

Uplands Elementary/Uplands Montessori

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Family Fridge Memo Oct 23, 2025

Dear Uplands Families,

As we move into the wetter and colder months, we kindly ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes to keep at school. These shoes should be clean, comfortable, and suitable for physical education (PE) activities.

Having indoor shoes helps us in two important ways:

1. Keeps our floors clean from mud, dirt, and moisture.
2. Ensures safety during gym and classroom activities.

Please label your child's indoor shoes with their name and ensure they are appropriate for movement and exercise (ie. running shoes or sneakers).

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a clean, safe, and active learning environment for all students.

Have a great weekend,

Ryan Neufeld
Principal of Uplands Elementary



Action Required:

- ☐ **Friday Oct 24th**
Professional Development Day – Students
Not in Session



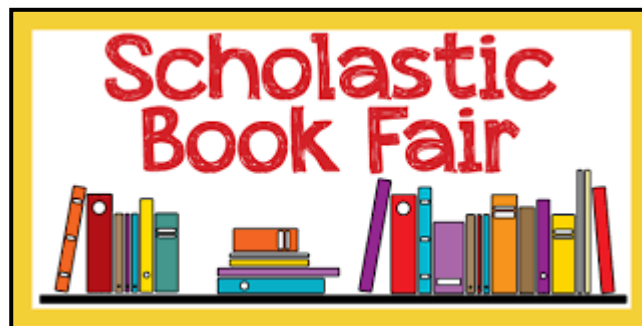
- **Halloween Costumes** - Halloween is a such an exciting time for kids....and for many adults. If your child is planning to come to school with a costume on Friday Oct 31st, **please leave masks (that hide identity) and weapons (that may be problematic and distracting) at home.**



- Fall brings wind & rain. Please have your children **dress appropriately** every day **for the weather**. Please pack a **spare change of clothes** that can be **kept in your child's backpack**, please include a pair of socks.



- **Book Fair Oct 27 – Oct 31 happening in the library.** Students can make purchases starting Monday afterschool, Tuesday – Thursday before and afterschool & Friday before school. **All students will have a chance to visit the book fair during their library block (no purchases at this time)**



- **Busters Bistro Hot Chocolate Day Oct 31 Bring your own MUG** to Busters Bistro during breakfast program hours only (8:25-8:40) **Hot Chocolate will only be served during Buster Bistro hours, not during school hours**



Important Dates:

- ☐ **Oct 24 - Pro D Day – Students Not In Session**
- ☐ Oct 27 - Book Fair Oct 27 – 31
- ☐ Oct 28 - Uplands Soccer Game Vs. Douglas Park (UPL Home Game)
- ☐ Oct 31 - Halloween & Sprit Day (Orange, Black or dress in your costume)
- ☐ Nov 4 - Uplands Soccer Game @ Shortreed (UPL Away Game)
- ☐ Nov 7 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- ☐ Nov 10 - Design & Assessment Day – Students Not in Session
- ☐ Nov 11 - Remembrance Day – School Closed
- ☐ Nov 20 - Excel Martial Arts Visiting Uplands
- ☐ Nov 25 - Fire Drill
- ☐ Nov 26 - **Student Inclusive Conference (Students NOT in attendance)**
- ☐ Nov 27 - Student Inclusive Conference Half Day For Students
- ☐ Nov 27 - **Early Dismissal @ 12:33**
- ☐ Nov 28 - Hot Lunch Day

From the PAC

- ☐ Book fair week of Halloween. **Volunteers needed**, link below
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849AAAC2DA6FCC70-59258944-scholastic>



Important Privacy Reminder: Recording Devices in Schools

Guidance for Parents and Students

To protect the privacy and security of all students, staff, and visitors, the Langley School District reminds parents and students that digital recording devices—such as Meta Glasses and AngelSense Trackers—are not permitted at school. This policy is in place to ensure compliance with the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the District's procedures for responsible information management.

Parent Code of Conduct

Our Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct expects every parent and guardian to respect the privacy of other students, parents, caregivers, and staff. Using devices that can discreetly record audio or video, like Meta Glasses or AngelSense Trackers, does not demonstrate respect for others' privacy.

Student Use of Recording Devices

According to Administrative Procedure 350 – Appendix A, students may only use recording devices at school for educational purposes, and only with approval from the principal. Devices such as Meta Glasses and AngelSense Trackers do not meet these requirements and should not be brought to school.

Thank You for Supporting Privacy In Our Schools

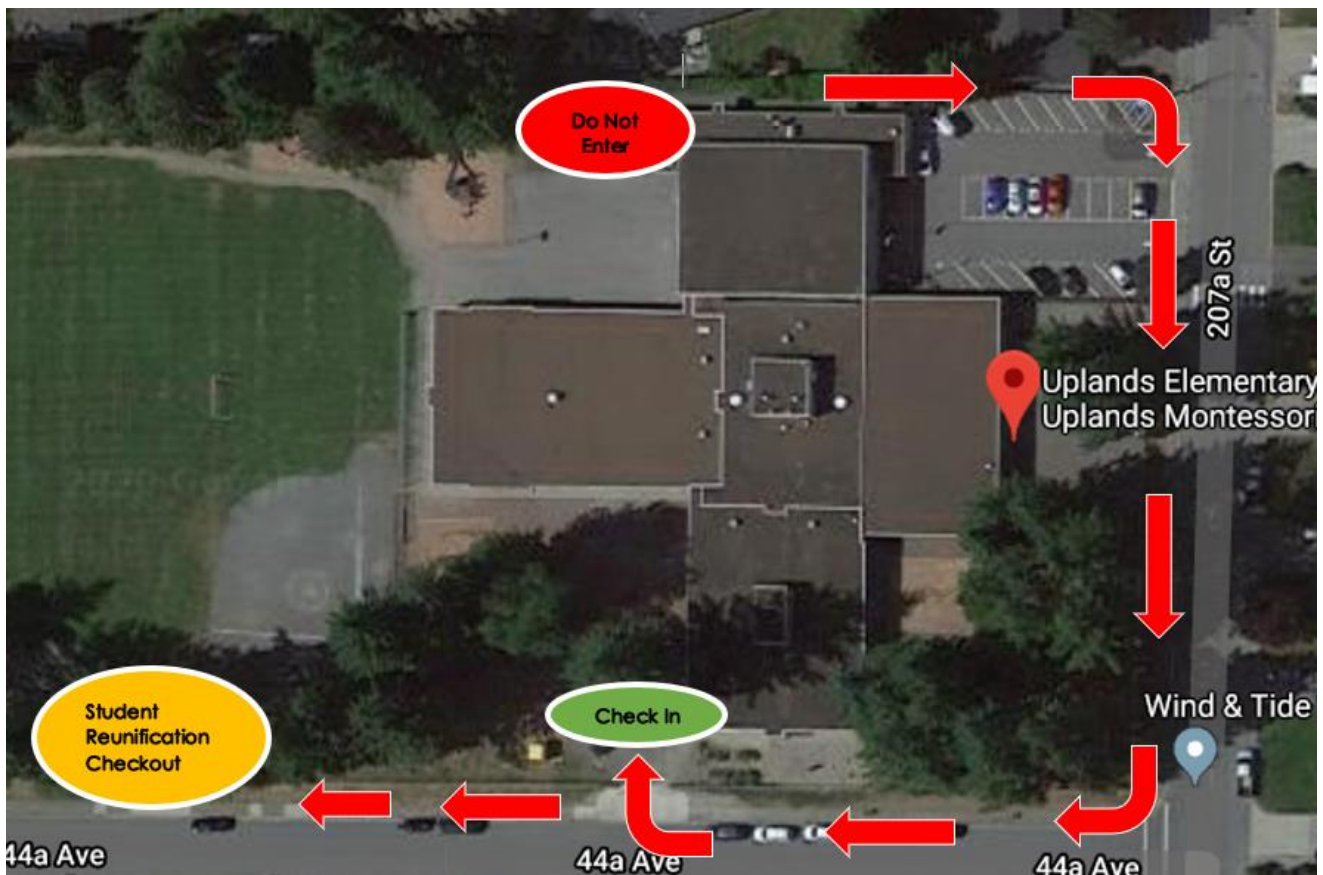
For the safety and privacy of our school community, please ensure your child does not bring any discreet recording devices to school. If you have questions, contact your school's office or the district Privacy Officer at privacy@sd35.bc.ca.

Emergency Preparedness and Student Pick-up

As part of our emergency preparedness program at Uplands Elementary, a plan has been put in place **in the event of a school wide evacuation that requires student pick-up**. This plan follows protocols that will be implemented throughout all Langley schools. If students are required to be picked up from school after an emergency caused from an earthquake, fire or other incident, **parents are asked to follow the following protocols as a means to ensure that all students are accounted for at the school level**.

In case of an emergency pick-up:

- You will go around the **South side of the school (44A Ave)** where there will be **Greeters** to meet you, they will direct you to the **check-in station**. *Bring your ID to the Check-In station,*
- After you have checked in, **runners will retrieve your child(ren) from the Safe Assembly Area** and bring them to the **Student Reunification Checkout** where staff will ensure your child is being picked up by individuals **who have been approved by the child's parents/guardians via the Student Reunification form**.
- Upon being reunited with your child(ren), exit to the Southwest side of the school.



Please note:

- Only the legal parent, and identified emergency contacts, will be allowed to pick up your child(ren). **Please bring ID.**
- If you need to update or add a person to the Student Reunification Form that was completed at the beginning of the year, please contact our admin assistant Deanna Halldorson

****We recognize that in an emergency situation stress levels will be high. However, patience and communication between parents and the school is crucial to ensure everyone's safety. ****

Thank you for your support,

Mrs. Halldorson & Mr. Neufeld

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School Status Info During Inclement Weather

Information about school status during **inclement weather, snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District**. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather?

If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on:

- **On the District and School websites**
(See alert announcing the effected schools displayed at the top of the district website)
- **On Facebook, X (formerly twitter) and Instagram**
- **On media outlets such as CKNW 980AM, News1130, 170.1FM Country, CBC Radio 690AM, Pulse Radio 107.7 or 88.1FM**

If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30 am. **As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances.** If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

In the event of inclement weather, please do not call the school. During a power outage we are reduced to one landline. We need to this line free for emergencies. Also, the office is not able to answer so many phone calls.

Thank you for your cooperation - Uplands Office Staff.

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

Keep your children free from respiratory illnesses this winter

As the weather gets colder and we spend more time indoors, we're more likely to get sick with things like colds, flu or COVID-19 because these illnesses spread more easily in enclosed spaces.

Everyone should take these steps to protect themselves and limit the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Get vaccinated for flu and COVID-19 if you are eligible.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home and away from people at higher risk of serious illness. If you are sick and cannot stay away from others, wear a mask. Learn more about masks [here](#).

Vaccinations for respiratory illness

Vaccinations prepare our immune system to recognize and respond to viruses. When children get immunized, they are less likely to get sick or pass along illness to others and better able to focus on learning, playing and doing the activities they love.

Register your children with the [Get Vaccinated](#) system so you can be reminded to get flu or COVID-19 vaccinations when they are due. Seasonal respiratory vaccinations are available from pharmacies, public health units and some primary care providers.

School-aged immunizations

As children get older, the protection from some [infant immunizations](#) can wear off. To set young people up for long-term health and well-being, vaccines are offered routinely in kindergarten, grade 6 and grade 9 with catch-up opportunities in other grades. Getting your child vaccinated on schedule is one of the best ways to protect their health.

All routine school-aged immunizations are free in British Columbia. If your child is not up-to-date with their vaccines, please make an appointment with a public health unit, family doctor, nurse practitioner or pharmacy. If your child's record shows their vaccines are not current, but they did get vaccines from a health care provider outside of public health:

- Contact the health care provider who immunized your child and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Report these immunizations to Public Health online at:
<http://www.fraserhealth.ca/immunizationform>

Learn more about school-aged immunizations, including how to access your child's records, here: [Children and youth immunizations – Fraser Health Authority](#)