

Upper Lynn e-News

May 3, 2026

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of May 4 to May 8, 2026

Monday 04	Tuesday 05	Wednesday 06	Thursday 07	Friday 08
Pro-D School Not in Session		Track Mini Meet Sutherland		Hot Lunch Subway Freezie Friday

Upcoming Dates

- Monday May 4 – District Wide Pro-D
- Wednesday May 6 – Track Mini Meet; Sutherland
- Friday May 8 – Hot Lunch – Subway
- Friday May 8 – Freezie Friday
- Monday May 11 – Hot Lunch – Well Fed
- Tuesday May 12 – Track Qualification Meet
- Wednesday May 13 to Friday May 15 – Grade 4 ODS
- Friday May 15 – Magic Lunch Box
- Monday May 18 - Victoria Day – **School is Closed**
- Wednesday May 20 – Black Bear Visit
- Friday May 22 – Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Week of May 25 to 29 – Primary Days of Music
- Monday May 25 – Hot Lunch - Pizza
- Tuesday May 26 – Class Photos
- Wednesday May 27 – Staff Collaboration – Students dismissed at 2:00pm
- Friday May 29 – Hot Lunch – Subway
- Friday May 29 – Fun Day
- Friday May 29 – Mike Battie Presentation
- June – National Indigenous History Month / Pride Month

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Upper Lynn Run n' Roll

What an incredible day we had at our inaugural Upper Lynn Run n' Roll last Friday. Under beautiful "August-like" May sunshine, more than 400 of our students took part in a day full of energy, joy, and a true love of movement.

It was inspiring to see so many smiles out on the course, in the forest, and on the field. Events like this remind us how powerful it is to bring our community together around healthy, active fun.



This event simply would not have been possible without the support of so many. A big thank you to all of our volunteers and staff who helped make the day such a success. From the Embers crew who prepared and stickered medals, to staff who adjusted schedules to support the day, to those stationed throughout the course encouraging our runners, every contribution made a difference. And of course, a special shout out to our "Band-Aid experts" who were there when needed.

A very special and well deserved thank you goes to Ms. Chambers, whose leadership, organization, and commitment were instrumental in bringing this event to life. From the early planning stages to being at the school at 5:30 am on the day of the event to help set everything up, Ms. Chambers went above and beyond to ensure the day ran smoothly. Her care for students and dedication to creating meaningful experiences was evident throughout the entire event.

We are so grateful for the time, energy, and care that went into making this day so memorable for our students. It was a fantastic first Run n' Roll, and we are already looking forward to next year.



The Book Fair is Here This Week!

The Scholastic Book Fair is at Upper Lynn this week, running from Tuesday, May 5 to Friday, May 8. Students will have an opportunity to visit during their scheduled lunch times, and the fair will also be open after school for all students and families from 3:10 to 4:00 pm each day.

Tuesday lunch:	Kindergarten and Grade 1
Wednesday lunch:	Grade 2 and 3
Thursday lunch:	Grade 4 and 5
Friday lunch:	Grade 6 and 7

We look forward to seeing everyone there and helping students discover some great new books.

School Grounds Vandalism

Over the past month, Upper Lynn has experienced a significant number of concerning incidents on our school grounds. There have been multiple instances of graffiti, with the school being tagged at least five times. Last Thursday, the individual or individuals responsible tagged over ten different locations, including areas high up that required a ladder. In many cases, the graffiti is on cement and brick surfaces and cannot be removed. At times, the language used is inappropriate. While we do our best to address this early each morning, there are occasions when students are still exposed before it can be covered or cleaned.

In addition, there have been at least five instances of bonfires on the field.

This behaviour is not representative of the Upper Lynn community. We have filed police reports and are continuing to work with the appropriate authorities.

We ask for your support. If you notice any suspicious activity on or around the school grounds, particularly in the evening or late at night, please contact the police. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping keep our school safe.

Administrative Update

As shared in our recent letter, Mr. MacLeod will be moving to Cloverley Elementary as Principal effective July 1, 2026.

We are very pleased to share that Lauren Vanderham will step into the role of Principal at Upper Lynn. Mrs. Vanderham knows the school and community well and brings a thoughtful, steady approach to her leadership. We are also excited to welcome Sarah Dawson as Vice Principal, who brings a strong background in literacy and leadership experience from Canyon Heights Elementary.

Upper Lynn is in excellent hands, and I know the school will continue to thrive under this strong leadership team.

Freezies This Friday!

The Grade 7 Grads will be selling freezies after school on Friday, May 8 at the main entrance. Stop by for a cool treat and help support our Grade 7 students. Freezies will be available for a toonie.

Code of the BEARS

We continue to see many students showing kindness, helping others, and earning BEARS Paws for positive choices throughout the school.

This week, we are extending our focus to how we speak to one another. Kind words and respectful actions matter, whether students are speaking with classmates, younger students, or staff members.

Some of our older students have needed reminders that respectful language and tone are expected when speaking with staff. Being Accountable, Respectful, and Safe includes listening to adults, accepting redirection appropriately, and using words that help build a positive school community.

We ask for your support at home in reinforcing these expectations and reminding your children about the importance of speaking kindly and respectfully to others, including staff.

PAC News

Carnival Season is Coming!

Carnival season is just around the corner, and our team has been hard at work behind the scenes preparing for this year's event on Friday, June 5th. It's shaping up to be another fantastic day for our school community, and we'll be sharing more updates in the newsletter as the date approaches.

We are currently looking for sponsors to help bring the games and rides to life. In past years, we've been incredibly grateful for the support of both local businesses and school families - your contributions truly make this event possible. Your company or family will be acknowledged on Facebook and in two ULE newsletters for your support!

Sponsorship opportunities are available at the \$100 and \$200 levels, depending on the attraction. To ensure everything is in place for the big day, please confirm your sponsorship by May 15th.

If you're interested in supporting the carnival or would like more information, please reach out to ulpaccarnival@gmail.com



Reminders

For all Track and Field Athletes

May 6th- Track Mini Meet at Sutherland Secondary
3:30-5:30pm

**all running events (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, distance events and relays)*
EVERYONE CAN ATTEND

May 12th- Track Qualifying Meet Sutherland Secondary
12:00-4:00pm

**all running events (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, distance events and relays)*
LIMITED NUMBER OF ATHLETES CAN ATTEND

**Qualifications done during practice. Coaches will update athletes on process.*

May 21st- Field Qualifying Meet at Lynn Valley Elementary
3:30-5:30pm

**long jump, triple jump, high jump, shot put*
LIMITED NUMBER OF ATHLETES CAN ATTEND

**Qualifications done during practice. Coaches will update athletes on process.*

Note - jerseys have been given out and NUMBERS / SIZES RECORDED

- If you did not get a jersey, please, see a coach or sponsor teacher.
- If you took a jersey and DID NOT RECORD the number, please, GO TO THE OFFICE and tell them your jersey size and number. Thank you!

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Lauren Vanderham
Vice-Principal