

Upper Lynn e-News

November 26, 2023

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: November 27 to December 1, 2023

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 1
Scholastic Book Fair	Scholastic Book Fair	Scholastic Book Fair	Scholastic Book Fair	Scholastic Book Fair
Hot Lunch Sushi / Maxfruit	Immunizations			Hot Lunch Subway
Movember				

Upcoming Dates

- Week of November 27 – Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday November 27 – Hot Lunch – Sushi / Maxfruit
- Monday November 27 - Movember
- Tuesday November 28 - Immunizations
- Friday December 1– Hot Lunch – Subway
- **Monday December 4 – District Wide Pro-D; Students Not in Session**
- Tuesday December 5 – Young Entrepreneur Fair; 3:30-5:30
- Thursday December 7 – In-School Band / Choir Performance
- Thursday December 7 – Poinsettia Pick-up
- Friday December 8 – Hot Lunch – Magic Lunch Box
- Monday December 11 – Hot Lunch – Cobs / TCBY
- Monday December 11 – Band / Choir Concert
- Thursday December 14 – Summary of Learning Upload
- Friday December 15 – Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Monday December 18 – Hot Lunch – Pizza
- Friday December 22 – Last Day Before Winter Break

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Upper Lynn Spirit Wear Coming This Week!

Prepare to elevate your style game, Upper Lynn enthusiasts! This week marks the grand unveiling of our latest and greatest spirit wear collection, featuring an exciting array of must-have items. From trendsetting T-shirts to snug hoodies, comfy sweatpants, stylish toques, and versatile cinch bags – we've got it all covered. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to snag the freshest Upper Lynn gear and showcase your school spirit with flair!



Snow Patrol

It's that time of year once more when temperatures plummet below zero, bringing the possibility of snow. Upper Lynn boasts a student body of nearly 500 students and over 800 parents. Our paramount concern is the safety of our students, staff, and the community at large. Positioned above the snowline, Upper Lynn Elementary receives more frequent and enduring snowfall.

To ensure the safety of our grounds, we're seeking your assistance. We're in need of at least 8 parents—equivalent to one percent of the parent population—to help clear snow around the school premises. Our morning custodian is tasked with opening two schools each morning, and with limited staffing, we lack the capacity to remove all the snow, creating a safe environment for the start of the day.

Furthermore, failing to promptly address fresh snow makes it extremely challenging to clear when it becomes compacted or turns to ice. Your support is crucial to our school community. If you can lend a hand, please contact Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca.

Mythical Creatures Art Class with Ms. Turcato

Delve into the enchanting realm of art with Ms. Turcato in her Mythical Creatures Art Class! Unleash your child's creativity every Wednesday starting January 17th, from 3:45-5:15pm right here at Upper Lynn. Registration opens on November 29th through AFK website and will be offered to students in grades 4-7. Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3sGYE4R>. *(Registration might not be available till Monday)*

The Scholastic Book is This Week!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Upper Lynn on **Monday, November 27 – Friday, December 1**. The Book Fair will be open at lunch recess for selected grades and after school until 4 pm.

Monday lunch: Kindergarten and Grade 1

Tuesday lunch: Grades 2 and 3

Wednesday lunch: Grades 4 and 5

Thursday lunch: Grades 6 and 7

Friday lunch: Open to all students

Monday to Friday 3:10 to 4 pm: Open to all

Movember

Hello Upper Lynn Staff, Students, and Parents!

You may have heard the month November is sometimes referred to as "Movember". It is a month to bring awareness to men's physical and mental health concerns.

The moustache has come to symbolize strength and courage. So, on **Monday, November 27th**, you are invited to wear your very own moustache to show your support!

Please consider bringing a small donation to support the Movember Society.

Field Hockey This Week

This week, all students will receive an introductory lesson on Field Hockey courtesy of the West Vancouver Field Hockey Club. Please take a moment to review the accompanying poster located at the conclusion of this newsletter.

Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies

The Ministry of Education in British Columbia has created a K-12 teacher resource to assist in guiding students' reflection and self-assessment of the province's Core Competencies. These competencies encompass intellectual, personal and social, and emotional proficiencies developed by students as they progress as educated citizens and lifelong learners. The three Core Competencies are Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social. The resource recommends that teachers offer students opportunities to reflect on experiences both in and outside of school, selecting examples of their growth in relation to Core Competencies throughout the year. This term, the Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies will go home the Week of December 11 to 15. The Self-Assessments will go home independently of the Formal Learning Update which will be uploaded for family access on December 14.

District Chess Tournament

We are pleased to announce the upcoming SD44 Chess Championship scheduled for Friday, February 16th, which coincides with a Pro-D day, ensuring no classes are missed. The tournament will be held on the 5th floor of the ESC, commencing at 9 am and concluding by 3 pm for finalists.

To accommodate the growing interest, we've introduced a new Primary division in addition to the existing Intermediate and Secondary divisions. Students can compete in their respective divisions, but not in a younger one. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category, and participants are encouraged to bring their lunches and snacks. Parent spectators are welcome, and we've implemented some guidelines for them this year.

To maintain a timely schedule, we're limiting participants to 40 Primary students, 50 Intermediate students, and 32 for the secondary division. The tournament is open to all SD44 students, from K-12, and all skill levels are welcome. Registration is free, but with the event's growing popularity, we encourage early registration to secure a spot. Once capacity is reached, students will be placed on a waitlist.

For more details and registration, please visit the provided link: <https://bit.ly/49W9STN> If there are any inquiries, families can email chess@sd44.ca. Attached is a poster for your communication needs.

RESP

The Government of British Columbia is offering a \$1,200 training and education savings grant for eligible children. Residents with children falling within specified birth years can open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) to receive the grant. The funds can be used for education expenses in various programs, and there's no requirement to contribute money to the RESP. To apply, obtain Social Insurance Numbers for both parent and child, then schedule an appointment with a financial organization offering RESPs. See the end of the newsletter for more information.

Grade 7 Bottle Drive

Please help support this year's Grade 7 class by saving your bottles for their bottle drive which will be happening soon. If your bottles are overflowing and you must take them down to the depot, please use the grade 7 school account, 604-903-3820!

ULPAC News

Last Day: Friday December 1st: North Shore Family Services Christmas Bureau

Boxes are in classrooms until Friday Dec 1st (five days from now).

Please bring unwrapped, new gifts or giftcards of \$20 - \$30 value to your classroom - they will be distributed to families on the North Shore who need a little extra help this holiday season.

Thursday December 7th – 3:00 - 4.30pm

PICK UP Poinsettias, Purdys, & Knotty Alex

New Co-Treasurer – Position Filled!

Welcome to Norina Lew, ULE PAC's newest co-treasurer. Thank you for offering your skills and time to the Upper Lynn community. We really appreciate you.

Please continue to visit upperlynnpac.weebly.com

Reminders

Pedestrian Safety

With the arrival of wet and dark weather, we would like to take a moment to share some important safety reminders.

As the days grow shorter, visibility becomes a crucial factor for our students' safety. Parents, please take a moment to remind your little ones about pedestrian safety. Emphasize the importance of crossing at designated corners, avoiding walking on the street, and always looking both ways before crossing.

Additionally, encourage them to activate the crosswalk lights when available to ensure better visibility for drivers.

To our wonderful drivers in the school community, we kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our streets safe. Please be extra cautious and reduce your speed when navigating through inclement weather. This small gesture can make a significant difference in ensuring the safety of our young pedestrians.

At Upper Lynn, the safety of our students is a top priority, and we believe that by working together as a community, we can create a secure environment for everyone. Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these essential safety practices with our students.

Student Reporting

Your child's Student Learning Update will be made accessible on the portal in mid-December. The Ministry of Education and Childcare has produced [resources](https://bit.ly/3MYSNoX) (<https://bit.ly/3MYSNoX>) to help parents and caregivers understand the changes in how student progress will be shared, including an Information Package for Parents and Caregivers on Communicating Student Learning, available in eight languages, and a presentation by ministry staff on K-12 student reporting in British Columbia. For any queries, please reach out to student.reporting@gov.bc.ca.

Have a wonderful week.

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Lise Grendel
Vice-Principal



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive a \$1,200 training and education savings grant.

Children are eligible if:

- The parent or guardian, and the child, are BC residents.
- The child's birth year is listed below, and the deadline has not passed:

BIRTH YEAR	APPLY BEFORE
2014	Apply before 9 th birthday in 2023
2015	Apply before 9 th birthday in 2024
2016	Apply before 9 th birthday in 2025
2017	Start applying on 6 th birthday in 2023

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), the Government of British Columbia will deposit a \$1,200 BC Training and Education Savings Grant into the RESP for your child. Students can use the money to pay for their education expenses (e.g., books, tools, rent or transportation) in an apprenticeship program, a trade school, CEGEP, college, or university.

Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP for your child to receive the \$1,200.

Step 1: Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> or call **1-800-622-6232** to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with a financial organization that offers RESPs. Bring the **SINs for you and your child** and say:

"I want to open an RESP and get the BC Training Education Savings grant for my child."

Learn more: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> Contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca Your child may also be eligible for other, federal incentives, see: canada.ca/education-savings.



North Vancouver School District
Chess Championship

You are invited!

Compete in the 2024 North Vancouver School District Chess Championship.

For NVSD students in Grades K-12, all skill levels and experience are welcome. Compete in one of three divisions (Primary, Intermediate and Secondary) for individual and school prizes.

Date: Friday, February 16th, 2024

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in begin at 8:15am)

Place: Educational Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave)

Free to enter

For more details visit sd44.ca
or email: chess@sd44.ca.



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WEST VANCOUVER FIELD HOCKEY CLUB TEACHING THE “FUN”DAMENTALS OF HOCKEY!

Coming soon!

Our grade K-4 students will be learning the “FUNdamentals” of field hockey during an indoor session with West Vancouver Field Hockey Club.

After trying out their hockey skills and games, the children will receive a certificate and a WVFC wristband. If your son or daughter enjoyed the experience and is interested in playing more, contact info@wvfhc.com



**Registration for
Spring League 2024 opens
November 1st 2023
All levels welcome**



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