

Upper Lynn e-News

November 13, 2023

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: November 13 to November 17, 2023

Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17
Remembrance Day				Hot Lunch Magic Lunch Box

Upcoming Dates

- Friday November 17– Hot Lunch – Magic Lunch Box
- November 20 – November 23 – Grade 6 Outdoor School
- Monday November 20 – Hot Lunch - Pizza
- Monday November 20 – ULE PAC Meeting: 7pm (Online)
- Friday November 24 – Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Week of November 27 – Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday November 27 – Hot Lunch – Sushi / Maxfruit
- Tuesday November 28 - Immunizations
- Friday December 1– Hot Lunch – Subway
- **Monday December 4 – District Wide Pro-D; Students Not in Session**
- Tuesday December 5 – Young Entrepreneur Fair; 3:30-5:30
- Thursday December 7 – In-School Band / Choir Performance
- Thursday December 7 – Poinsettia Pick-up
- Friday December 8 – Hot Lunch – Magic Lunch Box
- Monday December 11 – Hot Lunch – Cobs / TCBY
- Monday December 11 – Band / Choir Concert
- Thursday December 14 – Summary of Learning Upload
- Friday December 15 – Hot Lunch – Foodie Kids
- Monday December 18 – Hot Lunch – Pizza
- Friday December 22 – Last Day Before Winter Break

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Remembrance Day Ceremony

We wish to express our gratitude to all the students, staff, and parents who played a significant role in making our Remembrance Day assembly a meaningful and memorable event. Over 80 students participated in the Colour Guard, adding a touch of solemnity and respect to the occasion.

Both choirs made moving contributions to the ceremony, delivering performances that were both fitting and beautiful. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the classes that shared their meaningful artwork and presentations, as well as the Grade Seven students who demonstrated exceptional leadership.

A special acknowledgment goes to parents Derrick Johnstone, whose bagpipe leadership during the Colour Guard added a solemn and impactful element, and Yonjin Cho, whose piano accompaniment to the choir performances enriched the entire ceremony.

Together, your collective efforts created a truly special and touching assembly, allowing us to reflect on and honor those who sacrificed to ensure the freedoms we enjoy today. Thank you for contributing to the success of this important and meaningful event.

Poppy Donations

There is still time to make a Poppy donation at the school. Funds collected go directly toward supporting veterans, their families, and communities. The last day for collections is this Wednesday. We wanted to thank the many staff and students who contributed to our assembly this past week.

Drop-off or Parking in the Staff Parking Lot

It has been brought to our attention that there have been instances of parents dropping off their children or parking in the designated staff parking lot. While we understand parking spaces may be limited, we must stress that the staff parking area is exclusively reserved for our staff.

In the interest of the safety and well-being of all individuals on our school premises, we kindly request that parents refrain from using the staff parking lot for drop-offs or parking. Unauthorized use of this area poses potential risks and disrupts the smooth operation of staff-related activities.

To ensure a secure and organized flow of traffic, we urge parents to utilize the specified drop-off zones. Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines is crucial for the safety and security of our entire school community.

We remain committed to providing a safe environment for all, and your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

GRADE 7 BOTTLE DRIVE

Please help support this year's Grade 7 class by saving your bottles for their bottle drive which will be happening soon. If your bottles are overflowing and you must take them down to the depot, please use the grade 7 school account, 604-903-3820!

ULPAC News

Please continue to visit upperlynnpac.weebly.com and the ULE PAC Facebook page for extra information.

PAC MEETING - ZOOM - MONDAY November 20th - 7-8pm

Wednesday Nov 1- Wednesday Nov 22: HOLIDAY CHOCOLATES, POINSETTIAS and GIFTS - please feel free to forward links to friends and family

Poinsettias [click here](#).

Purdys [click here](#).

Knotty Alex [click here](#).

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts so far this year - we really appreciate your support!

Upcoming

North Shore Family Services Christmas Bureau

Boxes will be in classrooms by the end of the week until December 1st.

Please bring unwrapped, new gifts or giftcards of \$20 value to your classroom - they will be distributed to families on the North Shore who need a little extra help this holiday season.

After School Programs

What's Your Story? - Youth Acting Program 50% SOLD OUT

Dates: 10 Week Program - TUESDAYS November 14th - January 30th (November 14, 21, 28 / December 5, 12, 19 / January 9, 16, 23, 30)

Times: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Cost: \$375/ student + GST (Originally \$750, Story Institute is offering ULE families a 50% discount - and also donating 1/2 the tuition back to the school)

*Tuition Payment Schedule: 3 equal monthly payments of \$125/month plus GST.

Grades: 4-7 (Beginners welcome!) 25 spots available

NOTE: This program is only available to Grade 4-7 students currently enrolled at Upper Lynn Elementary.

Actors recreate the human experience through a series of technical analysis exercises and the organic ability to understand and experience authentic feelings as desired. This program is designed to help people of all ages reach a better understanding of self and others through various exercises and games that focus on the following key values:

- Learning to understand before you try to be understood
- Inclusivity
- The power of trying and saying "Yes" to new ideas
- Grounding your emotions
- How to convert nervous energy into excited energy

These fun and simplified games and exercises are some of the same things you would see on a show like Whose Line is it Anyway? with an added component of connecting with our emotions, understanding and converting nervous energy into something more empowering, and enhancing basic communication skills with a commitment to inclusivity, self-awareness, and a better understanding of our daily goals and simplified ways to achieve them.

Instructor: Michael Coleman

Michael is a professional actor/writer/director/educator with over 30 years experience in the film and television industry. Michael's earliest foundations involved working as a professional improviser, where he later became a judge for The Canadian Improv Games. Michael designed over 11 diploma programs for post-secondary schools and numerous short-form workshops and camps for actors around the world. Michael is the found of Story Institute and has worked on shows like Hello Kitty, Dragonball Z, X-Men, Inuyasha, Supernatural, Once Upon a Time, Stargate, and many more. His students can be seen on some of these same shows as well as Riverdale, Letterkenny, The 100, My Little Pony, The Dragon Prince, The Descendants, and several other tv shows and movies.

Registration Link: <https://storyinstitute.ca/u/e-improv/>

Questions to: michaelcoleman@storyinstitute.ca

Website: <https://storyinstitute.ca/>

Reminders

Parking in The Drop-off Zone

Upper Lynn has a population of close to 500 with limited drop-off spaces. We would like to remind parents that parking in the morning drop-off zone is not permitted. This issue has been escalating in recent weeks, causing growing frustration for parents who simply need to drop off their children. Some individuals are parking their cars and escorting their kids into the school, which leaves no available drop-off spaces. We appreciate your assistance in this. Thank you.

Healthy Eating is Important!

We encourage families to reserve candy and treats for moments outside of school hours. Through the recently launched Feeding Futures program, we offer nutritious snacks within the school premises to ensure students have access to food in case they're hungry. We kindly request that students refrain from sharing homemade food to ensure the safety of all students by respecting potential allergy concerns and avoiding conflicts at school. Please be aware that your child's teacher will reach out to you if there are any severe allergies in your child's class that require special attention. We greatly value your cooperation and consideration in upholding the standards of health and safety.

Upper Lynn Concerts

Concerts showcasing Upper Lynn's musical activities will take place on the following dates:

December 11

Band and Choir Concert

ULE gymnasium; 6:30pm

Bands and Choirs: Beginning and Continuing Bands, Primary and Intermediate Choirs

January 23

Primary Winter Concert

ULE gymnasium; Time TBD

Divisions 11-21 and Primary Choir

January 24

Intermediate Winter Concert

ULE gymnasium; Time TBD

Divisions 6-10 and Intermediate Choir

*Please note that the Winter concerts for classroom music presentations will be held in January this year. The December concert will involve only band and choir students.

Student Reporting

Your child's Student Learning Update will be made accessible on the portal in mid-December. The Ministry of Education and Childcare has produced [resources](https://bit.ly/3MySNoX) (<https://bit.ly/3MySNoX>) to help parents and caregivers understand the changes in how student progress will be shared, including an Information Package for Parents and Caregivers on Communicating Student Learning, available in eight languages, and a presentation by ministry staff on K-12 student reporting in British Columbia. For any queries, please reach out to student.reporting@gov.bc.ca.

Have a wonderful week.

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