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Dear Parents:

With the late start to school and the sudden change of seasons, students have settled quickly into classes. We would like to thank parents for their speedy delivery of items on the student supply list and for the quick completion of copious forms. We know that the forms are time consuming to complete, but the information they hold is tremendously important, particularly in the case of an emergency.

Our Terry Fox Run was a very soggy event for our school on Friday. We were running for about 15 minutes in the rain, unlike Terry who ran 42 kilometers each day. If your family did not send a donation, and would still like to, we will be collecting funds for the **Terry Fox Foundation** until Wednesday. Our goal is to raise at least \$700. We will fill in the donation thermometer on Monday and hopefully watch the numbers grow to reach our target. A HUGE thank you goes out to our grade 7 students. They collected funds, set up the gym and the run route, lead the warm up and cheered on the runners. Their leadership was greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to a busy October. **Meet the Teacher** night will be on **Wednesday, October 8th**. Teachers will offer two informational sessions that cover the same content. One will begin at 6:00 and the other at 6:30. Three classes will be offering intake meetings instead of a curriculum review. Parents of children in Divisions, 8, 10 and 11 will be contacted by email regarding their meeting schedules.

Deb Wanner
Principal

Marilyn McVey
Vice Principal

PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

All students need to be dressed appropriately to play outside at recess and lunch times. Warm, waterproof boots and water proof jackets are a necessity. Please send spare, dry clothes in a bag that can be kept on your child's coat hook.

Student Photos

Photo Day will be Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

Individual, class photographs and (weather permitting) the panorama photo will be taken. Students **should not wear GREEN** shirts or shirts with patterns containing green, nor should they wear entirely WHITE shirts as a green screen is used so that parents can select desired back grounds.

This is an important notice. Please have someone translate it.

這是一份重要通告，請找人為您翻譯。

중요한 안내사항입니다. 번역을 할 수 있는 분에게 도움을 청하시기 바랍니다.

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School Organization

Division 1	Grade 7	Mrs. Patricia Laursen
Division 2	Grade 6	Ms. Karly Edmonds
Division 3	Grade 5/6	Mrs. Marilyn McVey
Division 4	Grade 5	Mrs. Sheena Montgomery & Mrs. Shannon Hungle
Division 5	Grade 4	Mrs. Carol Tallman & Mrs. Marian Baronit
Division 6	Grade 3/4	Mrs. Emma Cromack and Mrs. Alexi Constantis
Division 7	Grade 3	Mrs. Catherine Schechter & Mrs. Linda Mogensen
Division 8	Grade 2/3	Mrs. Jay Connop & Mrs. Joanne Clemente
Division 9	Grade 2	Ms. Joanne Prescott
Division 10	Grade 1/2	Mrs. Tania Watt & Mrs. Megan Obst
Division 11	Grade 1	Ms. Lisa Valleau
Division 12	K	Mrs. Ellen Tull
Division 13	K	Mrs. Lynn Blair
Librarian		Mrs. Susan Danieli
Music		Ms. Stephanie Mile
Learning Assitance		Mrs. Shannon Pantages & Mrs. Molly Longinotti
Learning Support Teachers		Mrs. Marija Bonner & Mrs. Molly Longinotti
Band & Strings		Mr. Peter Sciotte
School Counsellor		Mrs. Jane Pike
School Psychologist		Mrs. Debra Mylrae
Speech & Language Pathologist		Mrs. Lyla Rempel
Hearing Resource Teacher		Mrs. Rhena Teavendale
Administrative Assistant		Mrs. Donna Lecky
Office Assistant		Mrs. Claudia Frazer
Supervision Aide		Mrs. Suzanne Marcha
Vice Principal		Mrs. Marilyn McVey
Principal		Mrs. Deb Wanner
Education Assistants		Mrs. Jean Aitchison, Mr. Luciano Biscottini, Mrs. Sheila Bolen, Mrs. Anne Bolivar, Ms. Noreen Coffey, Ms. Jean Coyle, Mrs. Jessica Falandysz, Mrs. Marsha Jesso, Ms. Tara Klaas, Ms. Christina Martin, Mrs. Phyllis Murata, Mrs. Kathy Rothnie, Mrs. Barbara Rowland, Mrs. Anne Watson
Learning Support Worker		Ms. Viktoria Iakovleva
Custodians		Mrs. Joan Fawcett & Mr. Jun Asunio

Student Division Numbers: Most District forms, particularly those relating to student safety and release, require your child's division number. Please refer to this list and record your children's division numbers for future use!

Staff email addresses are the first initial and last name @ sd44.ca (e.g. Joe Moose jmoose@sd44.ca)

SCHOOL HOURS

Bell Schedule

8:45 am	First Bell
8:50 am	Classes Begin
10:25 - 10:45	Recess
12:05 - 12:35 pm	Play First Lunch
12:35 - 12:55	Eat Lunch
1:00	Instruction Begins
3:00 pm	Dismissal

STUDENT PLANNERS

If you haven't already done so, please be reminded to send a cheque in the amount of \$7.50 payable to Lynn Valley School to the classroom teacher for the planner. **Please note your child's name and division on the cheque.** If you have several students you may write one check to the teacher of the youngest child. Please make a note to the other teachers and be sure to put all students' names and division numbers in the memo line on the cheque.

DISMISSAL AT 3:00 pm

We ask that you arrange a specific meeting place outside the school if you are picking up your child after school. This will greatly help reduce the noise and congestion in the hallways, outside the classroom doors, and also helps to encourage your child's independence. Teachers often use the last few minutes of the day to go over important information, and a quiet atmosphere is appreciated. Please help us to set a respectful, calm tone in the hallways.

After school students are asked to report home to check-in with their parents or caregivers. ***Parents are reminded that there is NO SUPERVISION of students after 3 pm dismissal (unless involved in an organized after-school activity, sports practice, or working with their teacher). Doors to the school are often locked after school.***

CHANGES TO CONTACT INFORMATION

In May we sent home the **Student Verification Forms** to be updated. Thank you for returning the forms. If you have had any changes to your telephone numbers, addresses, emergency contact numbers or any other medical information, please send a signed note to the office with the new information. Parents of students new to Lynn Valley School are also asked to send any changes to their child's demographics to the office. Thank you!

LIBRARY NEWS!

Mrs. Danieli is thrilled to be back in the library, with many new and exciting books that she can't wait to share with you! The library opened for book exchange on Monday, September 22nd. There will be a schedule on the door with library hours for the entire school year.

Congratulations to all our Public Library Summer Readers! Lynn Valley School had the largest amount of students both sign up for the program and also complete the program. Please come into the library and see the names of all those students who finished the summer reading program this year.

If any parents are able to spend 5-10 minutes once a week in the library and **Adopt-a-shelf**, please email Mrs. Danieli at sdanieli@sd44.ca. This program involves keeping one or more shelves organized throughout the year, at your convenience and depending on the amount of time that you have to offer.

Thanks for your support, and please feel free to take books out of the library as a guest, at any time.

Mrs. Danieli is happy to share good news with you. **Our school has been adopted by Indigo Books, Park Royal.** Indigo will be helping us put books into our library. Please pass the word on to friends and relatives to check this out while shopping at Indigo, Park Royal.

Mrs. Susan Danieli
Teacher-Librarian

OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Grade 6 Students will attend Outdoor School from **Tuesday October 14th to Friday, October 17th**. Parents of grade 6 students are invited to a brief and important meeting on October 2 at 6:00 p.m. Important forms have been sent home for you to complete. This should be a wonderful opportunity for our grade 6s in both classes to connect and spend time together.

Grade 3 students attend Outdoor School from June 3 - 5, 2015.

Grade 4 Bighouse Program is May 11-12th, 2015

CALLBACK TELEPHONE NUMBER - 604-903-3620

If your child will be late or absent for school, please call the school at **604-903-3620** and follow the **prompts** (preferably before 8:20 a.m.) to leave a message on the answering machine. Your message should state your child's first and last name, and the teacher's name or division number, the length of absence and reason for the absence i.e. sick, appointment, late etc.



If your child will be away in the afternoon, we request notification before 12:50 p.m. **Please note that the answering machine for callback is available 24 hours per day.**

VOLUNTEER FORMS

Volunteers are required to complete Volunteer Application forms to volunteer in the school. We will send the forms through email to all families in October. Additionally, School District policy requires that all parents attend volunteer meeting with the principal prior to being permitted to volunteer in the school each year. These meetings will be short, and cover confidentiality requirements. The first meeting will be at 9:10 in the Library on Tuesday, October 14th. ALL parents and community members who volunteer must complete the paperwork and receive the presentation by an administrator. Additional opportunities will be posted shortly. If you are coming in to volunteer prior to that date, please see Mrs. Wanner at the office.

FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM Fruit & Veggie Consent Forms were sent home last week. Please return the completed and signed form to the teacher as soon as possible. Only those students who return their signed form will be able to participate in this program. The program provides FREE servings of fruit and vegetables that children eat in their classrooms. This exposes them to fruits and vegetables that they may not be willing to try at home! Additionally, we will receive milk for early primary students this year. These snacks are not meant to replace lunch or snacks from home, but will add to the nutritional intake of students throughout the province.

STAFF PARKING LOT- PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE STAFF PARKING LOT

For safety reasons, parents are NOT TO ENTER the staff parking lot before school, during the school day, or after school. **Please drop your children off in the designated drop-off parking areas on the surrounding streets.** The only exception is vehicles with Handicapped Parking Permits.

Thank you for your cooperation!

SAFETY PATROLLERS & THE VALET CAR PROGRAM

We would like to re-establish the Valet drop off zone in the mornings. In order to run this service we really need a parent coordinator and parent volunteers to supervise students each morning. If you are interested in volunteering one morning a week from 8:20 - 8:50, please call the school at 604-903-3620.

COURT GUARDIANSHIP, CUSTODY & ACCESS DOCUMENTS

If there has been a change in your family arrangements affecting the custody and access of parents and guardians, it is important to provide this information confidentially to the school office staff. We can only act in accordance with an official court document. Legal names for school records must be those on the child's birth certificate unless there is official documentation under the Name Act. Using a last name other than your child's legal name can have implications for school records and credits for graduation in the future.

STUDENTS OF ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY

The government is encouraging School Districts in the province to help to identify **all students who are of Aboriginal Ancestry**. A student of Aboriginal Ancestry is defined as a school-age student who has self-identified as being of Aboriginal Ancestry (First Nations, status and non-status; Métis; and Inuit). This may be a student who is a full status Aboriginal person, or any student who has Aboriginal persons in their family lineage.

Aboriginal identification must be made on a voluntary basis. If you would like to identify your child as having such lineage, please contact the office for a form to complete.

STUDENT HEALTH & MEDICAL CONCERNS

NUT AWARE SCHOOL - NUT ALLERGIES

We have a number of students who have a **life-threatening allergy to NUTS** and exposure could result in severe sickness or death. To help reduce the risk of accidental exposure, we need **your cooperation** in order to provide a safe and secure learning environment. The following are respectfully requested:

- 1. Students must not bring food to school that contains peanuts or nut products** (i.e. peanut butter, muffins/cookies with nuts, granola bars). Please read ingredients on purchased and packaged food items included in your child's lunch and snack.
2. If your child enjoys peanut/nut containing products at home, please ensure that your child adds hand washing to their routine before coming to school. Even a small amount of peanut oil or dust from a friend's hand can easily be transferred to crayons, books or playground equipment that can pose a risk for the allergic child.
- 3.
3. Discuss with your child the importance of not trading or sharing food.

The above items will also be discussed with all the students in the classroom setting along with ways to help their allergic friend stay safe.

We hope you will appreciate the seriousness of this condition and that you will assist us in our efforts to create as safe an environment as possible for all students.

Communicable Disease:

If your child contracts a communicable disease (such as Chicken Pox, Fifth disease, etc.), please inform the school office or email Mrs. Wanner (dwanner@sd44.ca) as soon as possible. We have students in the school who are immune compromised, and are at serious risk if exposed to immune suppressing infections.

Head Lice

Occasionally, throughout the year, we have reports that a student has contracted head lice. Please check your child's hair and scalp regularly for lice and/or nits. To help prevent the spread of lice, please inform the school office if your child has contracted head lice. Information on the "Treatment of Head Lice" can be found on our school website, under Student Health. Please inform the office confidentially of any lice outbreaks so that the school community can check heads and stop the infestation from spreading widely through our school community

Immunizations:

Kindergarten and grade 1 parents are reminded that school entry boosters are due if your child has not already received the immunization. **Grade 6 students will receive immunizations on December 5th and June 5th** with parent consent. All families may receive free boosters and missed inoculations by contacting the North Shore Health or our public health nurse.

Public Health Nurse:

This year our **Community Health Nurse (PHN)** is Jennifer Doherty. She can be reached at **604-505-8035**. She will help you with everything from completing missed immunizations to health concerns of any nature, and will be able to connect you with resources in the community. Another helpful source for information and support is the North Shore School Health Manual. Please see the link below:

www.vch.ca/schoolhealth/ns

If there is an emergency illness in your family, please also email Mrs. Wanner at the school dwanner@sd44.ca

STUDENTS WITH LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES - ANAPHYLAXIS

In order to plan for students with life-threatening allergies, parents of students new to the school with life-threatening allergies are asked to contact Mrs. Wanner to complete an anaphylaxis plan for their child. Parents of returning students with a life threatening allergy are asked to call Mrs. Wanner to review their child's anaphylaxis plan that is in place, and to ensure that medication stored at the school has not date expired. Students with severe allergies are **STRONGLY** advised to wear a medic-alert bracelet. For information, please see Mrs. Frazer in the office.

Medical Alerts & Medication

For students who have serious medical conditions requiring on-going medications, it is the responsibility of the parent to provide the school with information, doctor's instructions, and medication in original containers. Students with a Life Threatening Condition should wear a Medic Alert Bracelet so that he/she is easily identified should a medical emergency arise. *Student Focused Medication Management Plan & Student Focused Medication Management Parental Consent* forms are available at the office. **Please ensure that you complete the medical forms and send them with your child's medication to the school office. If we do not receive this information and medication, should a medical emergency arise, our course of action will be to call 911.**