

Upper Lynn e-News

February 22, 2026

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of February 23 to February 27, 2026

Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27
<p>Body Science</p> <p>Hot Lunch Pizza</p>	<p>Body Science</p>	<p>Pink Shirt Day</p> <p>Staff Collaboration Early Dismissal</p>		<p>Hot Lunch Foodie Kids</p> <p>Silent Auction Closes: 9pm</p>

Upcoming Dates

- Monday February 23 – Hot Lunch - Pizza
- Monday February 23 – Body Science Student Sessions
- Tuesday February 24 – Body Science Student Sessions
- Wednesday February 25 – Pink Shirt Day
- Wednesday February 25 – **Staff Collaboration: Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm**
- Friday February 27 – Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Friday February 27 – Silent Auction Closes: 9pm
- Monday March 2 – Hot Lunch – Cobs/TCBY
- Friday March 6 – Hot Lunch – Subway
- Monday March 9 – Hot Lunch – Sushi / Max Frut
- Monday March 9 – Long House: E12, E13
- Tuesday March 10 – Long House: E10, E11
- Tuesday March 10 – Upper Lynn Open House – Student Conferences: **Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm**
- Tuesday March 10 - Learning Update Upload
- Friday March 13 – Hot Lunch – Magic Lunchbox
- Friday March 13 – Spirit Day: Fancy Smancy Day
- Friday March 13 – Last Day Before Spring Break
- Monday March 30 – School Reopens
- Friday April 3 – Good Friday – **School is Closed**

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Body Science Reminder & Parent Workshop

Just a reminder that our Body Science student sessions with Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators will take place during the school day on Monday, February 23 and Tuesday, February 24. Thank you to the families who joined the Parent Workshop, and if you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

Dogs on The School Grounds

This is a friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time, and we ask that families also refrain from tying dogs up along the outside perimeter of the school. While many dogs are cute and friendly, not all students and families feel comfortable around them, and we are committed to maintaining an inclusive environment where every child feels welcome and safe.

Code of the BEARS - Playground

Last week, we shared that our focus had returned to the playground and reviewed the BEARS expectations for all settings. As outlined in our Upper Lynn BEARS framework, being Safe includes being aware of our surroundings, following expectations, using items safely, and keeping our body to ourselves .

Building on that message, this week we are placing a specific emphasis across the school, from Kindergarten to Grade 7, on keeping hands, feet, and bodies to ourselves. Even when play begins in a harmless way, situations can sometimes be misunderstood or someone may accidentally get hurt. We are reminding students to include others in play, follow instructions, and speak to an adult if a problem arises. We appreciate families reinforcing this message at home so that our expectations remain consistent and our playground continues to be a safe and welcoming space for all students.

PAC News

Silent Auction - February 20th to February 27th

Get your bid on! The Auction is [NOW LIVE](#) until February 27th at 9pm. Everyone is welcome to bid, so please spread the word and share the auction link with your friends and family.

The income from the Online Silent Auction is part of our annual budget and will be used to fund library books, field trips, music and art supplies, cultural programs, bursaries for families in need, and extra supplies for classroom teachers.

A huge thank you to our generous donors and sponsors!

Happy Bidding!

Hot Lunch – Spring Term Ordering!

Good news! Hot Lunch is back **twice a week** for the Spring Term — **Mondays and Fridays**.

Ordering opens: February 25th
Spring Term runs: Monday, March 30th – Monday, June 22nd
Deadline to order & pay: March 11th at 11:59pm
How to order: www.munchalunch.com

(No late orders can be accepted after this date, so mark your calendars!)

Need Financial Assistance?

Support is available for families who may need help participating in PAC events (like Family Movie Night) or purchasing Hot Lunches, Spirit Wear, Orange Shirts, or Pink Shirts. Please reach out confidentially to Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca.

Deadline to request financial assistance for the Spring hot lunch term is Friday March 6th

Reminders

Save the Date

Upper Lynn's Open House is on Tuesday, March 10. This is a chance for students to share their learning with families. Please note that this will be an early dismissal day. More details about the format will be provided by your child's classroom teacher.

Key Dates:

Week of March 9: Self-Assessments of the Core Competencies will be sent home.
Tuesday, March 10: Upper Lynn Open House
Wednesday, March 11: Learning Updates will be uploaded.

Used Sports Equipment

We are always looking to expand the variety of sports equipment available for students to use during recess and lunch. If your family has gently used balls or other outdoor sports equipment you no longer need and would be willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated and put to good use by our students. Please contact Mr. MacLeod at tmacleod@sd44.ca if you have items to donate or questions.

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Lauren Vanderham
Vice-Principal

Greeting Families,

Our robotics students have been working hard, and I'm happy to share an upcoming opportunity for them to connect with the robotics community.

Robotics Mini Challenge

Date: Tuesday, February 24

Time: 3:30–6:00 pm

Location: Carson Graham Secondary School
(Mr. Olson's Technology Lab and adjacent challenge space — 2nd floor)

Although **Upper Lynn will not be competing** in this mini event, students and families are warmly invited to attend as spectators. This is a great opportunity for students to:

- watch robots in action
- gather ideas and inspiration
- see how challenges are structured
- connect with peers from other schools involved in robotics

Many students find that observing a competition helps them better understand teamwork, design thinking, and problem-solving before participating themselves. Looking ahead, our official competition will be:

Robotics For All – Final Challenge

Date: Wednesday, April 22

Location: Carson Graham Secondary Atrium and nearby classrooms

- Opening message: 3:30 pm
- First game begins: 3:45 pm
- Closing ceremonies and trophy presentations: approximately 6:00 pm

We will share much more information about the final challenge in the coming months, but I wanted families to have the date early so it can be added to calendars.

Thank you for your continued support of our robotics program. It has been wonderful to see students building creativity, collaboration skills, and confidence through this experience.

Warmly,

Melissa Purich
Learning Support Teacher / Robotics Club