



# Lynn Valley School News

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Welcome Back Everyone!

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year, and hope that 2012 brings continued blessings to our school community. The students have settled back into the routines of school and many exciting events and activities are under way.

On Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be having an assembly at 1:30. We will focus on Family Literacy Day, Chinese New Year, and our January Virtue, *Self-Discipline*. Our Student Council is up and running with student reps from grades 3-7. Thanks to teacher sponsors, Mrs. McVey and Mrs. Clemente. Also, our Grade 6 & 7 Boys' and Girls' volleyball teams are formed and practicing. Thanks to our coaches: Miss Hudson, Mrs. Mont and Mrs. Bryant, as well as game sponsors, Mrs. Hope and Mrs. Danieli.

Thank you to parents and our active PAC for your on-going support of our school!

Fond Regards, Deb Wanner and Marilyn McVey, Principal and Vice Principal

**Curriculum Implementation Day  
Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – School is not in session.**

**Please advise your child's caregivers.**

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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# Lynn Valley Elementary School

## REGISTRATION & TRANSFER DATES for the 2012 - 2013 School Year



November 7, 2011	Registration begins for new kindergarten students.
December 16, 2011	Deadline for priority placement consideration of registrations for Kindergarten Registration.
January 23- March 9, 2012	Registration & Transfer requests for Grades 1 to 12
January 25, 2012	LFI Parent Information Meeting, 7 pm at LMCC

## MITTEN TREE & DONATIONS OF FOOD

Thanks to our students and their families for your generous support of the Mitten Tree and donations of non-perishable food items. Many boxes of food, gloves, mittens, hats and scarfs were picked up by The Salvation Army who distributed them to those in need in the community.

## Scholastic Book Fair



Thanks to all students, parents, and staff for your support of our book fair. The enthusiasm for books and reading was really evident throughout the entire week. A special thanks to the following parents for your help: Wendy Tse, Erika Koedood, Mahshid Ghoddossy, Lily Hojabry, Kridty Tafel, Dave and Linda Muir, Amanda Duncan, Iveta Mentipty, Tracey Burgess, Laura McIntyre, Ardath Poxton Mann, Janice Rukavina, Jeanette Duey and Diana Clark.

The link to the library blog is:

[http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger\\_id=354314](http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger_id=354314)

## CHRISTMAS & BAND CONCERTS

Our students performed well at both the Christmas Concerts and the Band Concerts. We would like to thank parents for their support and help with the concerts and for your help and support throughout the year.

## DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Now that the cold winter weather has arrived, please ensure that your child is equipped with warm, waterproof clothing. A warm waterproof jacket, hat, gloves, boots, umbrella etc.

Students are outside at recess and usually at lunch as well. Also, in the event of an emergency we may need to spend time outside, so it is important that your child be dressed in warm clothing.

## Winter Weather!

All schools in the North Vancouver School District will remain OPEN if at all possible during winter weather, including snowfalls. **Any district-wide closure will be decided by 6 am** at the latest and will be announced through the media. If weather conditions are questionable, announcements will also be made to say that schools are open.

Information about any district-wide closures will be sent to Metro Vancouver radio and television stations. Please check the following stations for school closure information:

CBC AM 690 radio

BCTV

CHQM FM 103.5 radio

CBC TV

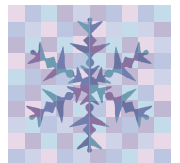
CKNW AM 980 radio

City TV

Fairchild AM 1470 radio

CTV BC

News AM 1130 radio



You can also log on to the School District website at: [nv44.bc.ca](http://nv44.bc.ca)

Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g., power outages) will be posted on the School Districts website at [www.nv44.bc.ca](http://www.nv44.bc.ca). The NVSD will use the SchoolConnects system to contact parents in the event of an Emergency Release of students during the school day.

*Please do not call the school to see if it is open.  
If the school is closed, the phone may not be answered*

## CALENDAR 2011-2012

Monday, January 16, 2012	District non-instructional day (Curriculum Implementation)
Friday, February 24, 2012	District non-instructional day
March 12 to 23, 2012	Spring vacation period
Monday, March 26, 2012	Schools reopen after Spring vacation
Friday, April 6, 2012	Good Friday Statutory Holiday
Monday, April 9, 2012	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday
Friday, May 4, 2012	District non-instructional day
Monday, May 21, 2012	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday
Thursday, June 28, 2012	School Based Professional Day
Friday, June 29, 2012	Administrative Day
Friday, June 29, 2012	Schools Close for Summer Vacation

## CHILDREN IN DAYCARE

Please be reminded to inform your child's Daycare or Caregiver if your child is ill and will not be at school. Also, please be sure to advise them of any changes to your regular pick-up schedule. Daycare is responsible for their charges at 3 pm. There have been many occasions where daycare and the school are looking for a child afterschool only to find out that the parent had made alternate plans and not informed the daycare.

## STUDENT WASHROOMS

We are concerned that we have had a number of instances of Fruit of the Loom boys size medium boxer shorts left in the washroom. If your child's supply of briefs has become depleted, please contact the school.

## Thank you to Maple Leaf Nursery

We would like to thank Maple Leaf Nursery for their generous donations of seed packets.

Teachers and staff plan to use them for various projects throughout the year.

## LICE

We have started the New year with some unwanted guests to our school. In the first two weeks of school, there have been lice infestations in several classes. Lice can infest anyone! Unfortunately, there is quite a lot of work required to effectively eliminate lice. Lice are small insects that lay eggs call nits in people's hair. The nits look like small sesame seeds. You can determine the difference between flakes of dandruff, or hair gel, from nits by flicking on them. Nits will not be knocked off a strand of hair; they need to be pulled all the way down the strand of hair and can be removed that way. They should be disposed of in a sealed plastic bag, or flushed down the toilet.

If your child has nits or lice, please treat them with a lice shampoo that can be purchased at any pharmacy, and remove all nits from the hair, by coating the hair with conditioner or crème rinse and combing the nits out. Please also wash and dry in a HOT drier: all bedding (including pillows, sheets and covers), hats, jackets, hoodies, stuffies and any items that have been on or near the hair. Hairbrushes and combs also need to be cleaned and sanitized. Soft furniture and carpets where children lie or play, should be vacuumed and can be treated with insect spray.

**We are asking that ALL families check their children's hair daily.** Please inform the school if you find any nits or lice, and treat infestations appropriately. If the whole community is diligent we can stop this cycle. We further request that you tie up all long hair, and remind your children NEVER to swap or share clothing items that go over the head, hats, as well as hairbands and other items worn in the hair.

## VALET

Thanks to Yvonne Strilchuck, our parent trainer and coordinator, and the student volunteers, our Valet Program is up and running. If you are dropping off your children, we request that you use the service rather than trying to go around it. Several parents are stopping in no stopping zones and many continue to pull into the staff parking lot. The valets will quickly open the doors to allow students a quick and safe access to the school. Please remind your children not to exit on the street side of the car, but to scoot over and exit on the sidewalk side.

## BIKES & SKATEBOARDS

We encourage students to ride their bikes to school. *We are very concerned that we are seeing many children riding their bikes and skateboards without proper helmets.* Please remind your children that once they get onto the school property they are to get off their bike, scooter or skateboard and walk it to the appropriate storage location.

## FSAs

The Foundations Skills Assessment Tests (FSAs) are given each year to all children in grades 4 and 7. These are BC Ministry mandated tests that assess all students in BC in the areas of Reading, Numeracy and Writing. Content of the tests reflect the learning outcomes in the provincial curriculum documents. The tests will be administered throughout the province to all students except those with Ministry Approved exemptions. The only students who can be exempted are those with documentation and an IEP. All students in attendance during the testing period will write the tests.

A detailed schedule of the test administration will be provided to the parents of students in grade 4 and 7 later next week.

If you have questions regarding the FSAs please feel free to contact Mrs. McVey or Mrs. Wanner at the school. Our students generally perform very well on these tests.



We have teamed up with a new local fundraising organization this spring to bring delicious, high-quality frozen foods to your homes, while helping to raise money for the many causes our PAC supports. When you place an order online at [www.fundraisingstars.ca](http://www.fundraisingstars.ca), Fundraising Stars will donate 20% of that purchase to our school, and hand deliver your order to your home in the following days. Their competitively priced line of food features an array of superb frozen meat products like tender Filet Mignons, Chilean Babyback Ribs and Free Range Chicken Breasts as well as some prepared options like Chicken Pot Pie and Cinnamon Rolls. All the foods are frozen per portion and most are cryovaced individually to make defrosting a cinch.

Think of it as buying some of your groceries online, having them delivered directly to your home, and passing along up to 20% of the sale to your favourite cause, Lynn Valley Elementary School.

<https://fundraisingstars.ca/organizations/lynn-valley-elementary-school>

