Lynn Valley School News

September 2011

Dear Parents:

September has sped by us. The month has been busy with children settling into classes and routines. This month, we talked about the Virtue of Acceptance. Lynn Valley students accepted the challenge to raise $1000 for Terry Fox. Our grade seven students lead this challenge, under the leadership of Miss Hudson, with daily reminders and a wonderfully prepared student lead assembly on September 27th. The assembly taught our students about the life and challenges of Terry Fox and the many values he espoused and upheld. Grade 7s also lead the Terry Fox Run on September 28th. We would like to thank all of the Lynn Valley School families who donated generously towards our goal. A total of $1248.76 was raised! All funds will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

On September 29th, students were entertained by *Dream Rider Theatre* who performed a comical play entitled "Zero Heroes." The play taught the students about the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling as well as about energy consumption. A "zero hero" is a person who works to produce no garbage by composting, recycling and making wise choices about purchases and packaging. The play was packed with good information and a comedic element. We would like to thank both North Shore Recycling, and Dream Rider Theatre for their sponsorship of this play.

Deb Wanner
Principal

Marilyn McVey
Vice Principal

Student Photo Order Envelopes are due at the school on October 5th.
We are not able to accept late orders at the school.

Student Photo Retakes – November 2nd

If your child was absent for the original portraits, or if you have chosen not to order from the previous previews, you will have a second opportunity to have your child's portrait taken on Wednesday, November 2, 2011.

Your child does not need a special Photo Order Envelope for this photo session. In order to get a retake photo taken, please bring back your first preview order form and mark RETAKE across the front of the envelope to avoid confusion and hand this to the photographer for a retake photo. New photo order envelopes with preview prints will be returned to the school in 7 – 10 days.

Students should not wear white or light coloured clothing.

Reminder - October 4th Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm

Please be reminded that all students in the North Vancouver School District will be having an early dismissal on Tuesday, October 4th at 1:45 p.m.
so that staff members can participate in Child Abuse Protocol training.

Please Dress for the Weather

Fall weather is changeable. Students should always have appropriate outer-wear for inclement weather. Please check weather forecasts and ensure that your child has a waterproof coat, boots and umbrella on days when it may rain.

In an emergency we could be outside for several hours!

COMPLETION OF EMERGENCY FORMS

Please be reminded that Student Form Envelopes were due back at the school by September 16th. There are still some outstanding packages to be returned. If you haven't already done so, please return your child's package ASAP!.

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.

STUDENT TEACHERS AT LYNN VALLEY

Starting in October, we will be welcoming three student teachers from SFU to Lynn Valley School. Assigned to Lynn Valley School are: Alison Hudson, Jennifer Laleune, and Shannon Paton. Each will be assigned to either: Miss Hudson, Miss Valleau, or Mrs. Schechter's class.

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESSES

Newsletters and notices are emailed to parents email addresses. Each time a newsletter or notice is emailed home we receive a report that tells us which emails were successful. With our last few notices we have seen emails rejected that were not previously rejected. When supplying us with an email address, we would really appreciate an email address that you regularly check and one that will not be changed.

DISMISSAL AT 3 PM

We would like to remind parents that there is no supervision of students after 3 pm. Please ensure that you have made arrangements for your child when they are dismissed. We have had a number of complaints from parents that there are students climbing on top of the containers on the east side of the school by the field. Please remind your children that this is extremely dangerous and they are not to be on top of the containers.

The phones in the office are for emergency use only. With over 300 students we do not allow students to use the phone to make after-school play dates. Arrangements for play dates need to be made the day ahead from home with parents' approval.

Thank you for your understanding.

Harvest Project Donations

On Monday, October 10th the school will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. This is a time when we have so much to be thankful for. In alignment with our virtue of Gratitude, we will be collecting donations of goods for the North Shore Harvest Project from October 3rd – 7th. Boxes will be placed in each classroom for the donation of non-perishable food items, baby goods, and toiletry items.

Please send all donations to school prior to noon on **Friday, October 7th**. The following is a list of items desperately needed:

- Canned meat and fish (salmon, tuna)
- Peanut butter and jam
- Tinned soups, baked beans, and pasta, and pasta sauce
- Juice (family size and juice boxes)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, sauces, etc.)
- Cookies, crackers, granola bars and dried fruit
- Soaps and shampoos
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Toilet paper, paper towels and tissues
- Baby food and dry formula
- Baby diapers and baby wipes
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The Great BC Shake Out

On Thursday, October 20th schools, businesses and community service sites will take part in the Great BC Shake Out at 10:20 a.m. This is a province wide earthquake drill. Students will be doing a Drop, Cover and Hold-On Drill. This is just a normal, school based drill. **There is no student release.** Families are reminded to schedule emergency drills at home so that family members have a confirmed meeting place.

HOT LUNCH ORDERS

If you have missed the deadline for ordering Pizza Lunch on October 3rd, you may still go on-line to order for future hot lunch days. Please refer to our previous notices emailed home for further information. If you have any questions, please email the Hot Lunch Coordinators Nicole Eskes at nicole.eskes@gmail.com or Yvonne Strilchuk at Yvonnest@shaw.ca.

Kindergarten Registration for 2012/2013

Kindergarten registration for the 2012/2013 school year begins at the Central Registration Office from November 7, 2011 – December 16, 2011

Where: Central Registration Office: 2132 Hamilton Avenue

What to bring:
Child's original birth certificate (Canada) or original proof of citizenship
Proof of current residence (Hydro bill, purchase or rental agreement)

Learn more about our Kindergarten programs at the:
Kindergarten Information Meeting for Parents
7 p.m. October 19, 2011
Lucas Centre (2132 Hamilton Avenue).

For more information visit: www.nvsd44.bc.ca

Student Registration
2012 – 2013 School Year

These procedures for registration and transfer requests are in effect for the 2012/2013 school year. These procedures are consistent with the North Vancouver School District Policy 605: Admissions of Students to Schools. Please refer to www.nvsd44.bc.ca for more information.

Priorities for student placement are dependent upon place of residence as well as meeting registration and transfer deadlines. Please refer to School Catchment Areas to determine the school catchment area for your place of residence.

The following dates are in effect for the 2012/2013 school year.

October 19, 2011	Kindergarten Parent Information session held at Lucas Gym, 7-9 p.m.
November 7, 2011	Registration begins for new kindergarten students
December 16, 2011	Deadline for priority placement consideration for New Registrations, Kindergarten – Grade 12
January 23, 2012	Registration and transfer requests for grades 1- 12 begins
January 25, 2012	LFI Parent Information Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at LMCC
March 9, 2012	Deadline for priority placement consideration for New Registrations, Grade 1 – Grade 12 and Transfer Requests

CALENDAR 2011 - 2012

October 4	District Wide Child Abuse Training, ***Students dismissed at 1:45 pm***
October 10	Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday (School Closed)
October 15	PAC Pumpkin Patch
October 19	Grade 6 Immunizations
October 20	Earthquake Drill at 10:20 (students stay at school)
October 21	Province-Wide Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)
October 31	Monster Mash
November 2	Photo Retake Day
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 22	Kindergarten 2012-13 Parent Tour, Library, 9:30 am
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