

Upper Lynn e-News

June 23, 2024

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of June 24 to June 28, 2024

Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
Hot Lunch Well Fed Grade 7 Rehearsal	Grade 7 Farewell 1:00pm Summary of Learning Upload 4pm		Recognition Assembly 10:40 Last Day of School	Administrative Day School Not in Session

Upcoming Dates

- Monday June 24 – Grade 7 Rehearsal; 1pm
- Monday June 24 – Hot Lunch – Well Fed
- Tuesday June 25 – Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony; 1pm
- Tuesday June 25 – Summary of Learning Uploaded
- Thursday June 27 – Recognition Assembly; 10:40
- Thursday June 27 – Last Day of Classes; 3:00 pm dismissal
- Friday June 28 – Administrative Day – School Not in Session

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Student Summaries of Learning (Report Cards)

The Summary of Learning will be published on Tuesday, June 25th. Parents and guardians are required to view and either print or download this summary by July 31st, as it will be removed from the parent portal after this date.

You will receive an email notification when your child's report card is published and ready for viewing. Please log in using your email address to access your child's summary. We encourage you to review the summary with your child to discuss their progress and achievements.

If you can't remember your password, please click on "I forgot my password" and read the information to follow the steps for resetting.

Instructions and tips for access to MyEducation BC Parent Portal can be found [here](#). If you require assistance, please email upperlynn@sd44.ca and include your child's name and the problem you are having with logging on. We will be available to help with reports until July 3rd 2024.

Student Core Competency

Student Core Competency reflections will be going home this week. This term, students reflected on their growth with their Student-Teacher-Family (STF) Conference goals through the lens of Core Competencies. Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to engage in deep, lifelong learning. More information about can be found here – [Core Competencies](#).

Farewell and Best Wishes to Departing Staff

As the school year comes to a close, we bid a fond farewell to several esteemed staff members who are moving on to new opportunities, retiring, or completing their term at Upper Lynn.

We begin by saying goodbye to Mrs. Ewing. A former teacher at Upper Lynn who retired a few years ago, Mrs. Ewing graciously returned to support Ms. Blaker's grade three class mid-way through the first session and again in Mr. Edgar's grade six classroom during the third session. Her presence brought stability, calmness, and expertise to the classroom, and she will be dearly missed.

Mrs. Loewen joined Mrs. Morel's grade four classroom earlier in the school year. An enthusiastic supporter of outdoor education, Mrs. Loewen brought warmth, compassion, and kindness to the classroom. We hope her educational journey leads her back to Upper Lynn in the future.

Mrs. Melendez has worked with our ELL students throughout the school year. Her patience, positive attitude, and flexibility have been invaluable. We wish her the best of luck as she relocates to Kelowna.

Mrs. Cheng stepped into the grade two classroom when Mrs. Senez began her maternity leave in early December. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Mrs. Cheng, who always prioritizes her students' best interests. We look forward to welcoming her back to Upper Lynn one day.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Sese, Mrs. Bae, and Mrs. Bryne for their unwavering support of our students both in and out of the classroom. The role of an Educational Assistant is incredibly challenging, requiring constant care, attention, and patience. These three remarkable ladies have provided continuous support for our students, and we deeply appreciate their dedication. We wish Mrs. Sese, Mrs. Bae, and Mrs. Bryne all the best in their future endeavors.

School Supplies - Reminder

This year, we are moving to a bulk purchasing system for school supplies, requiring a fee of \$78 per student and a reduced fee of \$50 for kindergarten students, plus an \$8 cost for next year's planner. This new approach aims to lower supply costs over time, ensure all students have access to the same high-quality materials, reduce the stress of back-to-school shopping for families, and minimize waste.

Payments can be made through SchoolCash Online, and if you did not receive an email, please contact the office. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us.

Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony

The Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony is on Tuesday, June 25th from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. The doors will open at 12:45pm for grade 7 families and the grade 7 students should be back at Upper Lynn by 12:30pm. There will be a reception for the grade 7 students and their families immediately following the ceremony. Thereafter, the grade 7s will continue with their activities which have been organized by parents.

Lost and Found

We have a good assortment of lost and found items displayed in the main foyer. Please come by the school and take a look as all left over materials will be bundled up at the end of the week for donation. For a sneak peek, please see our webpage at <https://bit.ly/3XBvctP>.

September 2024 – School Startup!

The first day back for grades 1 to 7 is on Tuesday September 3rd at the new start time of 8:55 (warning bell at 8:50). Dismissal on Tuesday, September 3rd is at 10:50 am. All returning students will report to their “line up spots” from this school year, where they will be greeted by last year’s teacher, or another staff member. New Upper Lynn students will meet in the library for a brief introduction and then will be introduced to their peer groupings. Wednesday will be a full day of school ending at 3:00. Gradual entry schedules will be e-mailed to kindergarten families over the summer.

PAC News

Upper Lynn PAC

Introducing Your New Upper Lynn PAC Executive for 2024/25:

- Kate Brennan – Chair
- Carolyn Cox – DPAC
- Carmen Zimmer – Secretary
- Nafeesa Valli-Hasham – Co-Secretary
- Jaco Wessels – Treasurer
- Norina Lew - Co-Treasurer
- Derrick Johnston - Co-Treasurer
- Emma Milley– Past Chair

...And many wonderful parents have stepped forward to help in other capacities too:

- Madi Bell - Hotlunch/Spirit Wear/Carnival
- Holly Isley – After School Programs
- Lucy Wells – Fundraising
- Erin Harrington, Erin Johnston, Carine Lau – Hotlunch
- Anna Maslany - Munchalunch admin
- Brittany Ogden- FB admin & Communications
- Satnam Lalli - Admin/Powerpoint/Website
- Mehdi Karimian – IT related admin/Website
- Gwen Preston – Treasury Support

Thank you, thank you, thank you for responding to Emma's pleas for help - sometimes funny, sometimes sarcastic, sometimes desperate. We are so excited for you to make this your own and we look forward to supporting all of your efforts.

After School Programs for September

After School Adventures

Dates: September 9th- Dec 23rd (13 Sessions)

Who: Grades K-3, 1:7 ratio

Days: Mondays, 3-5pm

Cost: \$572 (Scholarships available)

Join us in the forest for play and learning time after school! We see children as competent, capable people who are able to inspire their own learning and share with others. On Mondays we'll enjoy nature stories, hands-on activities, and free play in the forest. Pick up is from Upper Lynn.

If interested contact Katrina from Fresh Air Learning direct: info@freshairlearning.org

Multi-Sport After School Program

Dates: Sept 27 - Dec 13 (10 Sessions)

Who: Grades 1-3

Days: Friday, 3-4:30pm

Cost: \$300 + GST

This excitement filled program focuses on FUN, physical literacy and sport skill improvement through fun games and activities. Participants will move through a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, tennis, football, hockey, volleyball, handball, and more. Participants will be fully submerged in the world of sports and are bound to leave the day with a smile on their face, eager for the next day!

See for yourself! [Multi-Sport Trailer](#)

Register Here: [Upper Lynn Multi-Sport, Fall 2024](#)

NOTE: This is a non-competitive program and is suitable for athletes of any experience or level!

Reminders

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.

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

Library – Book Return

The library is closed for book exchange as of Monday, June 17. Please return all books as soon as possible. If you have any questions or cannot find a book, please contact Mrs. Slykerman at sslykerman@sd44.ca to arrange payment or replacement.

Are You Moving Over the Summer?

If you wish to withdraw your student from Upper Lynn over the summer, please email your request to withdraw to withdrawal@sd44.ca. This email should include your child's full legal name, grade level, and the reason for withdrawal. Our team will follow up with the next steps including necessary documentation. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated during this process.

Have a wonderful summer. Best of luck to our departing students and staff and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Lise Grendel
Vice-Principal