

# Upper Lynn e-News

October 2, 2023

## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: October 2 to October 6, 2023

Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation  School Closed			<b>World Teacher Day</b>	

## Upcoming Dates

- Monday October 2 – National Day and Reconciliation Day; School is Closed
- Thursday October 5 – World Teacher Day
- Monday October 9 – Thanksgiving; School is Closed
- October 16-18 Learning Conferences: Students Dismissed at 2:00pm on all Three Days
- Thursday October 19 – The Great Shake Out
- Thursday October 19 – Cross Country Zone Meet Loutet Park; 3:30
- Friday October 20 – Province Wide Pro-D; Students Not in Session
- Tuesday October 24 – Photo Retake
- Wednesday October 25 – Staff Collaboration; Students Dismissed at 2:00pm
- Thursday October 26 – Cross Country District Meet Loutet Park; 3:30
- Wednesday November 1 – School Based Pro-D; Students Not in Session
- Friday November 3 – ULE Parent Social

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## World Teacher Day

World Teachers' Day, observed on October 5th annually, globally celebrates and honors teachers for their hard work, dedication, and contributions to society. It's a time for expressing gratitude and emphasizing quality education. World Teachers' Day encourages students, parents, and communities to appreciate and support educators who play a pivotal role in nurturing students' intellectual and social growth.

## Nut Aware

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Upper Lynn is a nut aware school. This means that while we are not a nut-free school, we strive to minimize the risk of nut exposure to our students with severe nut allergies.

We kindly ask that families refrain from sending any food items that contain nuts or nut products to school. This includes any snacks, lunches, or treats that may contain nuts or nut by-products. This is crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students.

We understand that nuts are a common and nutritious snack for many families, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our students. We encourage families to choose nut-free alternatives when packing lunches and snacks for their children.

It's important to note that while we take every precaution possible to ensure a nut-aware environment, we cannot guarantee that our school is completely nut-free. Cross-contamination is always a possibility, and some families may have nut products in their homes before coming to school. Therefore, we rely on everyone to be vigilant and take every precaution to minimize the risk of nut exposure.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment for all our students. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. MacLeod if you have any questions or concerns.

## Foundational Skills Assessment (Grades 4 & 7)

Upper Lynn's grade 4 and grade 7 students will be writing the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The FSA is a set of reading, writing, and numeracy assessments administered to BC students every year in Grades 4 and 7. Like previous years, the testing is occurring in October rather than February to allow schools time to utilize the student's assessment results to better plan for instruction. The FSA aligns with BC's curriculum and can be used to support classroom-based decision-making for student learning.

## Photo Orders

**Exciting news! Your online gallery from your school photo session is now live!**

- Please visit this link to access the gallery: <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
- Your webcode to access your images was provided on photo day.
- Any active email address can be used to login.
- Your order deadline is: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11TH 2023** (after the date a late fee is applicable )

## Missing your login code? No problem!

1. Visit <https://weborders.mountainwest.ca>
2. Click on "No code? Click here"
3. Enter your student's last name, grade and student number.
4. Order your photos!

## About Retakes:

- Did you miss the first photo day or are needing a retake?
- If you would like retakes they will be held at the school on: **TUESDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- Please visit this link <https://retakes.mountainwest.ca/upperlynnelementary> and sign up by **THURSDAY OCTOBER 19TH 2023**

To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494

Email: [help@mountainwest.ca](mailto:help@mountainwest.ca)

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# ULPAC News

## Last few days to order Hot Lunch!

Hot Lunch ordering for the fall session is OPEN. Fall Session will run from Friday October 13th to Monday December 18th. Orders must be placed AND paid by Oct 4th at 11:59pm. Unpaid orders will be cancelled.

We will have some great volunteering opportunities for parents wanting to help out and meet fellow Upper Lynn parents.

If you would like to place a hot lunch order and need financial assistance, subsidies are available. Please contact Mr. MacLeod at [tmacleod@sd44.ca](mailto:tmacleod@sd44.ca). The request will be kept confidential.

New users and returning parents will be able to access MunchALunch at <https://bit.ly/3EXBnhm>.

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

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

## Babysitters

If you have a Grade 6 or 7 with a babysitting certificate who would like some hours, send their details to [upperlynnpac@gmail.com](mailto:upperlynnpac@gmail.com) and we will do our best to compile a user-friendly list.

## Save The Dates

**Parent Talk - Monday Oct 16th. 6.45-8.15pm in the ULE Library**

Monday Oct 16th - Tyler Milley, RCC (Registered Clinical Counsellor).

Understanding Anxiety: Yours and Your Childs.

[www.tylermilley.com](http://www.tylermilley.com)

This event is free, but please register [here](#) so we can plan accordingly.

## Parent Social - Friday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hire your babysitters! The Parent Social is back on November 3<sup>rd</sup>! A really fun evening to meet other ULE family members and neighbours, eat and drink, and dance the night away.

## The ABC's of the PAC

If you are wondering who is involved with so many things that happen in our wonderful ULE community for 2023-2024 you can read about some of the many, many parents here: [Who's who - Upper Lynn Elementary Parent Advisory Council \(weebly.com\)](#).

## **We're Hiring!**

**Job Satisfaction: Infinite**

**Salary: zero**

If you or someone you know is good with numbers, we would love you to join us. You will get to work closely with the principal and the co-chairs and make sure all the money moves smoothly to support our kids, their teachers, the library, playground equipment, field trips, and school projects and all the other fun things that go on throughout the year.

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# Reminders

## **Visitors to Upper Lynn Elementary**

Kindly remember that all visitors to Upper Lynn are required to check in at the school office upon entering the premises. Even if you are familiar with our staff, it's important for us to identify and acknowledge each visitor. Please note that the front doors of the school are the only entry point accessible during the day. We will be placing extra signage around the building as a reminder for visitors to check in at the office. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## **Road Safety**

Upper Lynn accommodates nearly 500 students and employs over 50 dedicated staff members. Despite the school's spacious campus, our "beachfront" area, or the front entrance, is rather limited in size. The layout of this section poses significant challenges and safety concerns. Our utmost priority is ensuring the safety of our students, staff, and the wider community.

We kindly urge everyone to consider walking or rolling to school whenever possible. In cases where driving is necessary, we ask that you plan to leave a few minutes earlier and consider dropping your child off a block away from the school. Engaging in U-turns at crosswalks or speeding through the school zone is not worth the time saved, as it jeopardizes safety.

Significant efforts have been invested in enhancing road safety around Upper Lynn, and this endeavor continues. We sincerely request your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment at Upper Lynn. For additional information, please visit our [school's webpage \(https://bit.ly/45U4Cxr\)](https://bit.ly/45U4Cxr). Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## **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.

Have a wonderful week.

Tim MacLeod  
Principal

Lise Grendel  
Vice-Principal