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Dear Parents,

The festive season is already in full swing here at Lynn Valley. Can you believe that there are only three weeks of school remaining before the winter break? Students and staff are working hard to prepare for the Winter Concerts which are coming up on Tuesday, December 13th (primary classes) and Wednesday, December 14th (Intermediate classes). More information about these evening concerts will be sent home early next week.

Donations of gently used gift items are still being accepted for the Christmas Thrift Store. Please bring articles such as books, mugs, nick nacks, unopened bath salts or teas, and other small gifts to the school when you are dropping off your children in the morning. PAC volunteers will be on hand to collect the items. We also need donations of gift bags, wrapping paper, tape, and ribbons.

On Friday, December 2nd, children will have a chance to shop at the Christmas Thrift Store to find special gifts for family members. Thanks to the PAC for organizing this exciting activity for us!

Once again this year, our school will create a Mitten Tree. The collection of new mittens, toques, scarfs and socks will be collected starting on December 5th. The clothing collected will be donated to needy families and the homeless. There will also be boxes under the tree to collect dry good/ toiletries, etc. for the Harvest Project.

Don't forget the Band Concert, coming up Wednesday, December 7th here at Lynn Valley. Band students are practicing some special numbers to perform. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Finally, Mrs. McVey and I would like to wish all Lynn Valley families a lovely Christmas holiday. Enjoy your break, and best wishes to you all!

**Monday November 28th to Wednesday, November 30th students will be dismissed at 1:50 pm.**

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

This is an important notice. Please have someone translate it.

這是一份重要通告，請找人爲您翻譯。

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

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| 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 |

## Scholastic Book Fair

Lynn Valley School will be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair on November 28 (at noon and afterschool only on the 28th), November 29th, November 30th and December 1st, before school, lunch, and afterschool until 5 pm . Funds raised will go towards the purchase of books for the library.

If you are able to help at the book fair, I need parent volunteers before school, at lunch and after school beginning Monday at lunch and ending Friday morning during the week of Nov. 28th -Dec. 2nd. Please see Mrs. Danieli in the library to sign up or email sdanieli@nvsd44.bc.ca. Thanks for your support!

## 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 will be dressed in warm clothing.

## CALENDAR 2011

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| **November 28 – 30** | **Early Dismissal 1:50 pm** |
| November 28—December 1 | Book Fair |
| December 2 | Christmas Shopping Day at Lynn Valley School |
| December 7 | Band Concert, 7 pm |
| December 13 | Primary Concert, 6:30 pm |
| December 14 | Intermediate Concert, 6:30 pm |
| December 19 to January 2 | Winter Vacation Period |
| January 3 | School reopens after Winter Vacation |

The School Board has approved a 2 week Spring Break in the 2012-2013 School Year.
March 18 – 28, 2013

## 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:

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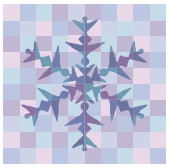
| CBC AM 690 radio | BCTV |
| CHQM FM 103.5 radio | CBC TV |
| CKNW AM 980 radio | City TV |
| Fairchild AM 1470 radio | CTV BC |
| News AM 1130 radio | |



You can also log on to the School District website at: **nvsd44.bc.ca**

Individual school closures due to unique circumstances (e.g., power outages) will be posted on the School Districts website at www.nvsd44.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

## EARLY DISMISSAL & REPORTING /ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

**From Monday November 28th to Wednesday, November 30th students will be dismissed at 1:50**. This was originally scheduled for formal parent-teacher conferences. This year, teachers will be scheduling their own informal parent meetings for the duration of the hours of early dismissal.

If you wish to arrange a meeting or have questions regarding your child's progress, please contact the appropriate teacher directly. Attaching are the email addresses of your children's teachers so that parents who would like to talk on the phone, or schedule an informal meeting may arrange such contact via email.

In accordance with the School Act, your child will receive a Report Card that will not contain information from teachers. It will contain your child's attendance. Please sign and return the Report Card envelope and return it to the classroom.

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| Kindergarten | Div. 13 | Mrs. Lynn Blair | lblair@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Kindergarten | Div. 12 | Mrs. Ellen Tull | etull@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Gr. 1 | Div. 11 | Ms. Lisa Valleau | lvalleau@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Gr. 1 | Div. 10 | Mrs. Megan Obst | mobst@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| | | Mrs. Tania Watt | twatt@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Gr.2 | Div. 09 | Ms. Joanne Prescott | jprescott@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Gr. 2/3 | Div. 08 | Mrs. Joanne Clemente | jclemente@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Gr. 3 | Div. 07 | Mrs. Catherine Schechter | cschechter@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| | | Mrs. Sheena Montgomery | smontgomery@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Grade 3/4 | Div.06 | Mrs. Carol Tallman | ctallman@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| | | Mrs. Marian Baronit | mbaronit@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Grade 4/5 | Div. 05 | Mrs. Pam Hope | phope@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| | | Mrs. Lisa Niven | lniven@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Grade 5 | Div. 04 | Ms. Susan Mont | smont@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Grade 6 | Div. 03 | Mrs. Marilyn McVey | mmcvey@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| | | Mrs. Deb Wanner | dwanner@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Grade 6/7 | Div. 02 | Mr. Mike Cregan | mcregan@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Grade 7 | Div. 01 | Ms. Cindy Hudson | chudson@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Music & Band | | Mr. Dave Bradshaw | dbradshaw@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| LAC | | Mrs. Diane Bryant | dbryant@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| ESL & Library | | Mrs. Susan Danieli | sdanieli@nvsd44.bc.ca |
| Special Education | | Mrs. Marija Bonner | mbonner@nvsd44.bc.ca |

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT LYNN VALLEY SCHOOL

Christmas Concerts at Lynn Valley School will be held over two evenings this year. The Primary Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. The Intermediate Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm. There will be a Primary Rehearsal on December 13th at 10:50 am and an Intermediate Rehearsal on December 14th at 10:50 am.

As there is limited space in the gym, families may request two tickets to the evening performances that their children are in. A Ticket Request Form will be sent home early next week. Please return the request form by December 2nd . Tickets will be sent home with the youngest child in each family on December 9th.

Additional tickets may be available if space permits and will be assigned on December 11th. Requests will be numbered and limited to 2 seats.

Please bring your tickets with you to the concert. Doors will open at 6:15 pm. Those with tickets will be seated first.

## Christmas Band Concert

This year's Band Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the school gym.
Parents, Grandparents, and other relatives are welcome to attend.

Students need to arrive with their instruments, music and band attire at the following times:

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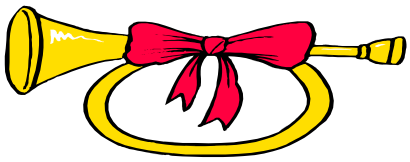
| Jazz Band | @ 6 pm |
| Senior Band | @ 6:25 pm |
| Junior Band | @ 6:40 pm |



We look forward to performing for you!

## Facial Tissues

Many students are at school with colds and runny noses, so we are asking each student to bring a box of 2 ply facial tissues to the school. If you are able to donate a box of tissues, they can be brought to the office and will be distributed to classrooms.

Many Thanks!!

## CHILDREN IN DAYCARE

Please be reminded to inform your children'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.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

**Mrs. Danieli now has a library blog to keep you up-to-date on what is happening in the library.**
The link to the library blog is: http://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger_id=354314.
Please save this link to your favourites to follow Mrs. Danieli and eventually other students in the school.
You are welcome to respond as well !

## BASKETBALL 2011

Congratulations to all the grade seven boys and girls who have participated in intermural basketball this term. Both teams have been performing well and demonstrating good sportsmanship as representatives of Lynn Valley. The students are also showing great improvement in their basketball skills since last year. Thanks so much to the coaches, Mrs. Bryant and Mr. Cregan, for donating so much time and energy to make the season a success!

# LYNN VALLEY SCHOOL MITTEN TREE

The students of Lynn Valley Elementary School are creating a **"Mitten, Toque, Scarf and Sock,"** tree for the Winter Festival season. Just like the story, "The Mitten Tree" written by Candace Christiansen, our students want to create their own tree for mittens, toques and socks. The clothing will then be donated to needy families and the homeless in North Vancouver and downtown Vancouver.

Giving back to people in need will give our students a sense of empathy, understanding and caring for others which is the true meaning of the Winter Festival season. It will be an enriching experience for the entire community and one that has become a tradition for Lynn Valley Elementary School.

**New** mittens, toques, scarfs and socks may be brought to school from **Monday, December 5th until Wednesday, December14th 2011.** They may be placed under the tree which will be in the front foyer of the school. The North Vancouver Salvation Army will pick up the items and donate them to needy individuals in our community.

We are also collecting dry food goods & toiletries for the Harvest Project.

Your help and participation in these Winter Festival activities is much appreciated!!