

# Upper Lynn e-News

June 2, 2024

## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of June 3 to June 7, 2024

Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
Walk and Roll Week	Walk and Roll Week	Walk and Roll Week	Walk and Roll Week	Walk and Roll Week
Hot Lunch Pizza	Swangard Track and Field Finals	Pickleball Begins		Hot Lunch TCBY
Math Fair	Tickets Get Your Carnival Tickets!			<b>Carnival!</b>

## Upcoming Dates

- June – Pride Month
- June – National Indigenous History Month
- June 3 to 7 – Walk and Roll Week
- Monday June 3 – Hot Lunch – Pizza
- Monday June 3 – Math Fair
- Tuesday June 4 – Last Day to Pre-Purchase Carnival Tickets
- Tuesday June 4 – Swangard Track and Finals
- Wednesday June 5 – Grade 7 Ambleside
- Wednesday June 5 – Pickleball begins
- Thursday June 6 – High Jump Rainout (if necessary)
- Friday June 7 – Hot Lunch – TCBY
- Friday June 7 – **Upper Lynn Carnival**
- Monday June 10 – Hot Lunch – Sushi
- Thursday June 13 – Celtic Ensemble Performance
- Thursday June 13 – Band Concert; 6pm

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## 2024-2025 School Calendar

Our official Upper Lynn school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year is now available. This calendar includes the schedule for the year, highlighting holidays, professional development days, and early dismissals for staff collaboration. Please note that early dismissals for teacher/parent conferences are not included. A more detailed calendar will be published at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Please note a slight adjustment to the time of our school day. It is one minute longer! To accommodate this one minute, school will begin one minute earlier.

You can view the calendar at the end of the newsletter or find it on our website at <https://bit.ly/4c58xua>.

## School Supplies

This year, we are transitioning to a bulk purchasing system for school supplies. Families will be asked to pay a fee of \$78 per student, with a reduced fee of \$50 for kindergarten students. Additionally, there will be a cost of \$8 for next year's planner. Our goal with this new approach is to lower the cost of supplies over time as classrooms build a baseline of resources.

By having the school handle the purchasing of supplies, we aim to achieve several benefits:

1. **Cost Savings:** Buying in bulk allows us to take advantage of lower prices, which helps reduce the overall cost of supplies.
2. **Consistency in Resources:** All students will have access to the same high-quality materials, ensuring a uniform learning experience.
3. **Reduced Stress for Families:** Parents and families will no longer need to worry about shopping for specific items, making the back-to-school process smoother and less stressful.
4. **Minimized Waste:** This method helps cut down on unnecessary waste, as we can better manage the quantities of supplies needed, reducing leftover materials at the end of the school year.

We believe this change will not only benefit our students and their families but also support a more efficient and sustainable approach to resource management in our classrooms.

Payments for the school supplies and planners can be conveniently made through SchoolCash Online which will be setup on Monday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

## Walk and Roll to School – This Week

This week is Roll and Walk to School! We are thrilled to encourage our students to get active and enjoy the journey to school. There will be exciting spot prizes up for grabs throughout the week, and the division with the highest participation rate will win a delicious prize to enjoy together!

We encourage everyone to dust off their bikes, scooters, and skateboards, and ensure they are in good working order. Don't forget to check that helmets fit properly and are worn for safety.

Students will be able to store their "wheels" in the MPR upon arrival. Please ensure that students walk their "wheels" once they enter the school grounds for safety reasons. Allow some extra time in the morning to store your "wheels" and then join your class line before the first bell rings.

Let's make this week a fun and active one! We look forward to seeing everyone participate and contribute to a healthier, more active school community.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to us.

## NVSD Track and Field Finals at Swangard

Best of luck to our athletes competing at Swangard in the NVSD Track and Field Finals! The event will take place rain or shine. If the track is wet, the high jump event may be rescheduled to Thursday, June 6th. This decision will be made on the day of the meet.

Qualified athletes should arrive at the stadium for check-in at 8:15 AM, with the opening ceremony commencing at 8:30 AM.

For any inquiries, please contact Mrs. Turcato at [aturcato@sd44.ca](mailto:aturcato@sd44.ca) or Mr. MacLeod at [tmacleod@sd44.ca](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca).

## Primary Days of Music

Congratulations to all our primary students on their participation in the SD44 Primary Days of Music festival. Students had a wonderful time sharing our music with other schools in the school district. Thank you to classroom teachers, support staff, and families for your support.

## Choir Performance

**Who:** Primary and Intermediate Choirs  
**When:** Thursday, June 20th  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Where:** Upper Lynn Gymnasium  
**For Whom:** Family and friends' welcome!

A dress rehearsal/performance for the school will be held at 9:15am on June 20th. Families of singers who are not able to attend the evening show may come and watch our dress rehearsal at 9:15am.

## Tennis XL - Pickleball

Pickleball begins for all students on Wednesday, June 5 and runs over the next 6 days. Each class will receive a minimum of two lessons from Tennis XL. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. MacLeod at [tmacleod@sd44.ca](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca).

## Afterschool Pickleball

If you are interested in an afterschool program of pickleball at Upper Lynn over the next week, please see our school's webpage at <https://bit.ly/3VpKnEX> for more information and to sign up.

## Dog on The School Grounds

We kindly remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. This policy helps ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, staff, and visitors. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

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## PAC News

### Carnival

Carnival wristbands & tickets are available now on [www.MunchaLunch.com](http://www.MunchaLunch.com) until June 4th! Tickets can be picked up at the school, on Wednesday June 5th 2:45 - 4pm, or at the event. To avoid lineups, we encourage advance pickup on Wednesday.

Financial assistance for carnival tickets is available, please contact Mr. MacLeod.

#### Carnival Timeline:

June 4th: Last day to pre-purchase Carnival Tickets

June 5th: Carnival Ticket Pickup 2.45-4pm

June 7th: Carnival 5pm-8pm

### We have one more week until June 11th.

The only person who has stepped forward for the PAC chair is an amazing human who also happens to be a GP with three children under 7. You will love them, but they are going to need some help!

Please send Emma an email at [upperlynnpac@gmail.com](mailto:upperlynnpac@gmail.com) if you can spare an hour or two a week next year. All new faces for the PAC EXEC have to be voted in during the PAC meeting (Tues June 11 - in the library 7-8pm)

### 2024/25 dates

The calendar is being planned for next year and we need to let the district know what dates we need the gym and field. If you would like to attend events like the Parent Social, the Walk in Movie, and the Carnival, please consider sending Emma an email at [upperlynnpac@gmail.com](mailto:upperlynnpac@gmail.com) to offer some helping hands to make them happen.

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## Reminders

### It's Raining!

Please remember to send your children dressed appropriately for wet weather. Waterproof jackets, boots, and umbrellas are essential to keep them dry and comfortable throughout the school day. Thank you for helping us ensure that our students stay dry and healthy!

Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Lise Grendel  
Vice-Principal



## Upper Lynn Elementary Calendar 2024-2025

DESIGNATION	2024/25
Days of Instruction	180
Schools Open	Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Staff Collaboration Time (Students Dismissed at 2pm)	Wednesday, September 25, 2024
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Monday, September 30, 2024
Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 14, 2024
Province-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTa)	Friday, October 25, 2024
Staff Collaboration Time (Students Dismissed at 2pm)	Wednesday, October 30, 2024
School Based Non-Instructional Day	Friday, November 8, 2024
Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, November 11, 2024
District--Wide Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Implementation)	Friday, December 6, 2024
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 20, 2024
Winter Vacation Period	December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025
Schools Reopen After Winter Vacation	Monday, January 6, 2025
School Based Non-Instructional Day	Monday, January 20, 2025
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTa)	Friday, February 14, 2025
BC Family Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 17, 2025
Staff Collaboration Time (Students Dismissed at 2pm)	Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Schools Close for Spring Vacation	Friday, March 14, 2025
Spring Vacation Period	March 17 to 28, 2025
Schools Reopen After Spring Vacation	Monday, March 31, 2025
Good Friday Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 18, 2025
Easter Monday Holiday Day	Monday, April 21, 2025
Staff Collaboration Time (Students Dismissed at 2pm)	Wednesday, April 30, 2025
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTa)	Friday, May 2, 2025
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 19, 2025
Last Day of Classes for Students	Thursday, June 26, 2025
Administrative Day (Non-instructional day)	Friday, June 27, 2025

