

# Upper Lynn e-News

June 1, 2025

## Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of June 2 to June 6, 2025

Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
Walk and Roll	Walk and Roll	Walk and Roll	Walk and Roll	Walk and Roll
Hot Lunch Pizza	Track and field Finals Swangard			Hot Lunch Subway
				Carnival

## Upcoming Dates

- June Pride Month
- June National Indigenous History Month
- Week of June 2 – 6 Bike to School Week / Walk and Roll to School
- Monday June 2 Hot Lunch - Pizza
- Tuesday June 3 Swangard Finals
- Thursday June 5 High Jump Rainout
- Friday June 6 Hot Lunch – Subway
- Friday June 6 Carnival
- Monday June 9 Hot Lunch – Sushi/Maxfrut
- Monday June 9 Water Wise Presentations (K-5)
- Tuesday June 10 Choir Concert
- Wednesday June 11 Grade 7 Transition to Argyle
- Friday June 13 Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Monday June 16 Hot Lunch – Well Fed
- Monday June 16 PAC AGM – In person.
- Wednesday June 25 Grade 7 Promotion
- Thursday June 26 Last Day of Classes
- Friday June 27 School not in Session

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## Code of the BEARS – Week 8

This week, we're turning our attention to our outdoor spaces and how we can show respect for the natural environment around our school.

We're incredibly lucky to have a beautiful forested area at the back of Upper Lynn and well-kept gardens throughout the school grounds. This week, let's focus on treating these spaces with care, just like we would any shared space in our community.

Here are a few ways we can show responsibility and respect outdoors:

- Admire our forest without breaking branches or stripping bark from the trees. Damaging trees can harm or even kill them.
- Enjoy the flowers and plants in our gardens with your eyes — not your hands. Leave them for everyone to enjoy.
- Stay on designated pathways and avoid running through planted areas.

This connects nicely with Walk and Roll to School Week — a great opportunity to enjoy our neighbourhood and school grounds while staying active and reducing our carbon footprint.

Let's continue to show that we are Accountable, Respectful, and Safe; both inside and outside our school!

## 2025–2026 Upper Lynn Year Overview

The 2025–2026 Upper Lynn overview calendar has been posted to our school website and emailed to all families. A copy is also included at the end of this newsletter. Please note that early dismissal dates for conferences have not yet been finalized.

## Walk and Roll to School Week – June 2 to 6

It's back! June 2–6 is Walk and Roll to School Week (also known as Bike to School Week), and we are inviting all ULE students to take part in this fun and active event with daily prizes and a chance to show off your BEARS behaviour!

We encourage all students to walk or roll to school. This includes biking, scootering, skateboarding, or pogo-sticking. Be creative and have fun!

If you live too far to walk or roll, try "Drive to 5". Get dropped off a few blocks from school so you can still take part and enjoy some fresh air and exercise.

Here's what's happening:

- Grade 7 students will be out each morning recognizing students who are walking and rolling; a great way to show school spirit and leadership!
- All bikes and other wheeled transportation will be stored safely in the Multipurpose Room.
- Daily spot prizes will be drawn, including helmets, gift cards, and water bottles. Big thanks to PAC, ICBC, Lynn Valley Bikes, and Forest Fairy Books and Toys for their generous support.

This week is also a great time to practice being Accountable, Respectful, and Safe, our BEARS Code by following bike safety rules, using crosswalks, and treating our school grounds and neighbourhood with care.

## NVSD Track and Field Finals at Swangard – Tuesday June 3

Good luck to our incredible track and field athletes as they take on the culminating event at Swangard Stadium this Tuesday, June 3, a day that wraps up months of dedication, training, and teamwork. The event showcases both short and long-distance running, as well as shot put, high jump, triple jump, and long jump. With over 1100 athletes from grades 4 to 7 across the North Vancouver School District competing, it's set to be an inspiring day.

A special thank-you to the more than 80 teachers, educational assistants, administrators, student teachers, district staff, and retired educators who have given up their break times and extended their days to ensure the students are provided the opportunity to get involved in track and field.

The day kicks off at 8:30 am (be there early!) and wraps up at 3:00 pm, and while athletes have received specific details for their events, we also extend our thanks to the students who dedicated their time to train before school, during recess, at lunch, and after school.

A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers for their countless hours of coaching and support.

## Thank You – Volunteer Appreciation & Fun Day

A huge thank you to all the parents and community members who continue to support Upper Lynn Elementary. Your time, energy, and generosity help enrich the experiences of our students and provide vital support to our staff.

On May 30, we were proud to host our Volunteer Appreciation event in the library. It was a pleasure to recognize the many ways you contribute to our school community. From helping in classrooms to organizing events and activities, your efforts make a lasting impact. We also hope you enjoyed the wonderful choir performance and a chance to connect with staff and fellow volunteers.

We also want to recognize and thank the staff team who organized both the Volunteer Tea and our annual Fun Day. This year's "Ohhh Canada!" theme brought so much spirit to the day, and the weather couldn't have been better. Thank you to our Grade 7 student leaders, who helped run over 20 stations and ensured all students had a fun, active, and memorable time.

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# PAC News

## Fundraising

Still time to get your tickets to the Whitecaps game on **Sunday June 8, 2025 (6pm)**! Use this link to buy your tickets: <https://bit.ly/443RQNI>

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

## Carnival – Friday, June 6th 5pm-8pm

The excitement builds with Carnival Day approaching!

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

### Tickets

- Buy your tickets **now** on [Munchalunch](#) by deadline **Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- Pick up pre-purchased tickets on Wednesday **June 4<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4pm** from the Multi-Purpose Room, or at the Carnival.
- Tickets can also be purchased on site at Carnival; 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 by Monday June 2nd, as support is available to ensure everyone can attend.

### Volunteers

Thank you to the many parents who have already signed up to volunteer.

We still need volunteers, especially for the **Lions BBQ for the 6pm-7pm and 7pm-8pm** slots. Duties do not necessarily require BBQing. The Lions tell us that they love coming to Upper Lynn due to the great support they get from our parent volunteers.

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

### Sponsorship

There are still a few carnival attractions available to sponsor. If interested, please email [ulpaccarnival@gmail.com](mailto:ulpaccarnival@gmail.com).

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Lunchtime/ After School Program Coordinator

PAC is looking for a new programs 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](mailto:upperlynnpac@gmail.com) if interested!

## PAC Facebook Group, Website and Email

The PAC email is [upperlynnpac@gmail.com](mailto:upperlynnpac@gmail.com)

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

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

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# Reminders

## School Supplies / Planner

As shared in a notice to families last week, Upper Lynn will once again be using a school-wide supply model for the upcoming 2025 - 2026 school year. Instead of families purchasing individual items, we collect a flat fee that allows teachers to purchase consistent, high-quality supplies for each classroom.

The supply fee has been reduced from \$80 to \$69 per student. This model:

- Reduces waste
- Promotes equity
- Saves time and money for families
- Supports student growth in organizational and executive functioning skills

In addition to the supply fee, families can also pay for a student planner, available at a cost of \$8 per student.

Payments can be made on SchoolCash Online.

We encourage families to submit payments before the end of the school year to help us ensure everything is ready for September.

An email with full details was sent last week. If you missed it or have any questions, feel free to reach out to the school office.

## Homestay Families Urgently Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community in the International Program. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

We still have several secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2025. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at [international@sd44.ca](mailto:international@sd44.ca). More information about the homestay program is available on the [International Education](#) section of the school district website.

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.





## Upper Lynn Elementary Calendar 2025-2026

DESIGNATION	2025-2026
Days of Instruction	180
Schools Open	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, October 13, 2025
Province-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTa)	Friday, October 24, 2025
Staff Collaboration Time (shortened day for students)	Wednesday, October 29, 2025
School Based Professional Development Day	Monday, November 10, 2025
Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Implementation Day)	Friday, December 5, 2025
Schools Close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 19, 2025
Winter Vacation Period	December 22, 2025 to January 2, 2026
Schools Reopen After Winter Vacation	Monday, January 5, 2026
School Based Professional Development Day	Monday, January 26, 2026
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTa)	Friday, February 13, 2026
BC Family Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, February 16, 2026
Staff Collaboration Time (shortened day for students)	Wednesday, February 25, 2026
Schools Close for Spring Vacation	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring Vacation Period	March 16 to 27, 2026
Schools Reopen After Spring Vacation	Monday, March 30, 2026
Good Friday Statutory Holiday	Friday, April 3, 2026
Easter Monday Holiday Day	Monday, April 6, 2026
Staff Collaboration Time (shortened day for students)	Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Staff Collaboration Time (shortened day for students)	Wednesday, May 27, 2026
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day (NVTa)	Monday, May 4, 2026
Victoria Day Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Day of Classes for Students	Thursday, June 25, 2026
Administrative Day (Non-Instructional Day)	Friday, June 26, 2026
<u>School Schedule</u>  <div> 8:50 – First Bell  8:55 – First Instructional Period  10:20 – Recess </div> <div> 12:00 – Lunch  12:50 – Third Instructional Period  15:00 – School Dismissal </div>	