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# Upper Lynn e-News

September 21, 2025

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of September 22 to September 26, 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22	23	24	25	26

# **Upcoming Dates**

- Monday September 29 Orange Shirt Day
- Tuesday September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; School is Closed
- Sunday October 5 World Teacher Day
- Thursday October 9 FOS X-Country Meet Upper Lynn
- Monday October 13 Thanksgiving School is Closed.
- Tuesday October 14 Photo Day
- Thursday October 16 The Great Shake Out
- Friday October 17 Hot Lunch Magic Lunchbox
- Monday October 20 Hot Lunch Well Fed
- Monday October 20 22 Conferences Early Dismissal at 2pm
- Tuesday October 21 ICBC Road Safety Blitz
- Friday October 24 Professional Development Day; Students Not in Session
- Monday October 27 Hot Lunch Pizza
- Tuesday October 28 School Planning Meeting
- Wednesday October 29 Staff Collaboration -Early Dismissal at 2pm
- Friday October 31 Hot Lunch Foodie Kids
- Sunday November 2 Daylight Savings
- Monday November 3 Photo Retake
- Monday November 3 Hot Lunch Cobs/TCBY

# **Upper Lynn News**

#### **Terry Fox Day**

We are so close to reaching our goal of \$2,500 for Terry Fox Day! On Friday, we had an amazing morning with all students out on the back field walking, running, and skipping their way through the Terry Fox course. A huge thank you to Mrs. Chambers and all of the staff who made the event such a success, and to our families who have already contributed \$1,500 toward cancer research. We will continue to collect donations all week. You can still donate online at <a href="this link">this link</a>. Just \$1,000 more to go!

#### Connect with Your Class on FreshSchools

To stay connected and receive communication regarding your child's classroom, we encourage all parents to sign up for FreshSchools. This Upper Lynn PAC initiative is a great way to get class news and stay in touch with your school community.

If you haven't signed up yet, now is the perfect time. It only takes a few minutes and helps keep everyone informed!

For more information, please visit our school webpage: <u>Upper Lynn News – FreshSchools</u>

### The Importance of Being on Time

Arriving on time sets your child up for a successful day of learning. Being on time helps students settle in, connect with friends, and be ready to learn when the bell rings. When students are late, they miss important instructions, and it can be disruptive to the class. Thank you for helping your child start the day on time and ready to learn!

#### Code of the BEARS Focus – Hands and Feet to Ourselves

This week, our Code of the BEARS focus is on keeping our hands and feet to ourselves. Play that starts with "Playful" pushing, shoving, or tripping often leads to someone getting hurt, often physically and sometimes emotionally. Even when it begins as "fun," it can quickly turn into a problem. Please help us by encouraging positive and safe play at home. This focus applies to all areas of the school; outside at recess and lunch, as well as inside during instructional and eating times.

## **PAC News**

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A huge Thank you to our Movie Night Sponsors: Northshore Orthodontics; BTY; Kennedy Construction; Linkletter Realty

### **Hot Lunch Ordering**

Hot Lunch ordering is opening for the Fall Session on Sept 24th!!

Hot Lunch will run from Friday October 17th until Monday December 15th. **Orders MUST be placed and PAID by October 8th at 11:59pm**. Unpaid orders will be cancelled. We encourage everyone to place their orders early to avoid last minute issues with payment processing.

**SUBWAY ORDERS:** If you are selecting a veggie sub, please specify which vegetables and/or cheese in the toppings section. If no cheese or vegetables are selected, Subway will send a plain bun! All ham, turkey or salami subs with no additional toppings selected will come only with the meat and bun.

Grade 6 outdoor school is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.

The hot lunch program cannot operate without volunteers. Please sign up to help out! Volunteers will need a completed volunteer form and criminal record check. Please see Kelly in the office if you need assistance. The Volunteer form must be completed annually, and the criminal record check is good for 5 years.

If you would like to place a hot lunch order and need financial assistance, subsidies are available. Please contact Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca.

The request will be kept confidential.

New users and returning parents will be able to access at MunchAlunch.

Lunch program FAQ's can be found here:

For assistance reach out to Erin or Michelle at ulpachotlunch@gmail.com

#### **Fresh Schools**

OVER 50% of ULE families have signed up!
As announced at our AGM in June, FreshSchools is coming to Upper Lynn Elementary!

FreshSchools is a platform used by schools to simplify organization and communication between the school, parent advisory council, and parents. Please assign your child(ren) to the correct class (similar to Munchalunch) so you can receive messages from the PAC and not miss out on important information. You can find all information on the <a href="Upper Lynn Website">Upper Lynn Website</a> on how do get setup. Please do so soon so you don't miss any important information.

### **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!

# Reminders

#### It's Choir Time!

We will once again have two choirs at Upper Lynn Elementary this year. Practices start the week of September 15 and will run throughout the year. New students are welcome to join in September and again in February.

**Intermediate Choir** - open to all students in grades 4-7. Tuesdays 8am-8:45am
First practice Sept.16 in the music room

**Primary Choir** - open to all students in grades 2 and 3 Thursdays 8am-8:45am First practice September 8 in the music room

No audition or advance registration is required, all interested students are welcome! Sign-up forms will be given out at the first rehearsal. Students should be dropped off outside the front door of the school and come to the music room for 8am.

For more information about choir, contact Mrs.Wood at nwood@sd44.ca.

#### School Calendar

Our online school calendar will be continually updated throughout the year. Please check our school calendar <a href="https://bit.ly/3PaIQPR">here</a> (<a href="https://bit.ly/3PaIQPR">https://bit.ly/3PaIQPR</a>) for regular for updates. Also, see Upper Lynn's Year Calendar <a href="https://bit.ly/4cXYpn1">here</a> (<a href="https://bit.ly/4cXYpn1">https://bit.ly/4cXYpn1</a>) for holidays and professional development days. We will do our best to communicate changes through newsletters, the website (<a href="https://www.upperlynn.ca">www.upperlynn.ca</a>) and by email.

### Safe Arrival / Student Absences

Please make every effort to let the school know if your child is absent or will be late. This is important information for us to ensure all students are accounted for each day. For information on how to use our SafeArrival application, please see our school's website <a href="https://bit.ly/3rm085j">here</a>. (<a href="https://bit.ly/3rm085j">https://bit.ly/3rm085j</a>)

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