

Upper Lynn e-News

June 22, 2025

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of June 23 to June 27, 2025

Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27
Hot Lunch Cobs/TCBY		Grade 7 Farewell 1:00pm Learning Summary Upload	Recognition Assembly Last Day of School 3:00pm Dismissal	Administrative Day No School

Upcoming Dates

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| • Monday June 23 | Hot Lunch – Cobs/TCBY |
| • Wednesday June 25 | Grade 7 Farewell |
| • Wednesday June 25 | Learning Summary Upload |
| • Thursday June 26 | Last Day of Classes |
| • Thursday June 26 | Recognition Assembly |
| • 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 Begins – Kindergarten |

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Code of the BEARS – Week 11: Kindness and Celebrating Success!

We've passed 1,800 BEARS Paws and reached the top of our mountain and our movie reward has been achieved! The students have been awesome, and we're so proud of all the positive choices they've made.

As we wrap up the year, we'll continue recognizing BEARS behaviour and are already planning new rewards and focus areas for next year.

Last week, we focused on keeping sticks and rocks on the ground to keep everyone safe during play. For our final week, we're turning our attention to **Kindness**; helping everyone feel positive and uplifted as we head into summer break.

Here are a few ways we can show Kindness and continue being Accountable, Respectful, and Safe:

- Invite others to join your games so everyone feels included.
- Offer kind words or a helping hand if someone is feeling down.
- Celebrate each other's successes and efforts, big or small.

Let's finish the year strong by treating each other with care and kindness — inside, outside, and all around Upper Lynn!

Farewell and Best Wishes to Departing Staff

It's that time of year again when we say goodbye to our Grade 7 students as they head off to high school, to students who are moving on to new schools, and to staff who are off on new adventures.

We would like to say farewell and thank you to several of our valued Education Assistants. Ralitsa (Ralie) Nikolova has been with Upper Lynn for over three years. Her ability to build strong, trusting connections with students created a space where they felt safe and supported to grow. Mrs. Bae has worked with students across many classrooms, and her flexible, calm, and kind presence has always been appreciated by both staff and students. Wesley Chao was only with us for a short time, but quickly built meaningful connections with intermediate students, supporting them both academically, socially, and emotionally. As we've often seen, EAs who leave Upper Lynn sometimes find their way back, and we hope that might be the case again.

We also want to wish Kelli Mortimer all the best as she heads to Carson Graham next year. Though her time with us was short, her teaching was steady, thoughtful, and impactful.

Jenna Bursey will also be leaving us at the end of the year to pursue further studies. Originally expected to stay until Spring Break, we were fortunate to have her for the full year. She brought warmth, professionalism, and genuine care to her students and was a strong part of our team.

A familiar face in our primary wing, Tammy Daley, will be moving on to a new role at the NVTa office. Mrs. Daley brought patience, consistency, and heart to everything she did. Whether supporting students or organizing events, she was always calm, prepared, and ready for the next memorable Kindergarten moment. She will be greatly missed.

And as shared last week, Mrs. Lise Grendel will be retiring at the end of the month. While she's looking forward to the freedom of retirement, there's a good chance she's not quite ready to fully step away from education. We're hopeful we might see her back in the building next year in a TTOC role.

To all those moving on, thank you for your contributions to our school community. You will be missed, and we wish you all the best in your next chapter.

Intermediate Choir Tour

On Friday, June 20, the Upper Lynn Intermediate Choir went on tour, performing at the School District office, two local seniors' residences, and Lonsdale Quay. Their program featured eight songs in five languages, student instrumental solos, and a sing-along with seniors. The choir also enjoyed a lunch break at Bridgman Park.

Throughout the day, these students demonstrated outstanding teamwork, poise, focus, and enthusiasm. They were wonderful ambassadors for Upper Lynn.

Thank you to the Upper Lynn PAC, Lonsdale Quay, and our parent volunteers for helping make this event possible. Congratulations to all the students involved!

Final Learning Updates (Report Cards) – Available June 25

Final Learning Updates will be available on the MyEducation BC Parent Portal starting Wednesday, June 25. Families will receive an email from sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca once the reports are ready to view.

- Use your email address to log in. If you've forgotten your password, click "I forgot my password" and follow the reset steps.
- We recommend using a computer or tablet for best access — phones don't always display things clearly.
- Detailed instructions and troubleshooting tips can be found [here](#).

Please follow the steps carefully, as most issues are resolved this way. If you still need help, email us at upperlynn@sd44.ca and include your child's name and a description of the issue. We'll respond as soon as possible.

Important: Be sure to download or print a copy of your child's report by July 30, as documents are removed from the portal after that date.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is currently on display in the hallway. Any unclaimed items will be donated on Friday. Photos of the items can be found on our [school website](#).

September 2025 – School Startup!

The first day back for grades 1 to 7 is on Tuesday September 2nd at 8:55 (warning bell at 8:50). Dismissal on Tuesday, September 2nd is at 10:55 am. All returning students will report to their "line up spots" from this school year, where they will be greeted by last year's teacher, or another staff member. New Upper Lynn students will meet in the library for a brief introduction and then will be introduced to their peer groupings. Wednesday will be a full day of school ending at 3:00. Gradual entry schedules will be e-mailed to kindergarten families at the summer.

PAC News

PAC 2024/2025 Year End Report

As we wrap up the 2024/2025 school year, we would like to acknowledge the PAC Executive and event committees, and all of the many parents who have helped to make this a successful year.

Your involvement enables us to run successful events, which benefit our children. We couldn't do it without you, and we truly appreciate your support!

The 2024/2025 Year End Report has been uploaded and gives an overall look at PAC activities and spending for the current school year.

[Ule year end report 2024-2025 .pdf](#)

Please consider volunteering for the below so we can establish a smooth transition into the 2025/2026 school year.

Volunteer Opportunities

Family Movie Night needs you

Planning is underway to bring back this popular Upper Lynn community event in September.

Two of our volunteers of last year are heading up the committee, but we need additional members to ensure a successful movie night.

Committee member responsibilities include:

- Administration: Vendor management, movie license, insurance, venue booking, budget
- Food & Concession: plan and procure the food and snacks and run the concession table on the night (with volunteers)
- Ticketing: set up ticket sales on Munch and create reports for checking tickets on the night
- Communication: create movie poster, advertising of the event, letter to neighbours, produce signage required
- Sponsorship: Solicit sponsors, get sponsors' pre-show media, sponsor recognition
- Volunteer co-ordination: In addition to the committee, we ask for volunteers on the night to help with the concession, and set-up and take-down

This is a fun event to organize. If you want to join the committee or want more information, please reach out to upperlynnpac@gmail.com

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

Lots of reminders this week!

School Supplies / Planner

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted payment for school supplies!

As a reminder, Upper Lynn will continue with a school-wide supply model for the 2025–26 school year. Instead of purchasing individual items, families pay a flat fee of **\$69 per student**, which allows teachers to provide consistent, high-quality supplies for all classrooms. If you haven't done so yet, please submit your payment through SchoolCash Online before the end of the school year. Thank you for your support!

Library – Book Return

The library is closed for book exchange as of last Monday. Please return all books as soon as possible. If you have any questions or cannot find a book, please contact Mrs. Slykerman at sslykerman@sd44.ca to arrange payment or replacement.

School Jerseys

Please return your Upper Lynn BEARS jerseys to the office as soon as possible. We're still missing several from the cross-country, basketball, tripleball, and track and field seasons. Thanks for helping us keep everything organized for next year!

Planning Ahead for Summer or Moving?

If your family is moving, leaving early for summer break, or extending your holiday into September, please let us know.

Email upperlynn@sd44.ca and your child's classroom teacher with the following information:

- Moving? We'll provide withdrawal information to help with the transition.
- Leaving early for summer break? Please include the dates your child(ren) will be away.
- Not returning by September 2? Proof of return is required to hold your child's seat for the new 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. A more detailed outlook of the year will be available in September and will grow throughout the year.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

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.

