



# Lynn Valley School News

September 2011

Dear Parents:

With the excitement of the new school year, many children are arriving at school very early. Parents are reminded that there is **no supervision on the playground prior to the start of school, or after school at the end of the day.** Please help your child to arrive at school on time, but not far in advance of the warning bell that rings at 8:45 am. Your kindergarten teacher will have explained their routines for the classroom for entrance and pick up. We are encouraging all students to enter the school through the door closest to their classroom to ease some of the congestion in the halls.

As Fall will soon be approaching, we remind parents that students **must always** come to school with appropriate weatherproof clothing and foot-ware to be outside. All students are expected to play outside at recess. Students may also be outside for classroom PE, and in the event of an emergency, or emergency drill at the school. Fall weather can change very quickly and occasionally provides us with unexpected bouts of rain.

For the remainder of the year, newsletters will usually be emailed to parents on the last Friday of the month. If, for some reason, you do not have access to a computer or the internet, a few paper copies of the newsletter will be available at the office.

We look forward to getting to know everyone. All the best for a happy and successful school year!

Deb Wanner  
Principal

Marilyn McVey  
Vice Principal

## PAC MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please note that the date of the first PAC meeting for the 2011 - 2012 has been changed to Thursday, September 15<sup>h</sup> at 7 pm in the Library. All parents are welcome and child-minding is available.

## Student Photos

Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, September 14, 2011.**

Students should not wear white or light coloured clothing.

## Professional Day - September 30, 2011

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** is a Professional Day at Lynn Valley School.

Students **do not attend** school on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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 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

Please arrange for a meeting place for your child, or family, outside the school, at the end of the day. There is NO supervision of students outside after 3:00.

## COMPLETION OF EMERGENCY FORMS

Please be reminded that Student Form Envelopes were due back at the school by September 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to those who have returned your envelopes. If you have not yet returned your forms, please return them to the office as soon as possible. These forms are a very important part of our Emergency Preparedness Preparations should we need to evacuate the building in the event of an emergency.

If you have difficulty obtaining the "Alternate Guardians" signatures on the *Student Release* form, please do not hold on to the forms. It is often difficult to obtain the signatures, but please ensure that the Alternate Guardians know that you have appointed them as guardians and that they are aware of their responsibilities in the event of an evacuation.

Please ensure that you complete the parent email on the bottom of page 1 of the Student Verification form as our newsletters are sent home by email. We would appreciate having an email address for both parents.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in returning the forms in a timely manner.

## 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.

# Lynn Valley Elementary School

## Staff List 2011- 2012



<i>Division</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Room</i>
1	Ms. Cynthia Hudson	7	201
2	Mr. Mike Cregan	6/7	202
3	Mrs. Marilyn McVey / Mrs. Wanner	6	204
4	Ms. Bernice Soleway	5	205
5	Mrs. Pam Hope / Ms. Lisa Niven	4/5	203
6	Mrs. Carol Tallman / Mrs. Marian Baronit	3/4	Portable
7	Ms. Catherine Schechter / Ms. Sheena Montgomery	3	206
8	Mrs. Joanne Clemente / Mrs. Linda Mogensen	2/3	101
9	Ms. Joanne Prescott	2	103
10	Mrs. Megan Obst / Mrs. Tania Watt	1	207
11	Ms. Lisa Valleau	1	104
12	Mrs. Ellen Tull	K	106
13	Mrs. Lynn Blair	K	102

Principal	Mrs. Deb Wanner
Vice Principal	Mrs. Marilyn McVey
Library	Mrs. Susan Danieli
E.S.L.	Mrs. Susan Danieli
LAC	Mrs. Diane Bryant
Learning Res. Teacher	Ms. Marija Bonner
Music / Band	Mr. David Bradshaw
Counsellor	Ms. Eleanore Elton
Psychologist	Mrs. Selena Chong
Speech Pathologist	Ms. Lyla Rempel
Vision Support Teacher	Ms. Jennifer Jesso
Hearing Support Teacher	Ms. Maureen Clarke/Ms. Rhena Tevendale
Admin. Assistant	Mrs. Donna Lecky
Elementary Office Assist.	Mrs. Claudia Frazer
LSW	Ms. Viktoria Iakovleva

### ***Special Education Aides***

Ms. Gret Alber	Mrs. Chris Beveridge	Mrs. Jane Beveridge	Ms. Ashley Coe
Mrs. Dale Ridington	Mrs. Marsha Jesso	Ms. Natalie Philp	Ms. Caryn Arman
Mrs. Kathy Rothnie	Mrs. Anne Watson	Mr. Rytch Newmiller	Mrs. Dale Ridington

***Supervision Aide:*** Ms. Kelly Martin

### **Custodians:**

Day Mr. Laurence Magtoto Evenings: Wade Bjarnason

## **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.

### **MEDICAL ALERTS**

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 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.**

## **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 do not bring food to school that contain 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. 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. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call the school office, or contact Community Health at 604 983-6700.

### ***Communicable Diseases***

If your child contracts a communicable disease, please inform the school office 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.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

This year our Community Health Nurse (PHN) is Suzanne Holynaty. Services to children and youth in schools are provided by a number of professionals in public health. The PHN works to promote health and wellness, prevent disease and injury, assist children and youth who are in need or at risk and support those who have health concerns. For any questions, please call the On-Call nurse at 604-983-6700. (Please note that the school nurse works at the Vancouver Coastal Health office and does not have an office or regular hours at the school.)

## Immunizations

Kindergarten and grade 1 parents are reminded that school entry boosters are due if your child has not already received the immunization.

## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SERVICES

As one of the Speech and Language Pathologists with the North Vancouver School District, Lyle Rempel works in conjunction with classroom teachers to assess and implement programs for children with a range of communication difficulties. She will be at Lynn Valley once per week.

If you would like to talk with her about any aspect of your child's speech or language development as the year progresses, please leave a message for her at the school office.

Lyla Rempel, M.Sc., SLP(C)

## STAFF PARKING LOT- *PLEASE DO NOT TO ENTER THE STAFF PARKING LOT.*

For safety reasons, parents are requested **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 a Handicap Parking Permit.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

## 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.***



## **CALLBACK TELEPHONE NUMBER - 604-903-3623**

If your child will be late or absent for school, please call the school at **604-903-3623** (preferably before 8:20 am.) 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 and the reason for the absence ie. 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.

### **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.

## **PAC MEETING DATES 2011 - 2012**

September 15, Thursday  
October 12, Wednesday  
November 9, Wednesday  
January 11, Wednesday  
February 8, Wednesday  
March 7, Wednesday  
April 11, Wednesday  
May 9, Wednesday                      Elections  
June 13, Wednesday

All parents of students who attend Lynn Valley School are welcome and encouraged to come to the PAC meetings. When you have a child at school you are automatically a member of the PAC.

### **FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM**

The Fruit & Veggie Program is up and running. We will be distributing blueberries this week. Your child will be bringing home a Fruit & Veggie Permission Form this 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.

# CALENDAR 2011 - 2012

September 6	School Opens
September 24	PAC Parent Social (Lynn Valley Legion)
September 28	Terry Fox Run
September 30	School Based Professional Day
October 4	District Wide Child Abuse Training, Students dismissed at 1:45 pm
October 10	Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday
October 15	PAC Pumpkin Patch
October 19	Grade 6 Immunizations
October 21	Province-Wide Non-Instructional Day
October 31	Monster Mash
November 6	Clocks back one hour
Nov. 7 - 22	Tennis Lessons
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am
November 11	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday
November 14 - 18	Outdoor School, Grade 6
November 24	PAC Movie Night
November 25	Report Cards home
November 28 - 30	Parent Teacher Interviews, 1:50 Dismissal
November 28—December 1	Book Fair
December 2	Christmas Shopping Day at Lynn Valley School
December 7	Band Concert, 7 pm
December 13	Primary Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm
December 14	Intermediate Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm
December 19 to January 2	Winter Vacation Period
January 3	School reopens after Winter Vacation
January 16	District Non-Instructional Day (Curriculum Implementation)
February 2	Internet Safety Presentation for Parents, 7 pm
February 22	Kiwanis Jazz Festival, TBA
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February 23	PAC Family Costume Ball
February 24	District Non-Instructional Day
February 29	Anti-Bullying Day - Pink Shirt Day
March 3	PAC Spring Social - Lynn Valley Legion
March 5	Report Cards home
March 6 & 7	Parent Teacher Interviews, 1:50 Dismissal
March 6 & 7	Curriculum Display in gym
March 8 & 9	District Band & Strings Festival
March 11	Clocks ahead one hour
March 12 to 23	Spring Vacation
March 26	School reopens after Spring Vacation
April 2 - 5	Rabbit Relay
April 6	Good Friday Statutory Holiday
April 9	Easter Monday Statutory Holiday
April 11 - 13	Outdoor School - Grade 3
April 12 & 13	Choral Festival
April 18	Zone Band Concert @ Argyle, 7 pm
April 25	Kiwanis Band Festival

May 4	District Non-instructional Day
May 9	Grade 6 Immunizations
May 15	Handsworth Track Meet, 12 - 4
May 18	Sports Day, 12:30 Dismissal
May 21	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday
May 23	School Band Concert, 2:15 pm Band Concert, 6:30 pm
May 29	Volunteer Tea, 12:15 pm
June 5	Swangard Track & Field Finals
June 11 & 12	Bighouse - Grade 4
June 26	Grade 7 Farewell Assembly
June 27	Report Cards issued & Students dismissed for Summer Vacation, 10:25 am
June 28	School Based Professional Day
June 29	Administrative Day
June 29	School Closed for Summer Vacation