



LYNN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent, Guardians and Friends,

Hello and welcome! We have had a wonderful first week back to school. It has been a pleasure meeting all of the students at Lynn Valley and so many of their families. It is clear that our school community is a warm and welcoming one.

The staff at Lynn Valley is exceptional. Their warmth, kindness and flexibility this first week has ensured that all of our students felt safe and welcome. Please reach out to anyone of us if you have questions or concerns.

I would like to extend a very special welcome to our new Kindergarten families as well as any other new families that have joined us this year. We are glad that you are a part of our community!

Traditional Territories of the Coast Salish People

Did you know that the North Vancouver School District resides on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish People? The Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations have lived on these territories since time immemorial. I would like to express my personal and professional gratitude to these Nations for allowing me to share their lands. Our school team is grateful and honoured to live and work on these lands and learn from our hosts. We raise our hands in deep and humble appreciation.

Thursday, September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The 2021/22 School Calendar has been revised to reflect the closure of all NVSD schools and facilities on Thursday, September 30th in observation of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Lynn Valley School and the entire North Vancouver School District are committed to long journey towards Truth, Healing and Reconciliation.

Health and Safety

School health and safety protocols to limit the spread of communicable diseases like COVID are in place. Students and staff continue to clean their hands at transition times as well as before and after eating. Students in grades 4 and up are expected to wear masks unless they have specific medical or behavioral needs, and children in Kindergarten to grade 3 are encouraged to mask up. All of our staff wears masks in support of community health and safety.

To reduce the likelihood of coming to a school or school district site when ill, all students, staff and other adults (e.g., visitors) are reminded of their responsibility to complete a [daily health check](#) prior to entering the building.

There are a variety of tools available to help you complete a daily health check:

Families and students can use the [K-12 Health Check app](#).

- Staff and other adults can refer to the BCCDC's [When to tested for COVID-19](#) document.
- Staff, students and families can also use the BCCDC online [Self-Assessment Tool](#), call 8-1-1 or their health care provider.

In addition, students, staff or other adults **must** stay home when ill or when required by public health to self-isolate.

The [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) outline the requirements for the completion of a daily health check by students, staff and visitors (p. 16); and staying home when feeling unwell or required to self-isolate (p. 17). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Positive Tickets

We were happy to host the RCMP and ICBC teams for the launch of their 'Positive Ticketing Campaign' where students travelling safely to school using crosswalks, wearing helmets and practicing good road safety received fun pencils or 'slurpee' coupons. Many thanks to Constable John for doing classroom visits after!

And speaking of safety, please help your children stay out of the staff parking lot – no walking though please. Kids are little and the cars are big!

School Photo Day is next week

On Thursday, September 16 your children will have both their individual and class photos taken. *Please be aware that if you ticked "I do not give consent" on the Personal Information Consent form, then your child will not be included in the class photo.*

Connecting with Teachers

During the weeks of September 20th or 27th you can expect to hear from your classroom teacher regarding setting up a time to connect. 'Meet the Teacher' formats will vary but the goal – learning about the year ahead – is the same. Stay tuned.

Please help your child remember to:

- Bring a water bottle
- Pack a change of clothes and shoes
- Put some extra masks in the backpack
- Pack extra food – school is hungry work!

I hope that you enjoy a restful weekend. If you have questions, feel free to connect with me via e-mail, lupton@sd44.ca .

With kind regards,

Lisa Upton
Principal