

Upper Lynn e-News

September 17, 2023

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: September 18 to September 22, 2023

Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
<p>Full Day K</p> <p>Kindergarten Coffee 9-10am</p> <p>ULPAC Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>Photo Day</p>	<p>Welcome Back Parent Evening 5:30-6:30</p>		<p>Terry Fox Run</p> <p>ULE Movie Night Gates Open 6:30 Show 7:30</p>

Dear Upper Lynn Families,

This past week has been a whirlwind as we've been diligently working to establish our daily routines. It's safe to say that we are now fully immersed in the bustling atmosphere of the school year.

Looking ahead, the following week promises to be even more action-packed, with a plethora of exciting events on the horizon. To stay well-informed and ensure you don't miss out on any of the happenings, we strongly urge you to stay engaged with our communication channels. Our newsletter, meticulously curated to keep you in the loop, will be your go-to resource for updates on all things school-related. Additionally, our website will serve as a valuable hub for information, providing you with announcements, event details, and resources.

As we enthusiastically welcome the start of this new school year, we extend a warm invitation for you to actively participate in staying well-informed and fully engaged within the vibrant community that distinguishes our school in the North Vancouver School District.

Upcoming Dates

- ☐ Monday September 18 – First Full Day of Kindergarten
 - ☐ Monday September 18 – ULPAC Kindergarten Coffee; 9-10
 - ☐ Monday September 18 – ULPAC Meeting: 7-8pm (in-person)
 - ☐ Tuesday September 19 – Photo Day
 - ☐ Wednesday September 20 – Welcome Back Parent Evening; 5:30-6:30 (25 minute sessions)
 - ☐ Friday September 22 – Terry Fox Run
 - ☐ Friday September 22 – ULE Movie Night; 6:30 Gates Open, 7:30 Show
 - ☐ Wednesday September 27 – **Staff Collaboration (Early Dismissal); 2:00**
 - ☐ Thursday September 28 – X-Country Meet Argyle FOS at Upper Lynn; 3:45
 - ☐ Friday September 29 – Orange Shirt Day
 - ☐ Monday October 2 – **National Day and Reconciliation Day; Students Not in Session**
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Welcome Back Parent Evening

Join us in meeting the teachers on **Wednesday, September 20th**. This event is open to parents of both Primary and Intermediate classes. There are two sessions available for parents to attend, and each session will offer the same information. The first session will run from 5:30 to 5:55, followed by the second session from 6:00 to 6:25. We look forward to your presence at this event and hope to see you all there!

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run is this Friday, September 22nd. Classes are scheduled throughout the day to run our Terry Fox course. This year, we are trying to raise \$4000 for cancer research which is a few hundred dollars more than that last year. To start of the donations, we are asking student to bring a Toonie plus a Loonie for Terry. Students may bring donations to the school which will be collected in the classroom, or you may donate online [Here](https://bit.ly/3ZhM9sf). (<https://bit.ly/3ZhM9sf>).

Photo Day

Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark **Tuesday, September 19th** on your calendar, as Mountain West will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles. Mountain West provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories.

Cross Country Volunteers Needed

Ms. Chambers and Ms. Turcato are looking for eight parent volunteers to help with the Cross Country Mini-Meet at Upper Lynn on Thursday, September 28th from 3:15-4:45pm. Please email Ms. Chambers (kchambers@sd44.ca) if you are able to help out.

Choir

Upper Lynn choirs will begin rehearsals this coming week. The choir program is open to all students who are interested in singing with others. Students do not need to audition and there is no fee, although some choir events throughout the year may have a transportation charge.

Rehearsals will be at the following times:

- Intermediate Choir (grades 4-7) Wednesdays 8am
- Primary Choir (grades 2 & 3) Thursdays 8am

Sign-ups will be done at the first rehearsals, there is no need to pre-register.

Mrs. Wood is also looking for volunteers to play piano for the choir and possibly school concerts. An RCM level of grade 8 or higher is required. Volunteers would not need to attend every choir practice but should be available at the choir rehearsal times. Please contact Mrs. Wood for more information.

If you have questions about choir, please contact Mrs. Wood at nwood@sd44.ca or come and visit her in the new music room at the parent-teacher event on September 20th.

Comfort Kits

Please return your child's comfort kit by September 22, 2023. For more information regarding comfort kits please click [here](https://bit.ly/46bgvuh). (<https://bit.ly/46bgvuh>)

Labelling of Material

As we move into the winter season, students will be bringing many more pieces of clothing and extra belongings. We are asking that families label all materials so that they are easily returned to the owner if they are misplaced.

Volunteering?

Are you keen to offer your VOLUNTEER services? Whether it's for class field trips, classroom support, sports, and more, we are delighted to announce the official return of parent and partner volunteers this year.

Nevertheless, it's important to note that there have been alterations to the school volunteering prerequisites during this period. Prior to commencing any volunteer activities involving students, ALL volunteers must adhere to the following requirements:

1. Complete and have paperwork filed with the school.
2. Have passed a Criminal Record Check that is stored with the North Vancouver School District Human Resources Dept. (this can take a few hours to a week to complete).
3. For volunteer drivers- have up to date insurance and driver's abstract filed with our school office.
4. Be signed off by school administration to volunteer.

As you can appreciate, these procedures do require a certain amount of time. For individuals interested in volunteering at any point during this school year, we kindly request that all the steps be completed sooner rather than later to prevent any potential delays in approving your participation in activities such

as: Field Trips (both walking and driving), Classroom support, Library assistance, Hot Lunch support, Athletics (including sports clubs, cross country, track and field, and more), or any other volunteering opportunities.

We acknowledge that this may seem like a significant commitment for families, but once it's done, you can put your worries aside. Volunteer packages will be available for pickup at the school. At that time, we will ask you to provide your name, phone number, and address so that we can forward this information to our HR department. They will then get in touch with you, providing the necessary guidance to complete your Criminal Record Check.

In advance, we would like to express our gratitude for your willingness, time, and understanding in helping us gather this information, which is vital to ensuring the safety of all our students.

ULPAC News

Hello Lovely Parents,

Hope the second week of school has been a good one for you and your children.

ULE PAC Meeting

The PAC had our first exec meeting of the year (snacks and beverages involved) to make sure we are on track for the next couple of months. We are looking forward to sharing upcoming events and ideas with you at the first PAC meeting on Monday September 18th, in the library from 7-8 pm. Free babysitting will be available.

Opportunity to Join The PAC

Jaco, our amazing finance man is stepping down at the end of this school year (June 2024). We need someone who loves all things finance to shadow him to see how this all works. Without a treasurer, we can not do any PAC things. So you'd be kind of a big deal.

Welcome to Our New Kindergarten Families

Monday Sep 18th is the first full day for kindies. Coffee and Timbits for KG parents will be outside the office from 9-10pm.

Extra School Supplies

Speaking of the office... if you have any extra school supplies, please drop them at the school office - Ronnie and Kelly are able to store them and distribute them to children and classrooms that need extra.

Classroom Reps

Speaking of children and classrooms, thank-you to everyone who signed up to class rep this year. Just a couple left to fill. We still need reps for:

- E01 Mr. Romeo
- E02 Mr. Lunny
- E03 Mr. Liou
- E05 Mr. Edgar

- E08 Ms. Bultruschat / Ms. Rubin
- E10 Ms. Morel

Thank you very much to all **the mums that** have signed up to help. Don't forget, dads can be class reps as well!

Once we have reps for all the classrooms, we'll send out a time for a 30 minute zoom meeting so everyone is on the same page.

Orange Shirts

You bought 47 orange shirts and raised almost \$300 for orangeshirtday.org. Shirts should be arriving early on the week of Sep 25th (thank you Tammy Bookbinder).

Hot Lunch

www.Munchalunch.com is now open for HOT LUNCH ordering (CLOSES OCTOBER 4TH).

Movie Night

It's back to school which means...Upper Lynn Movie Night!

We know this is one of the ULE community's favourite events. This year it has to be a bit different as District policy states we can't have cars on our field any longer. So bring your camping chairs, your picnic blankets, your cozy things, your glow-in-the-dark stuff, and join us on the field for the first annual Walk In Movie! This year we'll be screening **Ron's Gone Wrong**. As one critic said, "it's almost impossible not to leave the film with a smile on your face." Just like all ULE events!

DATE: Friday, September 22nd

TIME: Gates at 6:30, Feature starts at 7:30

LOCATION: ULE Back Field

BRING: Camping chairs, picnic blankets, cozy things, food to share with friends, glow-in-the-dark stuff.

PRE-ORDER: Pizza! And of course your tickets. Go to www.Munchalunch.com to order. Tickets will be on sale until September 21st.

BUY ON SITE: Concession items. We'll take cash or cards.

IF IT RAINS: Well, that's a challenge. We can't issue ticket refunds as the supplier won't refund us. We will have to move it to another night. We will be in touch directly with all folks who pre-bought tickets on the day of if a cancellation occurs, and we will post to the ULE PAC website and on Facebook. Pizza refunds will be available if cancelled.

Volunteers for Movie Night

We would really appreciate some of your unpaid physical presence to help keep the movie night fun and safe for our kiddos. Consider it an opportunity to hang out with a friend or make a new one while making sure this event is gas!

We only need 2 parents from each division for 30 minutes so find a friend and sign-up your lovely names here: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bD83m36b>

Also. Go hug/high five Allie Rzen - she has put COUNTLESS hours into this event.

Reminders

Safe Arrival / Student Absences

Please make every effort to let the school know if your child is absent or will be late. This is important information for us to ensure all students are accounted for each day. For information on how to use our SafeArrival application, please see our school's website [here](https://bit.ly/3rm0B5j). (<https://bit.ly/3rm0B5j>)

School Calendar

Our online school calendar will be continually updated throughout the year. Please check our school calendar [here](https://bit.ly/3PaIQPR) (<https://bit.ly/3PaIQPR>) for regular updates. Also, see Upper Lynn's Year Calendar [here](https://bit.ly/3PaA1Va) (<https://bit.ly/3PaA1Va>) for holidays and professional development days. We will do our best to communicate changes through newsletters, the website (www.upperlynn.ca) and by email.

Have a wonderful week.

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Lise Grendel
Vice-Principal

Friday, September 22

UPPER LYNN ELEMENTARY PRESENTS...

Walk In MOVIE NIGHT Featuring...



ULE BACK FIELD

GATES OPEN AT 6:30PM; FEATURE STARTS AT 7:30

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