

UES September 2023 Newsletter



National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation

Important Dates/Updates and Information

- September 25th School Planning Day: no school for students
- September 27th we will honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation with the raising of the Survivor's flag
- 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 26th this will also be class photo day
- Photo retake day October 24th
- PAC Welcome Back BBQ Wednesday September 20th. 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 😊
- Carly and I are excited to be leading the school into another year. So far startup has been amazing and all of our classes are running smoothly 😊
- This year we have Ms. Baldwin and Ms. Venuto in gr 6/7, Ms. Kinvig/Ms. Wilson, Mr. Garand/Ms. Diehl in gr. 4/5, Ms. Tremblay in gr. 3, Mrs. LeFevre in gr. 2/3, Ms. Hogan in gr. 2, Ms. Sigmund in gr. 1, Ms. Soltysik/Ms. Chilson in K/1 and Ms. Harling for Music
- Please see the next page for the attached QR code for information about SD70's International Student Homestay program

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 and in particular, the Survivor's flag.

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 27th we will gather, wearing orange, and unveil the Survivor's flag in memory of those who were impacted by the Canadian residential school system. 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 27th. More details to come.



Take a leap and host a student with the **Pacific Rim International Student Program!** You can be part of an unforgettable experience and make connections that last a lifetime.

To learn more, scan the QR code:



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Feel free to contact Homestay Manager, Deb Hallworth @ 250-720-2780 if you have any questions.

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School Website The UES school website will be updated every Friday afternoon. Keep an eye out for school and District news

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 9:15am. If your student is late they must check in at the school office prior to going to class. 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 Presently we are waiting on our lunch program for now. More to come when we know more.

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 them at uespac@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.

We welcome our kindergartens to UES. We look forward to spending time with them as they navigate their way through the school year ❤️❤️

Robyn Ross (she/her)

Acting Principal Ucluelet Elementary School