

Upper Lynn e-News

February 02, 2025

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of February 3 to February 7, 2025

Monday 03	Tuesday 04	Wednesday 05	Thursday 06	Friday 07
<p>Hot Lunch Cobs/TCBY</p> <p>Argyle Grade 7 Visit</p>				<p>Hot Lunch Subway</p>

Upcoming Dates

- February – Black History Month
- Monday February 3 – Hot Lunch – Cobs / TCBY
- Monday February 3 – Argyle Visit for Grade 7
- Friday February 7 – Hot Lunch – Subway
- Sunday February 9 – Card Project Sign-up Due
- Monday February 10 – Hot Lunch – Well Fed
- Monday February 10 – PAC Meeting: 7pm
- Wednesday February 12 – Personal Digital Devices Check-in; 7pm
- Friday February 14 – District Wide Pro-D – Students Not in Session
- Monday February 17 – BC Family Day – School is Closed
- Tuesday February 18 – Metaphor Hip Hop Presentation
- Friday February 21 – Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Friday February 21 – Argyle Choir Visit
- Monday February 24 – Hot Lunch - Pizza
- Wednesday February 26 – Pink Shirt Day
- Wednesday February 26 – Staff Collaboration; Early Dismissal - 2:00pm
- Friday February 28 – Magic Lunch Box

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Winter Weather Reminder

As the colder temperatures settle in, we want to remind parents to ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately for winter weather. This includes warm coats, boots, gloves, hats, and other winter gear to keep them comfortable during outdoor activities. Please be aware that areas around the school may be slippery, so proper footwear is essential for safety. Additionally, we would like to remind students that snowball throwing and roughhousing in the snow are not permitted to ensure everyone's safety. While we encourage creativity and fun in the snow, please note that any forts or snow structures built on school property are considered common spaces and are not owned by any individual student—they may be altered or removed at any time. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our school a safe and enjoyable place for all!

School Closure Information

For the latest updates on school closures, please visit the school district's website for the most up-to-date information. In the event of a closure, an email notification will be sent to all families. We encourage you to check your inbox and the district website regularly during inclement weather to stay informed.

Thank You, Snow Team Volunteers!

A huge thank you to our dedicated parent volunteers who have taken time out of their day to help clear and maintain safe pathways into the school during snowy conditions. Your efforts make a big difference in keeping our students and staff safe! If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Mr. MacLeod—we'd love to have more support. As the saying goes, many hands make light work!

Black Bear

Last week, the [North Shore Black Bear Society](#) gave presentations to our Intermediate students about living in North Vancouver and sharing our environment with wildlife. The session focused on understanding black bears, as well as other local wildlife, including **cougars, coyotes, and bobcats**.

Key Takeaways:

- **Living in Bear Country:** North Vancouver is home to black bears, and sightings have increased in urban areas like Central and Lower Lonsdale. Bears are drawn to human food sources, which shortens their denning season and increases human-wildlife interactions.
- **Safety and Prevention:** Responsible coexistence is key. Residents can help by securing garbage, removing attractants like fallen fruit, and setting clear boundaries if a bear is on their property.
- **Impact of Human Food:** Bears that find food in urban areas are at risk of being killed by conservation officers or vehicles. Relocation is not a reliable solution, as new bears quickly take their place.
- **Other Wildlife:** Students also learned about cougars, coyotes, and bobcats, their habits, and how to stay safe around them.

The North Shore Black Bear Society will **return in the coming weeks** to present to our **Primary students**. These sessions help our children understand local wildlife and how to live safely alongside them.

Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to their school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

Personal Digital Devices Community Check-in

Join the North Vancouver School District for a virtual check-in on February 12, 2025, to reflect on the use of Personal Digital Devices in schools and explore future plans. Hear from students, principals, and district staff as they share insights, lessons learned, and next steps—don't miss this important discussion! Please see the end of the newsletter for more information.

Used Sports Equipment

We are seeking donations of gently used sports balls to enhance our outdoor equipment. Specifically, we are in need of **soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, and medium-sized rubber balls**. If you have any of these items in good condition that are no longer needed, we would be grateful for your donation to **Upper Lynn**. Please drop off any contributions at the office. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

PAC News

PAC Meeting: 10th February

Join us at 7pm via Zoom - learn about the PAC initiatives, bring ideas, meet the PAC team, and hear the School Administration update. All are welcome!

Topic: ULE PAC Meeting - Feb 10, 2025

Time: Feb 10, 2025 07:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86523200641>

Silent Auction: 21-28 February

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.

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

Support Our Choir: Help Fund New Choral Risers!

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who generously donated online and at our Winter Concerts. Your contributions are truly appreciated and will help us fund new choral risers to better support our growing choir. With your support, we are one step closer to providing a more functional setup for our young performers. We are grateful for your kindness and commitment to enhancing the musical experience for our students. If you haven't had a chance yet, you can still donate [online](#). Thank you for making a difference!

Student Learning Survey – Your Input Matters!

This is a friendly reminder to grade 4 and 7 families to complete the [Student Learning Survey \(SLS\)](#). Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand students' learning experiences, well-being, engagement, and how the curriculum is being implemented.

The survey is **voluntary, anonymous, and available in 18 languages**. Your input plays a key role in shaping school and district planning to better support our students.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts—we truly appreciate your support!

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 30 to February 19 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. The dates listed above have been updated for tennis.

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

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

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

Personal Digital Devices Community Check-In

Past, Present and Future

Join the North Vancouver School District for a virtual check-in to reflect on the use of Personal Digital Device in schools, examine the current landscape, and discuss future plans. Hear from students, principals, and district staff, who will share insights, lessons learned, and next steps regarding Personal Digital Device use in schools.

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

Location: Virtual

RSVP (optional)



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