

# Upper Lynn e-News

March 2, 2025

## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of March 03 to March 07, 2025

Monday 03	Tuesday 04	Wednesday 05	Thursday 06	Friday 07
Hot Lunch Sushi / Maxfrut		Grade 3 Longhouse	Grade 3 Longhouse	Hot Lunch Subway

## Upcoming Dates

- 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
- Friday March 7 – Hot Lunch – Subway
- Sunday March 9 – Daylight Savings
- Monday March 10 – Hot Lunch – Cobs / TCBY
- Tuesday March 11 – Open House – **Early Dismissal at 2pm**
- Wednesday March 12 – Learning Update Upload
- Friday March 14 – Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Friday March 14 – Spirit Day – Twin Day / Multiple Day
- Friday March 14 – Last Day Before Spring Break
- Monday March 31 – School Reopens from Spring Break
- Monday March 31 – Hot Lunch – Pizza
- Thursday April 3 – Earth Rangers (K-3)
- Thursday April 3 – DNVFRS Kindergarten Program
- Friday April 4 – Magic Lunch Box
- Monday April 7 – Grade 4 Outdoor School (April 7 to 9)
- Monday April 7 – Hot Lunch – Well Fed
- Monday April 7 – PAC Speaker Series

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## Kilometre Club

Upper Lynn's Kilometre Club will begin on Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> and will run until June. This club is open to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 3. Students will add kilometres with their class and may walk or jog at their own pace – no stopping except when a lap is completed! Students may not claim more than 3 kilometres (9 laps) per day. Remember: 3 laps = 1 kilometre. Students will need to have runners at school every day. Jog safely, and have fun!

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

## Smart Watches and Other Devices

We would like to remind families that communication through smart devices, including smartwatches, is not permitted during school hours from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. If students need to contact home, they are welcome to use the office phone. Likewise, if you need to reach your child during the school day, please call or email the school directly. This policy, set by the Ministry of Education, is in place to support a focused learning environment and to prevent conflicts between students and staff when reminders are given about device usage—especially when a parent is the one initiating contact. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a respectful and productive school environment. Thank you for your support.

## Learning Updates Available on Parent Portal

Learning Updates will be posted on the Parent Portal on Wednesday, March 12. You will receive an email from [sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca](mailto:sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca) when your child's Learning Update is available to view.

To access the [Parent Portal](#), please use your login details (your email address). If you do not remember your password, click on **"I forgot my password"** and follow the steps to reset it. Instructions and tips for accessing **MyEducation BC Parent Portal** can be found [\[here\]](#). Most issues can be resolved by carefully following these instructions.

If you require further assistance, please email [upperlynn@sd44.ca](mailto:upperlynn@sd44.ca), including your child's name and a description of the issue you are experiencing. We will respond in the order emails are received.

**Important Reminder:** Please remember to **print or download** your child's Learning Update from the Parent Portal, as reports are removed annually on **July 30th**.

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# PAC News

## ULE Spirit Wear is Back!

Spirit wear is now available for ordering until **March 12th**, with delivery expected in early to mid-April. This will be the **final opportunity** to purchase spirit wear for the **2024-2025 school year**.

All your favorites are back, including **hoodies and t-shirts**, along with the popular **flex-fit cool & dry cap** featuring an embroidered bear logo. This cap received great feedback and is perfect for **spring and summer!**

For more details and to place your order, [\[click here\]](#).

*Financial assistance is available if needed. Please contact Principal Mr. MacLeod at [tmacleod@sd44.ca](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca).*



## Upper Lynn Silent Auction

Woohoo!! Congratulations, Upper Lynn!! Thanks to our amazing ULE community, donors, and sponsors, the Online Silent Auction raised a whopping **\$17,446!** These funds will go towards PAC-led initiatives that will greatly benefit our students and families.

**Payment Deadline:** the deadline for the winning bidders to pay for their item(s) was 12:00pm today. Please get your payments in asap if you have not yet paid, else we will have to offer the item to the next highest bidder. Payment can be made via e-transfer to [ulpacfinance@gmail.com](mailto:ulpacfinance@gmail.com). Please specify the invoice number in the e-transfer memo field.

**Item Pick Up:** please pick up your physical items on Tuesday, March 4th in the ULE Multi-Purpose Room between 2:45-4:00pm.

## Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Ordering is back! Munchalunch is now **OPEN for ordering** for the Spring term, which runs from Monday March 31st to Monday June 23rd. Ordering and payment deadline will **CLOSE on March 11th at 11:59pm**. Please note that all unpaid orders will be cancelled.

New orders for the Spring term will **NOT** be accepted after March 11th. Please also note there are 4 non-instructional days (April 18, April 21, May 5, May 19).

**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. We will then contact individuals prior to lunches to confirm. Don’t worry if your plans change, we are flexible!

If you need financial assistance, subsidies are available. Please contact Mr. MacLeod at [tmacleod@sd44.ca](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca) by **March 6th**. The request will be kept confidential.

New users and returning parents will be able to access MunchALunch at <https://bit.ly/4gzCxRB>

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

For assistance reach out to [ulpachotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:ulpachotlunch@gmail.com)

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## After School / Lunch Programs

### New Potential Program!

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

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](http://www.utgacademy.com)

## Lunch GRIT (Spring 2025) **New**

**Location:** Upper Lynn MPR  
**Who:** Grades 3-6  
**Dates:** Wednesdays, Lunch, April 9th-May 14th  
**Time:** 12-12:47pm  
**Pricing:** \$130 (scholarships always available)  
**Register Here:** [Register here](#)

Join us for Lunch Grit (again!) this Spring. Each Wednesday we'll meet up for a fun/chill session of figuring out how to find calm in stressful situations, how to navigate our way through tricky friendships, how to deal with stress, and how to tap into empathy. We'll incorporate fun crafts and activities and leave time each week for a mindful brain-break meditation. It's the perfect break halfway through the week.

## Chess Club\*\*

**Location:** Multipurpose Room  
**Who:** Ages: 6+  
**Dates:** Tuesdays, January 14<sup>th</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 12:00-12:47  
**Pricing:** \$90 (prorated)  
**Register Here:** [chan\\_james17@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

*\*\* Spring registration coming soon.*

## Monika's Art Boutique Fundraiser

We are pleased to announce that we are running a fundraiser with Monika's Art Boutique. There are three options to choose from - 2025 summer camps, a pack of 6 pro-D days for 2025/2026, and a 2 pack of movie night tickets. You will receive a heavily discounted rate and 50% of all sales come back to the PAC.

To find out more info and to register click the link below:

<https://www.mabartstudio.com/store.php#!/ART-CAMP-FOR-KIDS-UPPER-LYNN-ELEMENTARY-FUNDRAISER/p/728166048/category=25181345>

\*must enter code "UPPERLYNN25" to receive the discounted rate and have it count towards the fundraiser

\* there are only 50 of each category (summer camps, pro-d day package, and movie nights) and all orders must be placed by Friday, March 7th

## PAC Facebook Group, Website and Email

The PAC email is [upperlynnpac@gmail.com](mailto:upperlynnpac@gmail.com)

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


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

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# Reminders

## Our Student-Led Conference Open House is Almost Here!

Join us on **Tuesday, March 11** for a special opportunity to engage with student learning, reflect on student work, and strengthen our home-school partnership. Families are invited to visit classrooms and learning spaces during our open hours:

 **Tuesday, March 11**

 **2:15 – 3:15 PM and 5:15 – 6:15 PM**

Feel free to drop in at a time that works best for your family. Families typically spend about **20 minutes** in the classroom, and students must attend with a parent or guardian. Please note that students must be supervised by a parent or guardian while on school grounds during these times. There are a few classrooms that will be offering different options due to the busy schedules of School District Events. These classrooms will communicate to their families through their weekly communication.

## 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!

Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Lise Grendel  
Vice-Principal