

Upper Lynn e-News

January 19, 2025

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of January 20 to January 24, 2025

Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
Pro-D School not in Session	Primary Winter Concert 6:30	Intermediate Winter Concert 6:30	Tennis Begins	Spirit Day Tie Dye Day Hot Lunch Foodie Kids

Upcoming Dates

- Monday January 20 – School Based Pro-D – Students not in Session
- Tuesday January 21 – First Aid – Grade 6
- Tuesday January 21 – Primary Concert
- Wednesday January 22 – Intermediate Concert
- Wednesday January 22 – Late French Immersion Meeting
- Thursday January 23 – February 7 – Tennis Program
- Friday January 24 – Spirit Day – Tie Dye Day
- Friday January 24 – Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Monday January 27 – Hot Lunch – Sushi/Maxfrut
- Monday January 27 – North Shore Black Bear Society Visit
- Wednesday January 29 – Lunar New Year
- Friday January 31 – Hot Lunch – Magic LB
- Friday January 31 – Grade 4 & 5 Band Demo
- February – Black History Month
- Saturday February 1 – Cheakamus – Parent / Student Visit – Grade 4
- Monday February 3 – Hot Lunch – Cobs / TCBY
- Monday February 3 – Argyle Visit for Grade 7
- Monday February 10 – PAC Meeting: 7pm

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Professional Development

Reminder: **Monday, January 20**, is a **Professional Development Day**, and there will be **no school for students**. While students have the day off, our staff will be actively engaged in professional learning, participating in workshops focused on **math instruction and PBIS**. These sessions help us enhance our teaching practices and support a positive school environment. We appreciate your support as we continue to grow and improve for our students!

Support Our Choir: Help Fund New Choral Risers!

At our upcoming concerts, the **Upper Lynn PAC** will continue fundraising for **new choral risers** to better support our growing choir. Our current risers are outdated, difficult to set up, and no longer meet our needs. A donation table will be set up outside the **Tuesday and Wednesday concerts**, where we will accept **cash and card donations**. If you prefer to donate in advance, you can do so [online](#) by following this link. Donations are **completely voluntary** and greatly appreciated—thank you for helping us give our choir the support they deserve!

Tie-Dye Day is This Friday!

Get ready to show off your colors, Upper Lynn! This **Friday, January 24**, is **Tie-Dye Day**—a chance to wear your brightest tie-dyed t-shirts, hoodies, socks, or even pants. Tie-dye has a long and creative history, dating back to ancient China, Japan, and India, and later becoming a symbol of free-spirited expression in the 1960s. Whether you go bold or subtle, let's fill the school with color and fun. Don't forget to participate and make it a vibrant day!

FSA Results Going Home This Week – Grade 4 & 7 Families

This week, **Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) results** will be sent home with Grade 4 and 7 students. The **FSA**, completed in **October and November 2024**, provides a **snapshot** of your child's literacy and numeracy skills based on provincial standards. These results are **not factored into classroom assessments** but serve as one of many tools to support student learning. The assessments were scored using BC Performance Standards, with written responses evaluated by trained educators in our district. For more details on the scoring process, please refer to the package sent home.

Student Learning Survey – Your Input Matters!

Grade 4 and 7 families, we would greatly appreciate your participation in the **Student Learning Survey (SLS)**. This survey provides **valuable insights** into student learning experiences, well-being, engagement, and curriculum implementation. Your feedback helps guide school and district planning to better support students. The survey is **voluntary, anonymous**, and available in **18 languages**. More details, including the survey link, will be sent in a separate email. Thank you in advance for your time and input!

The Card Project is Coming Soon!

Our students are working on a special art project for *The Card Project*—a favorite school fundraiser! Their artwork will be turned into unique products like mugs, tote bags, and greeting cards. To participate, families must register and provide consent. See the end of the newsletter for more details, including registration deadlines and ordering information.

PAC News

Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, 26 February



Pink Shirt Day is an annual event aimed at raising awareness about bullying and promoting kindness, inclusivity, and respect.

On this day, people across Canada wear pink shirts to show their commitment to anti-bullying efforts and to foster a culture of kindness.

The PAC is offering custom Upper Lynn pink T-shirts and hoodies for sale. Order on [Munchalunch](#) by January 29th.

Purchasing Upper Lynn Pink T-shirts or hoodies is entirely optional and not required to participate in Pink Shirt Day. Students can show their support by wearing anything pink on this day.

Profits from sales will go to [anti-bullying programs](#).

Families can also support these initiatives by donating at <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/donate>

Silent Auction

The Upper Lynn Silent Auction is approaching, and we're seeking donations and volunteers to join the organizing team.

The auction is an important fundraiser for the PAC and raised \$17,000 last year towards PAC initiatives. Our Upper Lynn families love participating in the auction.

The auction is online and will run from February 21st to 28th. (Note that the date has changed from what was previously published).

Sponsoring or donating to the auction is an excellent way in which business can support our school while gaining great exposure and building their brand within the school community. If you own a business, or have a good network with business owners, we would love to hear from you.

We are also looking for new members that can join our organizing team. This is a very rewarding project to work on with an awesome group of fellow ULE parents.

Contact the silent auction team at ulpacfundraising@gmail.com

PAC Facebook Group, Website and Email

The PAC email is upperlynnpac@gmail.com

The PAC has a website <https://upperlynnpac.weebly.com>

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

After School / Lunch Programs

Lynn Sport Explorers After School Program

Location: Upper Lynn Gymnasium
Who: Grades 1 to 4
Dates: January 16 - March 6
Time: 3:00-4:30
Cost: \$240 + GST (8 Sessions)
Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/413khLo>

Program Description:

Unlock your child's potential through our engaging, multi-sport after-school programs designed to inspire and energize! Led by experienced coaching staff dedicated to providing an unforgettable experience, Sport Explorers introduces athletes to a world of fun, teamwork, and skill-building in a safe, inclusive environment. Each session offers a mix of sports that keeps kids excited, moving, and discovering new talents. Perfect for all experience levels, Sport Explorers makes after-school time active, social, and full of adventure. Sports include Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Hockey, Pickleball and more! Register today to secure your child's spot for sport exploration!

Chess Club

Location: Multipurpose Room
Who: Ages: 6+
Dates: Tuesdays, January 14th to March 11th
Time: 12:00-12:47
Pricing: \$90
Register Here: <https://upperlynnjanmarchess2025.eventbrite.ca>

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.

Reminders

Winter Concerts

Winter Music Concerts -Students will have an opportunity to share what they have been learning in music classes so far this year in our upcoming winter concerts.

Divisions 11-20 & Primary Choir:

Tuesday, January 21st 6:30pm

Upper Lynn Gymnasium

Divisions 5-10 & Intermediate Choir:

Wednesday, January 22nd 6:30pm

Upper Lynn Gymnasium

Student performers should arrive at 6:10 and head directly to their classrooms. The gym doors will open at 6:10 for audience members to be seated. Students may be picked up from their classrooms at the end of the concerts.

Due to space constraints in the gym, we ask that families limit audience members to 2 adults per family. Other family members may come to watch the school dress rehearsals at 1:45pm on the day of each concert.

Late French Immersion information sessions – January 22

An information session for Grade 5 students and their families interested in learning about the Late French Immersion (LFI) program (entry into the LFI program in Grade 6 in Sept 2025) will be held on January 22, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave) on the 5th floor (Mountainview Room).

Grade 5 students and their families are welcome to attend. Please [register online](#) in advance. For more information, visit the [Late French Immersion](#) web page.

Please note, transfer requests take place between January 6 to March 7, 2025. Please contact Tracy Langer, District French Facilitator (tlanger@sd44.ca), if you have any questions.

Elementary Band and Strings — Registration opens January 13

[Elementary Band and Strings](#) is open to students in Grades 5 – 7 for Band and Grades 4 – 7 for Strings. Our unique instrumental music program complements the Arts Education curriculum and provides school-based instrumental instruction in a supportive and fun learning environment. Registration for the 2025/26 school year begins on Monday, January 13 and continues until Friday, February 28.

While there is a Late Registration period, this is subject to program availability and class size at your child's school site and is dependent on sufficient registrations received by February 28.

Tennis

An email has been sent to parents about the upcoming Tennis Program at Upper Lynn. Led by Marcus Anderson from Fun Tennis Services Inc., the program runs from January 23 to February 7 and costs \$15.75 per student. It includes at least four sessions (150 minutes total) focused on tennis fundamentals in a fun, active way. All equipment is provided—students just need running shoes.

For financial assistance, contact Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca. More details are in the email.

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Lise Grendel
Vice-Principal

Register for The Card Project!



The children are working on a special art project for our favourite fundraiser.

Their precious masterpieces will be made into beautiful and useful products, like mugs, tote bags, tea towels, greeting cards and notebooks.

To comply with privacy regulations, you need to **register** and give your **consent** for your child's name and art to be released to The Card Project.

Register

at

www.TheCardProject.ca

The deadline is Sunday, February 9

Children who register will get a free greeting card made with their art.

You will be able to order mugs, canvas tote bags, tea towels, greeting cards, notebooks, sketchbooks, mouse pads and stretched canvasses made with your child's art.

These beautiful products make very meaningful gifts.

This is a wonderful fundraising initiative for our school. We receive 20% of the sales.

Please visit www.TheCardProject.ca for more information or contact Marcelle at Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca