

Upper Lynn e-News

February 09, 2025

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of February 10 to February 14, 2025

Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
<p>Hot Lunch Well Fed</p> <p>PAC Meeting 7pm Online</p>		<p>Personal Digital Devices Check-in</p>		<p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>Pro-D Students Not in Session</p>

Upcoming Dates

- 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
- Friday February 21 – Upper Lynn Band Performance – Centennial Theatre
- 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
- Friday February 28 – Spirit Day – Fancy Schmancy Day
- Monday March 3 – Hot Lunch – Sushi / Maxfrut
- Tuesday March 5 – Long House Day Program – Grade 3
- Wednesday March 6 – Long House Day Program – Grade 3

Upper Lynn News

Snow Day / Thank You to Our Parent Volunteers!

We sincerely appreciate all the parent volunteers who have helped keep our school walkways safe from snow and ice. Your efforts have allowed Upper Lynn to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

We hope all our students enjoyed the beautiful snow day! With winter weather expected to continue into next week and snow remaining on the ground, we remind families to send their children to school with warm clothing. Please also encourage your child to make wise choices at recess and lunch by wearing their warm clothes, as students are not permitted to go in and out of the building once outside.

Additionally, we ask families to remind their children of the following safety rules:

- **No snowball throwing or rough play** on the school grounds.
- **Sliding is only permitted at the back of the field.** It is too dangerous around the school, and the snow in those areas is wearing away. Please do not send sleds or other slippery surfaced items.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping all our students safe!

Tennis is in Full Swing at Upper Lynn!

Our students are fully engaged in learning the game of tennis, developing their skills, coordination, and love for the sport. Through this program, they are practicing essential techniques such as serving, rallying, and footwork, all while having fun and staying active.

We kindly remind families to submit the **tennis program fee**, as we are still missing a few payments. If you require financial assistance or have any questions, please reach out to **Mr. MacLeod** at tmacleod@sd44.ca.

Thank you for your support in making this learning experience possible for all students!

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

New Potential Program!

After-school Coding, Robotics and STEM opportunities at Upper Lynn Elementary.

Are you passionate about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)? Do you enjoy building, coding, or solving challenges? UTG Academy is excited to bring our STEM after-school programs to Upper Lynn Elementary, and we're looking for enthusiastic parents to help us make it happen!

We're looking for volunteer mentors, and/or coordinators to help run programs like the SFU Canadian Coding League - where students form teams, code projects, and submit their creations to be played by YouTubers and Twitch Streamers and Competitive Robotics - where kids design, build, and program robots for competitions. These programs are designed to inspire creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork in students, all while having a blast! UTG academy will provide the training, materials, and on-going guidance you need to run a successful STEM program at the school.

Mentors come from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines, each bringing unique skills and experiences to support students in their learning journey. Whether technical or non-technical, mentors provide guidance in areas such as coding, robotics, problem-solving, project management, and teamwork.

Mentors can be:

- Parents or family members of students
- Educators or professors

- Professionals from technical or non-technical field
- Community members with a passion for STEM
- Anyone with a willingness to inspire and guide young learners

If you're curious about getting involved, we'd love to hear from you. To learn more about UTG Academy visit: www.utgacademy.com

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!

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.

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