room #2 (along the wall undercover just off the staff parking lot at the front of the school)

- All of the students returning from Mr. Jas' class will go to room #12 (Ms. Ashu's class, by the gaga ball pit)

Starting on Wednesday, the bell schedule is as follows:

- Warning bell 8:45
- Instruction 8:50 to 10:50
- **Lunch Recess** at 10:50 – 11:23
- Instruction 11:23 to 12:58 (Eating time – 11:23-11:38)
- **Recess** 12:58 to 1:13
- Instruction 1:13 to 2:33

- **Kindergarten Families:** You should have received information, via email, regarding your child's gradual entry plan. Please review that information for interview and attendance times.
- **Next steps:** Once the school receives approval from the School District, we will proceed with communicating to students, and families, what classroom they will be in for the 2025/2026 school year. This is a normal practice within the School District; we thank-you for your patience in this process.



Action Required:

- ☐ **School Supplies** - School Supplies are here and, in the classrooms, ready for the year! Don't forget to **purchase through School Cash Online**. *(Please allow 24hrs for notification to arrive as the system needs to catch up)*

<https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>

Kindergarten Families will pay a **School Supply Fee** (no supply list is generated). You will be supplied with a **School Cash Online information sheet** that contains your child's student number during your conferences.



- ☐ **Parent Consent Request**

Each year, Langley Schools asks families to complete a set of parent consent forms for their child. These consent forms are required by our schools to ensure the health, safety, and security of all students. Langley Schools uses a secure web form to collect this information. **Beginning mid-September, please look for an email request (subject Parent Consent Request) that contains one link for you to submit consents for all children in your family attending any Langley School.** If your email address or contact information has changed, please call your school to correct it in our files. If you have not received an email regarding Parent Consent Request by the end of the month or have any questions/concerns, please contact your school administrator.

- ☐ **SchoolMessenger in the Langley School District**

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage here.



- **Busters Bistro will not be in operation for the first week of School.**
We hope to have the program up and running by Mid-September.

What is Busters Bistro?

Buster Bistro is a daily breakfast/lunch program that Uplands Staff will run. The goal of the program is to make sure all Uplands students have the nutrition needed to do their best learning. **Food will be distributed via the gym doors on the basketball court from 8:20am-8:35 am each day.**



From the PAC

- **Come have a coffee / tea and delicious baked good with the PAC - Sept 2nd @ 8:50**
located on the Basketball court. Welcome back!
- Sept 5th 2:40pm @ Basketball court – **1st PAC meeting to approve the budget**



Kindergarten Families Only

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September 2025 Kindergarten Gradual Entry and Full Day Schedule.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Labour Day No school	2 No school for Kindergarten	3 Family Meetings All day	4 Family Meetings All day	5 First day of school <u>Group A</u> 8:45-10:45 <u>Group B</u> 12:30-2:30
8 <u>Group A</u> 8:45-11:00 (Bring snack) <u>Group B</u> 12:15-2:30 (Bring snack)	9 <u>Group A</u> 8:45-11:00 (Bring snack and inside shoes) <u>Group B</u> 12:15-2:30 (Bring snack and inside shoes)	10 <u>Everyone</u> 8:45-12:00 (Bring snack and lunch)	11 <u>Everyone</u> 8:45-1:30 (Bring snack and lunch)	12 <u>Everyone</u> 8:45-1:45 (Bring snack, lunch and spare clothes bag)
15 Full Day Kindergarten begins 8:50- 2:33 (welcome bell and doors open at 8:45)	16	17	18	19

School District #35 (Langley)
2025-2026 School Calendar
Elementary Schools

MONTH	DATE	
September	Sep 1 (M)	<i>Labour Day (School Closed)</i>
	Sep 2 (T)	School Opens
	Sep 29 (M)	<i>School Improvement Day (Students not in attendance)</i>
	Sep 30 (T)	<i>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)</i>
October	Oct 13 (M)	<i>Thanksgiving (School Closed)</i>
	Oct 24 (F)	<i>Professional Development Day (Provincial - Students not in attendance)</i>
November	Nov 10 (M)	<i>Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</i>
	Nov 11 (T)	<i>Remembrance Day (School Closed)</i>
	Nov 26 (W)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Nov 27 (Th)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
December	Dec 19 (F)	Last Day Prior to Winter Break
January	Jan 5 (M)	School Re-Opens After Winter Break
February	Feb 9 (M)	<i>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</i>
	Feb 13 (F)	<i>Design & Assessment Day / Learning Update Prep (Students not in attendance)</i>
	Feb 16 (M)	<i>Family Day (School Closed)</i>
March	Mar 4 (W)	2 Hour Early Dismissal - Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 5 (Th)	Student Inclusive Conferences
	Mar 13 (F)	Last Day Prior to Spring Break
	Mar 30 (M)	School Re-Opens After Spring Break
April	Apr 3 (F)	<i>Good Friday (School Closed)</i>
	Apr 6 (M)	<i>Easter Monday (School Closed)</i>
May	May 15 (F)	<i>Professional Development Day (District - Students not in attendance)</i>
	May 18 (M)	<i>Victoria Day (School Closed)</i>
June	Jun 25 (Th)	Final Learning Update & Last Day for Students Prior to Summer Vacation
	Jun 26 (F)	<i>Administrative Day (Students not in attendance)</i>
July / August		Summer Session

APPROVED: SD35 Board of Education Meeting
April 29, 2025