

Upper Lynn e-News

June 8, 2025

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of June 9 to June 13, 2025

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
Waterwise Presentations Hot Lunch Sushi/Maxfrut	Choir Concert			Hot Lunch Foodie Kids

Upcoming Dates

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| • Monday June 9 | Hot Lunch – Sushi/Maxfrut |
| • Monday June 9 | Water Wise Presentations (K-5) |
| • Tuesday June 10 | Choir Concert (Intermediate and Primary) |
| • 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 |
| • Friday June 20 | Primary Picnic; Kilmer Park |
| • Wednesday June 25 | Grade 7 Promotion |
| • Thursday June 26 | Last Day of Classes |
| • Friday June 27 | School not in Session |
| • Tuesday September 2 | School Opens – Grades 1 to 7; 8:55-10:55 |
| • Wednesday September 3 | First Full Day of School – Grades 1 -7 |
| • Wednesday September 3 | Gradual Entry - Kindergarten |

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Code of the BEARS – Week 9

This week, we're focusing on how we move through shared spaces in our school, especially in hallways, stairwells, and entrances. These are busy areas, and the way we use them shows our respect for others.

Let's make sure we're helping everyone feel safe and comfortable by being mindful of our actions and aware of those around us.

Here are a few ways we can be Accountable, Respectful, and Safe in shared spaces:

- Walk calmly and keep to the right in hallways to avoid crowding or bumping into others.
- Use quiet voices so learning can continue in nearby classrooms.
- Hold the door for others and be kind as you enter and exit the building.

We're also turning our attention to direct instructions and active listening; making sure we're fully tuned in when someone is speaking and following directions the first time. These are important habits that help everyone learn and stay safe.

Thanks to everyone for showing what it means to be a BEAR — we've now handed out over 1,300 BEARS Paws and have officially reached another school-wide goal! To celebrate, students received a BEAR Paw cookie as a Sweet Treat. We're now climbing toward the next peak and we're on track to reach it by the end of the week!

Let's keep it going and continue showing that we are Accountable, Respectful, and Safe — in every space we share at Upper Lynn!

Farewell Mrs. Grendel

Lise Grendel will be retiring from her role as Vice Principal at Upper Lynn Elementary at the end of this school year. While we are excited for her next chapter, she will be deeply missed.

Ms. Grendel calm, thoughtful presence and her deep care for students, staff, and families have had a lasting impact on our school community. She has supported students with kindness, worked alongside staff with quiet leadership, and helped build a school culture rooted in respect and connection.

Over her 30+ year career in the North Vancouver School District, Mrs. Grendel has served in many roles with strong dedication and integrity. We're so grateful for all she's brought to Upper Lynn and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

Welcome Mrs. Lauren Vanderham

We're pleased to welcome Mrs. Lauren Vanderham as the new Vice Principal of Upper Lynn Elementary. She will officially begin her role in the first week of July.

Mrs. Vanderham brings with her a strong reputation for leadership, having served as Vice Principal at Seymour Heights Elementary for the past seven years. Prior to that, she was a teacher and IB

Coordinator at Brockton School, where she was known for her commitment to student learning and community building.

We're excited to have Mrs. Vanderham join the Upper Lynn team and look forward to the experience and energy she will bring to our school community.

Walk and Roll to School Week

Walk and Roll to School Week was a huge success! Of course, the sunshine definitely helped! All week long, Upper Lynn students walked, biked, scootered, skateboarded, and even pogo-sticked their way to school. The front of the school was noticeably quieter, with fewer cars and more active commuters.

Thank you to all families for making the effort to participate and support a healthier, more environmentally friendly way to get to school.

A special thank you to Veronica Bartlett for her organization and energy in making the week run so smoothly, and to our amazing Grade 7 volunteers for welcoming students each morning and helping celebrate their efforts.

Let's keep that BEARS spirit going and continue to be Accountable, Respectful, and Safe both on the way to school and on school grounds!

Swangard Track and Field Finals

A big congratulations to all Upper Lynn students who took part in Track and Field this season. From early morning practices to recess and lunch training sessions, your hard work and commitment stood out.

We were proud to have 36 athletes represent Upper Lynn at the NVSD Finals at Swangard Stadium, showing great sportsmanship and effort in every event.

A special thank-you to our seven Grade 7 volunteers who helped support the event, and to the many staff and families who made this season possible.

Primary and Intermediate Choir

Upper Lynn's Primary and Intermediate choirs will give a joint concert on Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30pm. These dedicated students have been attending weekly choir practices at 8am all year and are excited to share their music with the Upper Lynn community. Admission is free and we will be collecting donations for the Backpack Buddies organization at the door. This is a great chance for students who might be interested in joining the choir next year to come and see what it is all about. Please come and join us in this celebration of song!

Primary Days of Music

The North Vancouver School District's 38th annual Primary Days of Music was held from May 26-29. All K-3 students at Upper Lynn had the opportunity to attend the festival with their classes. Congratulations to all of our participating students for their fantastic performances and their excellent audience behaviour when enjoying the performances of other schools.

Freezies for Freedom – Monday, June 9

Join us after school on Monday, June 9, for the *Freezies for Freedom* fundraiser! For \$1, you'll get half of a Jumbo Mr. Freeze.

All proceeds will support Rainbow Refugee, a Vancouver-based organization helping LGBTQ+ people fleeing persecution around the world. Bring a dollar, enjoy a treat, and support a great cause.

PAC News

PAC Annual General Meeting

Reminder the PAC AGM will take place Monday June 16th at 7pm in the school library. Babysitting will be provided. Agenda & proposed budget will be shared shortly.

Carnival Thank You

Our school carnival was a great success and so much fun for everyone involved! From exciting games and delicious treats to fantastic community spirit, it was a day to remember—and it couldn't have happened without the incredible support of our families, staff, students, and community.

We'd like to recognize the more than 100 parent volunteer shifts filled—your time, enthusiasm, and willingness to jump in wherever needed made the day run smoothly. Whether you were setting up, cleaning up, flipping burgers, or managing games, we appreciate every minute you gave.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible Carnival Committee: Madi Bell, Anna Maslany, Maria Popkovacheva, Jaimee Sugden, Jen Wallis, Jaco Wessels, and Adriana Zupan. Your dedication and behind-the-scenes work brought this amazing day to life!

An extra special thank you to Jaco Wessels, who is leaving our school community this year. Jaco played a key role in supporting and handing off the planning process this year. We are so grateful for his time, leadership, and commitment over the years and this event truly would not have gotten off the ground without him. Thank you Jaco!

Once again, the Lynn Valley Lions partnered with us on the event. We are grateful to them for offering their services and all the food at no cost to us. The wonderful Lions volunteers work incredible hard so that the Upper Lynn community can have a great carnival and raise funds for the PAC. Please consider supporting the Lions' many initiatives <https://lvalions.com/> - Lynn Valley Days are coming up on June 21st and they always welcome volunteers.

We are so grateful to the organizations and individuals who helped make the event run safely and smoothly:

- Neptune Terminals, for providing the tents
- North Shore MedVents, for First Aid services
- Argyle Student Volunteers, for your positive energy and hands-on support
- Facepainting Students, for adding fun and colour to the day
- DNV Fire & Rescue Services, for the always-exciting fire truck visit

A big thank you to our vendors who brought fun and excitement to every corner of the carnival:

- BC Event Makers, for providing rides and games
- Laughing Stock Ranch, for the pony rides
- Tattoos for Now, for the spray-on tattoo station
- Creativ Music Centre, for the recording studio experience.

To our amazing games and ride sponsors, thank you for your generous support:

- Absolute Landscaping
- Alireza Anasori Financial Consultant
- an anonymous Upper Lynn family
- BTY Group
- Kennedy Construction
- Linkletter Realty
- Stong's Market
- The Bastani Family
- The Beil Family
- Vancity Basketball
- Video Tax News

Your sponsorship helped us keep ticket prices affordable for families, making it possible for more people to join in the fun and feel connected to our school community. Thank you again to everyone who played a part—big or small—in making this year's carnival such a memorable and successful event!

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 if interested!

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

Just a reminder, as shared last week, Upper Lynn will continue with a school-wide supply model for 2025–26. Instead of buying individual items, families pay a flat fee of **\$69** per student, which allows teachers to purchase consistent, high-quality supplies.

This model:

- Reduces waste
- Promotes equity
- Saves families time and money
- Supports student organization skills

Please pay through SchoolCash Online before the end of the school year.

2025–2026 Upper Lynn Year Overview

The 2025–2026 Upper Lynn overview calendar has been posted to our school website and was emailed to all families. Please note that early dismissal dates for conferences have not yet been finalized.

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 CHOIR CONCERT

June 10 6:30pm

Upper Lynn Gymnasium

Free admission.

**Donations for Backpack Buddies
gratefully accepted at the door.**

