

Upper Lynn e-News

May 25, 2025

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of May 26 to May 30, 2025

Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30
Primary Days of Music Hot Lunch Cobs/TCBY	Class Photos	Primary Days of Music	Field Meet Qualifier Lynn Valley 3:30-5:30	Fun Day Volunteer Tea Hot Lunch Magic Lunch Box Axe Capoeira Presentation

Upcoming Dates

- Monday May 26 Primary Days of Music
- Monday May 26 Hot Lunch – Cobs/TCBY
- Tuesday May 27 Class Photos
- Wednesday May 28 Primary Days of Music
- Friday May 30 Fun Day
- Friday May 30 Volunteer Tea
- Friday May 30 Hot Lunch – Magic Lunch Box
- Friday May 30 Axe Capoeira Presentation
- June **Pride Month**
- June **National Indigenous History Month**
- Week of June 2 – 6 Bike to School Week
- Tuesday June 3 Swangard Finals
- Thursday June 5 High Jump Rainout
- Monday June 9 Water Wise Presentations
- Tuesday June 10 Choir Concert
- Wednesday June 11 Grade 7 Transition to Argyle

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Code of the BEARS – Week 7: Speak Kindly, Act Kindly

We've now visited all ten areas of our school and explored what it means to Be Accountable, Respectful, and Safe across our learning environment. It's been an incredible journey, and we're proud to share that our students have earned over 1,100 Bear Paws. We are getting close to our school-wide goal of a sweat treat.

This week, we're shifting gears just a little. Instead of focusing on a specific location in the school, we're focusing on something that follows us everywhere we go, our language.

Words matter. What we say, and how we say it, can lift others up or bring them down. This week, we are encouraging all students to:

- Use kind and encouraging words
- Practice "put-ups" instead of "put-downs"
- Think before speaking: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?

Please help reinforce this message at home by reminding your child to choose words that build community, solve problems peacefully, and reflect our values as BEARS.

Let's finish strong and keep working together to make Upper Lynn a kind and respectful place for everyone.

Go BEARS!

Welcome to Upper Lynn

We are pleased to welcome Maya Spence as our new Administrative Assistant at Upper Lynn Elementary. Maya joins us from Ridgeway Elementary and brings with her many years of experience working in elementary school settings.

Ms. Spence is familiar with the Upper Lynn community and is looking forward to getting started in her new role. We're glad to have her join the team and know she will be a great support to students, staff, and families alike.

Please join us in welcoming her to Upper Lynn!

NVSD Track and Field Finals at Swangard

The NVSD Track and Field finals at Swangard are just over a week away! Athletes who have qualified for the big meet are expected to arrive at the stadium for an 8:15 AM check-in, followed by the opening ceremony at 8:30 AM.

Volunteer Appreciation – May 30

We are so grateful for the many ways our volunteers support Upper Lynn! As a thank you, our staff invites all volunteers to join us for refreshments, socializing, and special entertainment in the Upper Lynn Library on Friday, May 30th between 8:30–10:30 a.m. Be sure to catch the Choir performance at 8:40 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Bike to School Week June 2 to June 6

It's back! June 2 – June 6 is Walk and Roll to School Week. It's time to get your kids pumped and gear ready for a fun week ahead, including prizes!

It's easy! We want to see as many ULE kids as possible walking or rolling to school. You can walk, bike, scooter, skateboard, pogo stick, dance to school, so get creative!



Too far to walk/roll? Then consider the 'Drive to 5', which means that you drop your kids off a few blocks from school, which allows them to participate and at the same time get some fresh air and exercise each morning!

We will be drawing spot prizes each day and include cool things like helmets, gift cards, water bottles, etc. PAC, ICBC, Lynn Valley Bikes and Forest Fairy Books and Toys have kindly contributed spot prizes.

On top of spot prizes every day, teachers will also take a daily count of students that participate. The division with the highest participation rate will win a yummy prize to share.

Why? Besides being fun, it's proven that increased active travel to and from school is associated with positive environmental, social, and safety benefits for students of all ages.

Fun Day!

May 30th is Fun Day! This year's theme is "Ohhh Canada!". Students are encouraged to dress in their idea of a "Canadian" outfit for the day. Students must remember they will be participating in many physical activities, and their outfit should not restrict their movements.

Important Reminders:

- **Dress Smart:** While we want everyone to embrace the retro theme, please ensure that outfits allow for easy movement as there will be numerous physical activities throughout the day.
- **Stay Sun-Safe:** Regardless of the weather, students should wear a hat and apply sunscreen to protect themselves from UV rays.
- **Food and Drink:** Make sure you have lots of food for energy and water for hydration!

Let's make this Fun Day a memorable one!

PAC News

Volunteer Opportunities

Carnival

The Upper Lynn Elementary Annual Carnival is back again on **Friday, June 6th, 2025**, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Remember to save the date!

We will have games, rides, ponies, airbrush tattoos and more! The LV Lions BBQ will be on site for food and treats.

Volunteers

As always, we do need wonderful parent volunteers to run stations, help with snacks, and set up/takedown. Each division has been assigned an activity (i.e. a game or ride) to cover volunteer slots and sponsorship.

If you would like to volunteer, sign up on your own or with a friend here: <https://signup.com/go/YiSgiym>.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship helps us to put on a great event whilst keeping ticket prices affordable for families. The main purpose of Carnival is community building and for families to have fun. Any profit we make is 100% invested back into the school.

Sponsorship fees are **\$100** to sponsor a game and **\$200** to sponsor a ride or attraction.

The sponsor can place a sandwich board or a sign at their sponsored attraction and will be recognised on the PAC Facebook page and newsletter. With Carnival's high attendance rate this is a great way to increase visibility and brand awareness within our school community. For more information or to sponsor, please email ulpaccarnival@gmail.com.

Tickets will also be available to purchase on the day however we strongly encourage pre-purchase and advance pickup to avoid lineups on the day.

If cost is a concern, please reach out to Mr. MacLeod confidentially, as support is available to ensure everyone can attend.

Division	Teacher	Attraction
E01	Mr. F. Romeo	Dunk Tank
E02	Mr. M. Rosse	Rock Wall
E03	Ms. K. Mortimer	Obstacle Course
E04	Mr. R. Choi	Basketball
E05	Mr. D. Liou	Tubs of Fun
E06	Mr. S. Mawson	Wizard Bouncy Castle
E07	Ms. P. Stanley	Jungle Bouncy Castle
E08	Ms. D. Baltruschat / Ms. D. Rubin	9 Hole Mini Golf

E09	Ms. R. Lee	Kiddie Striker
E10	Ms. J. Bursey	Kick & Score Soccer
E11	Ms. K. Blaker / Ms. D. Rubin	Slap Shot Hockey
E12	Ms. C. Senez	Golf Challenge
E13	Ms. L. Grendel / Ms. M. Purich	Bean Bag Toss
E14	Ms. A. Hatziantoniou	Ring-a-Bat
E15	Ms. K. Wilson / Ms. S. Ross	Quarterback Toss
E16	Ms. M. McGrath / Ms. K. Chambers	Swing Ride
E17	Ms. L. Brown / Ms. L. Bryant	Pony Rides
E18	Mr. A. Fox	Recording Booth
E19	Ms. T. Daley	Corner Store
E20	Ms. V. Kanagae	Airbrush Tattoo

Volunteer Opportunities

Lunchtime/ After School Program Coordinator

PAC is looking for a new program's coordinator! You will be responsible for sourcing and booking lunchtime and after school programs for all of ULE. What you will do:

- Coordinate with contacts from current programs and sourcing/following up on new potential programs
- Work with PAC Executive team, join PAC calls and meetings
- Coordinate with Principal/Vice Principal to align with school calendar
- Book program days/times with District
- Advertising programs in PAC newsletter, social media and other avenues.

Please reach out to upperlynnpac@gmail.com if interested!

Fundraising

We are excited to let you know about two upcoming events.

If you like baseball, hot dogs, popcorn, or just hanging out with friends and family at the Nat, then save the date for the **Vancouver Canadians** game on **Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 1:05pm** (it's a family fun day with a chance for the kids to run the bases after the game). Use this link to buy your tickets.

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/0601-ULES>

We receive \$5 from each ticket, so you get to enjoy some baseball while raising money for the school.

If baseball isn't your sport of choice, or you just can't get enough sports, then we have the **Whitecaps** game on **Sunday June 8, 2025 (6pm)**. Use this link to buy your tickets:

<https://am.ticketmaster.com/whitecaps/ism/MjVXQzA2MDg=?promoCode=VVBQRVJMWU5O>

We receive \$5 from each ticket, so you get to enjoy some soccer while raising money for the school.

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

School Supplies / Planner

As we prepare for the 2025-26 school year, Upper Lynn will continue with our school-wide supply model for all students. Instead of families purchasing individual items, we collect a flat fee that is **now reduced from \$80 to \$69 per student**—allowing teachers to buy consistent, high-quality supplies for the classroom. This approach reduces waste, promotes equity, saves families time and money, and supports students in building organizational and executive functioning skills. **Planner payment will also be available at a cost of \$8 per student.** An email with full details about both the supply fee and planner payment will be sent home soon, and payment will be collected before the end of the school year to ensure everything is ready for September.

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Lise Grendel
Vice-Principal

Code of The BEARS

Be Accountable - We are responsible for our learning and actions.

Be Respectful - We treat everyone with courtesy, kindness, and consideration.

Be Safe - We care for the safety of ourselves and others.

