

Upper Lynn e-News

February 23, 2025

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of February 24 to February 28, 2025

Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
Hot Lunch Pizza		Pink Shirt Day Wear Pink to Raise Awareness about Inclusion and Anti-bullying Staff Collaboration Early Dismissal for Students at 2:00 pm		Hot Lunch Magic Lunch Box Spirit Day Fancy Schmancy Day

Upcoming Dates

- Monday February 24 – Hot Lunch - Pizza
- Wednesday February 26 – **Pink Shirt Day**
- Wednesday February 26 – Staff Collaboration; **Early Dismissal - 2:00pm**
- Friday February 28 – Magic Lunch Box
- Friday February 28 – Spirit Day – Fancy Schmancy Day
- 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

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Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event that originated in Canada as a powerful stand against bullying. It began in 2007 when two students organized a movement after witnessing a classmate being bullied for wearing a pink shirt, sparking the international campaign to “Wear Pink to Raise Awareness about Inclusion and Anti-Bullying.” **Upper Lynn proudly supports Pink Shirt Day and encourages everyone to wear a pink shirt** to show their commitment to kindness, inclusion, and respect. Ultimately, Pink Shirt Day serves as a reminder that everyone deserves to feel valued and empowers individuals to take action against bullying in all its forms.

PAC Silent Auction!

Bid on amazing items and experiences while helping raise funds to enhance our school—every contribution makes a difference for our students! See the PAC section for more information.

Spirit Day- Fancy Schmancy Day

Get ready to dress to impress for **Fancy Schmancy Day** this **Friday**! Whether it’s a dazzling suit, a glamorous dress, or your fanciest accessories, show off your most stylish look and bring some extra elegance to Spirit Day. Let’s make the hallways shine with our fanciest, schmanciast outfits!

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.

We can’t wait to see you there!

Staff Collaboration

This Wednesday is **Staff Collaboration Day**, and school will end at **2:00 PM**. Please make arrangements for your child’s pickup or after-school care accordingly.

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ULE Silent Auction: 21-28 February

The Silent Auction **went live Friday, Feb 21st @ 7am** and runs until **Friday, Feb 28th @ 9pm**. We have so many fabulous items for you to bid on that are just a click away!

A huge thank you to our Sponsors and Donors for their generous support!

<https://www.32auctions.com/UpperLynn2025>

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

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 14th to March 11th
Time: 12:00-12:47
Pricing: \$90 (prorated)
Register Here: 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.

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

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

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

Reminders

Save the Date

Upper Lynn's Open House is on **Tuesday, March 11**. This is a chance for students to share their learning with families. Please note that this will be an **early dismissal day**. More details about the format will be provided by your child's classroom teacher.

Key Dates:

Wednesday, March 12 – Learning Updates will be uploaded.

Week of March 10 – Self-Assessments of the Core Competencies will be sent home.

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