

UES September 2022 Newsletter



National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation

Important Dates/Updates and Information

- September 19th School Planning Day: no school for students
- September 29th we will honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- September 30th there is no school in remembrance of Canada's National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.
- September is often a time when students run in memory of Terry Fox. More to come on a date and time.
- Lifetouch photo day September 27th
- Retakes and class photo day November 9th
- PAC Welcome Back BBQ Wednesday September 21st from 4:30pm to 5pm families are welcome to tour the school with their children. At 5pm everyone will be asked to exit the school to take part in the BBQ festivities! More to come from the PAC 😊
- Most of our families are aware that I have been made Acting Principal until the return of Sedge. I am very excited to be in this role and look forward to the school year. An Acting VP will be assigned shortly.
- We are pleased to welcome Ms. Reimer to UES. Ms. Reimer is teaching one of our Grade 2/3 classes!
- As well we have Mr. Floucault who has joined our staff this year. Mr. Floucault is teaching our grade 5/6 class!

September National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Learning, Honouring and Remembering

Ucluelet Elementary School staff and students are dedicating thematic learning opportunities for the month of September to building our knowledge around Canada's National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Through group learning, cross-curricular learning, art installations, group discussion and dedicated library resource time, our staff and students will share their learnings throughout the month.

On September 29th we will gather, wearing orange, in honour of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. This is a day to honour and remember the children who never returned home, the Survivors of residential schools and their families and communities.

Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Families are welcome to join us on the 29th. More details to come.

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School Website the UES school website will be updated every Friday afternoon. Keep an eye out for school news (except today Ms. Clark is away)

Safe Arrival/Start and Dismissal Times Supervision begins at 8:25am. Please do not send your student prior to this time. The morning bell rings at 8:40am and Safe Arrival Attendance is to the office by 9am. If your student is late, they must check in at the school office. If you know your student is going to be late or absent, please call and leave a message or email Mrs. Clark 250 726 7793 kclark1@sd70.bc.ca

Follow-up paperwork Please review the student verification sheets, technology use agreement and indigenous self-declaration form that will be sent home with students early next week. Please update any emergency contact information, sign the verification form, and have your student return the paperwork to the school office.

School Supplies Thank you to those families who ordered supplies through Teacher File and those who have purchased supplies privately. If you have not purchased school supplies and are wondering what to buy, please see our school supply lists on the UES Website.

Lunch Program We are offering lunch program again this year. Lunch program starts on Monday September 12th. It is important that students who have signed up for lunch program have their lunch envelope signed and returned to ensure they receive a lunch. Lunch program does not include a recess snack.

Communication Families are encouraged to be in contact with their child's teacher. Individual teacher contact information is available on our school website.

PAC: We are always wanting parents to be involved with PAC. This is a great way to get to know other parents, learn about goings on at the school and find creative ways to fundraise! If you want to get connected with the PAC, please don't hesitate to contact me, Robyn Ross Acting Principal at UES and I can easily get you in touch rross@sd70.bc.ca

Outdoor Play: We do our best to get outside even when the weather is somewhat unpleasant. Please always send/keep a change of clothes at school and during inclement weather, send your student with clothing that is best suited for the day's weather 😊

Bus Students: Bus seating is limited to those students living in Millstream and beyond. If your student will not be riding the bus any given day, please advise Mrs. Clark via email or phone.

Last but by no means least, we welcome our kindergartens to UES. We look forward to spending time with them as they navigate their way through the school year ❤️❤️

Have a wonderful September and we look forward to seeing more of our parents at PAC meetings and at our upcoming Welcome Back BBQ!

Robyn Ross (she/her)

Acting Principal Ucluelet Elementary School

