

Upper Lynn e-News

September 15, 2024

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of September 16 to September 20, 2024

Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20
<p>Full-Day Kindergarten</p> <p>BPAC Meeting; 7pm</p>	<p>Toonie + Loonie for Terry!</p> <p>Bring a donation for the Terry Fox Foundation.</p>	<p>Meet The Teacher Night; 5:30, 6:00</p>		<p>Terry Fox Day</p> <p>PAC Movie Night; 6:30</p>

Upcoming Dates

- Monday September 16 – Kindergarten Full Day
- Monday September 16 – PAC Meeting: 7pm in the Library
- Wednesday September 18 – Meet The Teacher Night; 5:30-5:55, 6:00-6:25
- Friday September 20 – Terry Fox Day
- Friday September 20 – PAC Movie Night; 6:30
- Saturday September 21 – Chris Edgar Celebration of Life; 2pm
- Wednesday September 25 – **Staff Collaboration – Early Dismissal at 2pm**
- Friday September 27 – Orange Shirt Day
- Friday September 27 – Truth and Reconciliation Assembly
- Friday September 27 – Alternate Movie Night
- Monday September 30 – **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; Students not in Session**
- Thursday October 3 – Immunizations
- Saturday October 5 – World Teacher’s Day
- Sunday October 6 – Spirit Wear Sales Open
- Monday October 14 – Thanksgiving – School is Closed
- Tuesday October 15 – Photo Day
- Thursday October 17 – Spirit Wear Sales Close

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Welcome Back Parent Evening

Join us in meeting the teachers on Wednesday, September 18th. This event is open to parents of both Primary and Intermediate classes. There are two sessions available for parents to attend, and each session will offer the same information. The first session will run from 5:30 to 5:55, followed by the second session from 6:00 to 6:25. We look forward to your presence at this event and hope to see you all there!

Terry Fox Fun

Our annual Terry Fox Day is this Friday, September 20th. Classes are scheduled throughout the day to run our Terry Fox course. This year, we are trying to raise \$2400 for cancer research. To start off the donations, we are asking student to bring a Toonie plus a Loonie for Terry. Students may bring donations to the school which will be collected in the classroom, or you may donate online [Here](https://bit.ly/4dXKPRV) (<https://bit.ly/4dXKPRV>).

Celebration of Life

We invite you to join us in honoring the life of Chris Edgar at a Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 21st, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Boal Chapel. This will be a time to reflect on and celebrate the many wonderful memories, stories, and moments that made Chris such a special part of our lives. For more information about Chris's life and legacy, please visit the obituary at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4eye5cm6>.

Personal Digital Devices - Revisited

Smart watches, along with all other Personal Digital Devices (PDDs), are not permitted for use at school. Devices like cell phones, tablets, and especially smart watches must stay in backpacks or at home. Students are not allowed to use **smart watches** for texting or making phone calls during school hours. This policy is in place to encourage focus and maintain safety. In case of an emergency, the office will reach out to you. Please keep in mind that forgotten homework or last-minute playdates are learning opportunities, not emergencies. Click [here](#) for more information.

Consent Forms

Please ensure that the forms for walking field trips, photo consent, and technology use agreements are completed for each of your children. These forms must be submitted before any special events, such as the Terry Fox Run. Once you've filled out the forms, remember to click 'check out' to save your responses. While there is no cost involved, completing the 'check out' step is necessary to finalize your submissions.

School Planner

Our updated school planner now contains important information specific to Upper Lynn. All students in grades 1 through 7 have received a planner. We encourage you to take some time with your child to review its contents, which include Upper Lynn's school code of conduct, the NVSD Code of Conduct, general school information, details about the Second Step program, and a year-at-a-glance overview.

Choir at Upper Lynn Begins the Week of September 16

Primary Choir: Open to all students in Grades 2 and 3. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 8:00am to 8:50am.

Intermediate Choir: Open to all students in Grades 4 to 7. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 8:00am to 8:50am.

No audition or prior registration is required—any interested student is welcome to join!

For more information, please reach out to Mrs. Wood at nwood@sd44.ca.

PAC News

PAC Meeting – Monday, September 16th

Our first PAC Meeting will be on September 16th at 7pm in the library. This is an opportunity to meet the PAC executive and other volunteers, to hear what the PAC is doing, and to have a say in PAC matters.

Hot Lunch

Welcome back families! We are happy to announce hot lunch will once again be offered twice a week on Mondays and Fridays for the fall term. Ordering will open **September 25** for fall term which runs Friday **October 18** to Monday December 16. Ordering and payment deadline will be **October 8 at midnight**. No new orders for the fall term will be accepted after this date. Please also note there are 2 Pro-D days (October 25 & December 6).

Volunteers! Our hot lunch program is unable to run without parent volunteers! Each lunch service requires 3-4 volunteers to run smoothly – newcomers are welcome. Time commitment is 11:15am – 12:45pm. When signing up for hot lunch in MunchaLunch you can mark the dates you are available to help after ordering, or under the “Volunteer” tab. I will then contact individuals prior to lunches to confirm. Don’t worry if your plans change, we are flexible!

If you would like to place a hot lunch order and need financial assistance, subsidies are available. Please contact Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca. The request will be kept confidential.

New users and returning parents will be able to access MunchALunch at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/upperlynn/>

Lunch program FAQ's can be found here: <https://upperlynnpac.weebly.com/lunch-program-faqs.html>

For assistance reach out to ulpachotlunch@gmail.com

Family Movie Night – Friday, September 20th



Family Movie Night returns to Upper Lynn on **September 20th at 6.30pm.**

Our movie this year is *Wonka*, described by critics as a ‘whimsical and innocent family fun tale’ and ‘one of the most magical and wonderful films of 2023’.

Movie night is a **walk-in event** on the gravel field, so bring your chairs, blankets and flashlights.

Go to [Munchalunch](#) to buy tickets and pre-order pizza. Deadline is September 18th.

Concession items will be for sale on site.

We need volunteers to make this event possible. Join in, have fun and socialize while volunteering. Please sign up [here](#).

Class Reps

Each year the PAC recruits volunteer class reps for every class in the school.

Please consider volunteering as a class rep in your child's class. The class rep is an important role that can be shared with another parent or done solo.

You are the liaison between the PAC, your class teacher and the parents in your class.

Your role includes forwarding important information from the PAC, creating a class list, as well as coordinating teacher gifts. Being a class rep is also a great way to get to know other parents in your child's class.

Please sign up [here](#).

We still need volunteers for three divisions:

- Division 6: Scott Mawson
- Division 15: Wilson/Ross
- Division 16: McGrath/Chambers

Ice Cream Social

A big thank you to our community for a wonderful social evening last Thursday! We were very grateful for many helping hands, amazing manners and happy faces.

A shout out to Save-On-Foods at Lynn Valley Centre for their generous support!

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for families that need to participate in any of the PAC events (like Family Movie Night), or to purchase Hot Lunches, Spirit Wear, Orange shirts and Pink shirts. Please contact Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca

PAC Facebook Group, Website and Email

The PAC has a website <https://upperlynnpac.weebly.com> - we are in the process of updating for this year.

We also have a Facebook group [ULE PAC Parent Group](#)

The PAC email is upperlynnpac@gmail.com

After School Programs for September

Lunch Grit at Upper Lynn Elementary

Who: Grades 4-7
When: Wednesdays (12:02-12:47) October 9-November 13
Duration: 45 Minutes
Cost: \$120 [scholarships always available]
To Register: [Lunch Grit at Upper Lynn](#)
Contact: Alix: alix@gritmeditation.ca

Join Alix for a mid-day check in+chill out workshop where we unpack emotions, friendships, coping skills, confidence and independence. Lunch Grit will give you a re-set mid-week to be able to tackle all the things that Elementary School brings.

Lunch time Chess Club - Ages 6+

Who: Ages 6+
When: Tuesdays (12:02-12:47); September 17 to December 3 (12 sessions)
Duration: 45 Minutes
Cost: \$120
To Register: <https://upperlynnchessfall2024.eventbrite.ca>
Contact: James Chan: chan_james17@hotmail.com

You are invited to explore the strategic world of chess at this exclusive chess club. This club includes fundamentals for beginners along with strategies for the more advanced players. Chess Club players will have the opportunity to improve their skills by playing against other player of various levels.

After School Adventures

Who: Grades K-3, 1:7 ratio
When: Mondays (3:00-5:00) ; September 9 to December 23 (13 Sessions)
Duration: 120 Minutes
Cost: \$572 (Scholarships available)
To Register: www.freshairlearning.org/after-school-programs
Contact: Katrina at Fresh Air Learning; info@freshairlearning.org

Join us in the forest for play and learning time after school! We see children as competent, capable people who can 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.

Multi-Sport After School Program

Who: Grades 1-3
When: Fridays; September 27 to December 13 (10 Sessions)
Duration: 90 Minutes
Cost: \$300 + GST
To Register: [Upper Lynn Multi-Sport, Fall 2024](#)
Contact: Matt Stickland: Matt@privatecoachingco.com

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](#)

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

Reminders

Future Early Dismissal Dates to Note

We have five early dismissal days for our Learning Conferences this year. Please mark your calendars for October 21, 22, 23, 24 and March 11 where students will be dismissed at 2:00pm. Please make note that we have Staff Collaboration on September 25, October 30, February 26 and April 30 with also an early dismissal time of 2pm.

Safe Arrival / Student Absences

Please make every effort to let the school know if your child is absent or will be late. This is important information for us to ensure all students are accounted for each day. For information on how to use our SafeArrival application, please see our school's website [here](https://bit.ly/3rm0B5i). (<https://bit.ly/3rm0B5i>)

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