

Upper Lynn e-News

February 4, 2024

Important Dates & Reminders for the Week of: February 05 to February 09, 2024

Monday 05	Tuesday 06	Wednesday 07	Thursday 08	Friday 09
<p>Hot Lunch Pizza</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day Orders Due</p>				<p>Hot Lunch Magic Lunch Box</p>

Upcoming Dates

- Monday February 5 – Pink Shirt Orders Due
- Monday February 5 – Hot Lunch Pizza
- Friday February 9 – Hot Lunch – Magic Lunch Box
- Saturday February 10 – Lunar New Year
- Saturday February 10 – North Vancouver Wolf Pack Game
- Monday February 12 – Hot Lunch – Sushi / Maxfruit
- Wednesday February 14 – Valentine’s Day
- Friday February 16 – District Wide Professional Development Day – **Students Not in Session**
- **Friday February 16 – Babysitting Course - Postponed**
- Monday February 19 – Family Day – School Closed
- Friday February 23 – Foodie Kids
- Monday February 26 – Hot Lunch – Cobs / TCBY
- Wednesday February 28 – Pink Shirt Day
- Wednesday February 28 – Staff Collaboration – **Students dismissed at 2:00pm**
- Friday March 1 – Hot Lunch – Subway
- Sunday March 3 – Silent Auction Week
- Monday March 4 – Hot Lunch - Well Fed
- Tuesday March 5 – K-3 Winter Concert
- Thursday March 7 – 4-5 (5/6) Winder Concert
- Friday March 8 – Magic Lunch Box

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Drop-Off

Given the size of Upper Lynn, it's surprising to find such a limited drop-off space available. This presents a logistical difficulty for those wishing to bring their children directly to the school's entrance. Despite adherence to established drop-off guidelines, the area can only service about five or six vehicles at once. These guidelines require drivers to proceed to the furthest point of the zone or close to the vehicle ahead without stopping in the zone for more than one minute.

We are encouraging families, when feasible, to consider walking or rolling to school or to adopt the "Drive to 5" strategy to alleviate congestion. The Safe Routes to School Committee is proactively collaborating with the District of North Vancouver and the North Vancouver School District to bolster safety measures in the vicinity of Upper Lynn Elementary School.

Drive to 5

"Driving to 5" is when you drive your child to within a 5-minute walk to school in the morning. This gives them a little exercise and fresh air before heading into the classroom. It also reduces vehicle congestion at the front of the school, improving pedestrian safety. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information at the map to see the best places to drop off students or park if you are Driving to 5!

Used Sports Equipment

We are on the lookout for contributions of lightly used sports balls. In particular, we need soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, and rubber balls of medium size. These items will be put to good use as outdoor equipment. If your home has any of these items in good condition that you no longer need, we would be very thankful if you could donate them to Upper Lynn. Kindly drop off any sports balls you wish to donate at the office. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Tripleball Games are Starting

The Grade 6 & 7 boys and girls are kicking off their tripleball matches this week! The boys will be taking to the court on Mondays, while the girls will play on Tuesdays. The complete schedule for this year's games is available [here](https://bit.ly/42oV4tc). (<https://bit.ly/42oV4tc>).

Wheelie Shoes at School

While wheelie shoes can be a fun and exciting way for children to zip around, we must remember that our school is a bustling environment filled with active learners and educators. The corridors and playgrounds are often crowded and always in motion. In such a setting, wheelie shoes can pose a significant risk to both the wearer and those around them, potentially leading to accidents and injuries.

Therefore, we would like to remind everyone that wheelie shoes are considered under the same category as other wheeled equipment on school grounds, such as skateboards, bicycles, and scooters, and are not permitted for use within the school premises.

To ensure a safe and distraction-free environment for all, we kindly request that students leave their wheelie shoes at home or refrain from using the wheel function while at school. We encourage students to wear appropriate and secure footwear that supports their safety and the well-being of our school community.

We understand that children love to express themselves through their personal style, and we fully support their individuality. However, our top priority must always be the safety of our students. The cooperation of every family is important in maintaining a secure environment.

PAC News

Thank You!

A big thank you to Giselle Clarke-Trenaman from Presentation House Theatre for her excellent presentations at ULE on Friday Jan 26 and Monday Jan 29 as a kick off to Black History Month.

Black History Month

Our sixth annual Black History Month poster and door competition is underway. This year, the theme is "Change Makers". There are prizes to be won including 3 best designs printed on t-shirts, and a gift card to Kids Books for the best classroom door. Posters need to be the size of regular printer paper (if they are bigger than that, they cannot be scanned onto t-shirts).

PAC Meeting

Thank you to everyone for attending the PAC meeting on Monday. We especially loved input from the students.

As discussed, there are a number of exec members stepping down at the end of this school year due to external commitments. If you (mums AND dads) are interested individually, or with a group of your parent friends, in becoming more involved at our wonderful school, options include: Chair/Co-Chair, Co-Secretary, District PAC rep, Communications, Hotlunch and Silent Auction.

We will not be scary PAC parents chasing you down and forcing you to volunteer! If you are interested, send an email to upperlynnpac@gmail.com or come find one of us to learn more. The PAC is in great shape and is ready for some new faces and ideas. You can fill the rolls in ways that work best for you and your schedule. It does not have to look the same as it does now :).

The Card Project

Still a couple more days to register your child(ren) at www.thecardproject.ca to give consent for your child(ren)'s art and name(s) to be released.

Wolf Pack Hockey Game

GET YOUR TICKETS!! Saturday Feb 10, puck drop at 7pm - North Van Wolf Pack Hockey Game @ Harry Jerome [UPPER LYNN NIGHT \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPPERLYNNNIGHT)

Tickets at: www.northvanwolfpack.com Add UPPER LYNN as the promo code at checkout. ULE choir will be singing the national anthem.

MARCH 2024: ULE Silent Auction - Looking for New Committee Members!

In 2021, we took Upper Lynn's Silent Auction from an in-person event to a very successful virtual event, raising between \$15,000-\$19,000 each year for PAC led initiatives. Our team is aging out and our kids will be saying farewell to ULE sooner than we'd like. In order to have a smooth transition, we are looking for new team members to shadow the current team. We look forward to training anyone that is interested, and bringing them into the mix as we currently prepare for go-live on March 1st.

Preparation for this event takes place over the course of 1-2 months, where you will take part in weekly short team meetings, prepare and send letters to potential donors & sponsors, arrange pick up or delivery of items, load auction donations onto the 32auctions.com platform, and arrange winner pick up day. It's a very rewarding project to work on with an awesome team environment of fellow ULE parents.

Please feel free to reach out to use at ulpacfundraising@gmail.com - we are more than happy to answer any questions.

Jaco, Christie, and Yasi - ULE Silent Auction Committee

BABYSITTING COURSE

Due to a misunderstanding, the vendor for the babysitting course double booked our original date and are therefore unable to facilitate the course in February. A new date will be available in May.

Please go to the [Upper Lynn Elementary Parent Advisory Council - Home \(weebly.com\)](https://www.weebly.com) for more information about the PAC.

Reminders

Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey (SLS), administered annually by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, is open to students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents/guardians, and staff and administrators in B.C. public schools. The survey covers a range of topics, providing a comprehensive picture of the educational experience in B.C. public schools and valuable insight for addressing current needs and trends.

Parents/guardians are invited to participate in the survey, available in English, French and additional languages, until Saturday, April 29. Information about the survey, including a survey link is available on the [Student Learning Survey](#) web page.

Tim MacLeod
Principal

Lise Grendel
Vice-Principal

2024

6TH ANNUAL POSTER COMPETITION

3 DESIGNS PRINTED ON
T-SHIRTS

**Black
His/Her
Story
Month**

Hand in by
THURSDAY
FEB 29TH

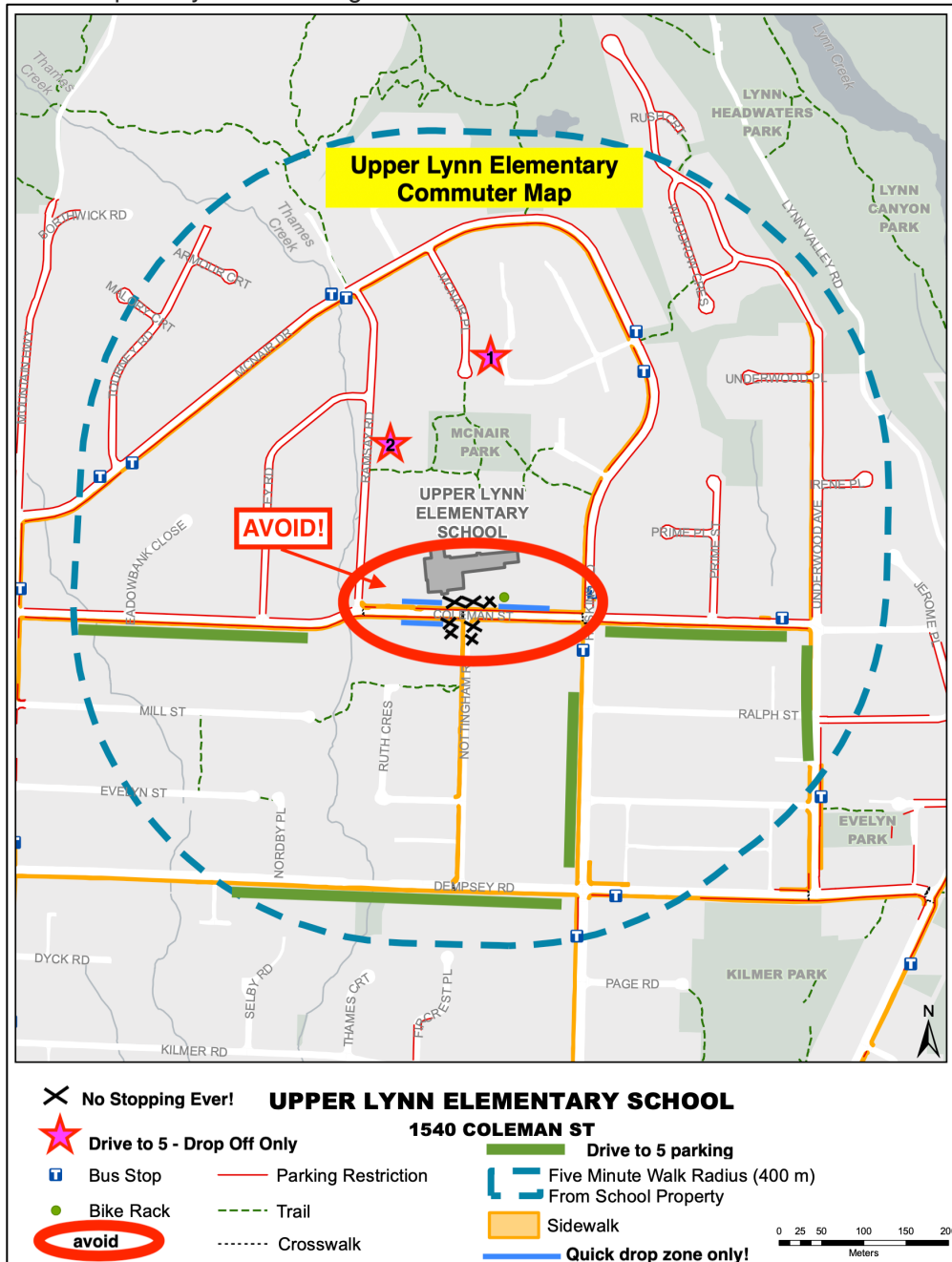
CHANGE MAKERS

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DESIGNS!
(NO BIGGER THAN PRINTER SIZE PAPER)

GIFT CARD FOR THE BEST CLASSROOM DOOR

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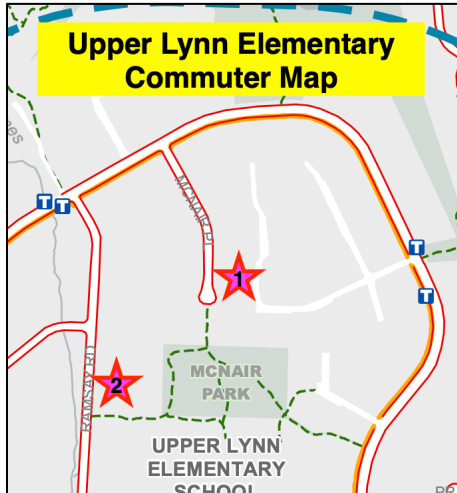


Remember:

- The goal is to **avoid** the front of the school (**red oval**).
- **Green parking zones** (on the map) have sidewalks and crosswalks all the way to school; park and walk with your child or drop them off to walk independently.
- **Pink stars** show trail heads where you can drop your child to walk the rest of the way to school (see below for more info), no parking here!
- If you must, **blue zone** is a **quick drop only**. Be mindful not to stop in the **black X** areas ever.

Want a little walk through the forest on your way to class?

Try these DNV trails leading straight to the school grounds, which is a familiar place for all students in grade 1 and up! These are drop-off only, as parking is generally restricted north of Coleman, but you can teach your child to walk with siblings/ friends.



#1 - Trail head off McNair Place between #4645 & #4638.



#2 - Trail head on Ramsay, between #4604 & #4592.

Please reach out if you have any questions or want to share ideas on how we can reduce traffic in front of the school and make it safer for everyone!

Upper Lynn Traffic Safety and Active Transportation Committee
ulpactrafficsafety@gmail.com

THE NORTH VANCOUVER WOLF PACK INVITES YOU FOR

SCHOOL NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

50% OF TICKET SALES BENEFIT YOUR SCHOOL
ENTER PROMO CODE **UPPER LYNN** AT CHECKOUT

SING O CANADA!

SOME LUCKY STUDENTS WILL GET A LOCKER ROOM TOUR!
COME CHEER THE TEAM TO VICTORY WITH YOUR FRIENDS!



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