December 20th, 2024

Good afternoon, Lyndhurst Families,

The winter holidays are almost here! The time has gone by so quickly at Lyndhurst. I would like to thank the following people for their contributions to our school and community:

- -Thank you to our teachers and staff members for working hard each day with our students so that they may be their best selves and do their best learning
- -Thank you to our students for coming to school each day ready to learn new things and play with your friends. You make all of us smile 😊
- -Thank you to our parents for helping to support their child/children at home with their learning and responsibilities
- -Thank you to our PAC for planning meaningful events for our students and working hard to make Lyndhurst a great place to learn

The staff at Lyndhurst would like to wish you all a wonderful winter break with your families and friends. We look forward to working with you and your child/children in the new year.

With gratitude, Dana Herdman

# WINTER CONCERT

Our Winter Concert was such a hit! Thank you to Ms. Lee and her musicians, actors, dancers, and singers who delivered outstanding performances in a unique way!

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our annual pancake breakfast and visit from Santa was a HUGE success! The kids had a wonderful time having breakfast together and getting a visit from Santa. I am so grateful for all of the parents who volunteered their time to make this event so memorable for the students.

### **TENNIS LESSONS**

Thanks to the generous donation by PAC, we were so fortunate to have tennis lessons at Lyndhurst for a full week. Marcus Anderson worked with each class 5 times, providing our students with tips and techniques, drills and games so that they could become familiar with the sport of tennis. Thank you, Marcus and PAC ©



### **REPORT CARDS**

Term 1 Learning Updates (Report Cards) were sent home yesterday afternoon. Students have been working very hard all term in class learning routines, meeting new people, and finishing their assignments. Please review your child's report card with them. You may keep the report card for your records. Please return the envelope at your earliest convenience.

# ON THE GRASS or BEHIND THE LINE or ON THE SIDEWALK

The driveway and streets that surround Lyndhurst are busy places. In addition to the drop-off and pick-up of students, we also have staff arriving to/leaving from work, school visitors parking in the back of the school, and deliveries of supplies. In order to keep everyone safe at Lyndhurst, we would like students in Divisions 3, 4, and 5 and their parents/guardians to wait "on the grass" or "behind the line" or "on the sidewalk" before they enter the school in the morning and when they leave at the end of the day. We hope that this small adjustment to our usual routines will keep everyone safe.

#### **RECYCLING & COMPOSTING PILOT PROGRAM**

In the new year, Lyndhurst will be part of a pilot program for recycling and composting. Bins will be placed in 5 places around the school (outside the PAC kitchen, in the primary classroom area, in the intermediate classroom area, in the staffroom, and near the daycare downstairs). Black garbage cans will be removed from all classrooms. Composting buckets/bins will be placed in classrooms. Mr. Singh's leadership students, Mr. Singh, and I will help everyone with this transition. Thank you for your patience as this program gets started and we work out the new processes and procedures.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

In January, we will have basketball teams for both boys and girls. We are fortunate to have Mr. Singh coaching both teams. Thank you, Mr. Singh ©

# A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

# **School Website**

Our school website is an excellent place to find information about school events, important dates, and links to school district and community services. Please have a look!

Lyndhurst Elementary | Burnaby School District (burnabyschools.ca)

### **Extra Clothing**

Please make sure that your child has a full set of extra clothing at school. Often, children get wet when it is raining outside. Or, they slip and fall in the grass. Having an extra set of clothing at school will avoid extra phone calls home or uncomfortable students.



# **School Hours & Supervision**

The office and school are open from 8:30am – 3:10pm from Monday to Friday with a few exceptions (i.e. Professional Development Days, statutory holidays, etc.)

Just a reminder to families – there is no supervision for students before 8:50am and after 3:00pm unless students are in school programs (i.e. clubs, sports, etc.)

# **Absences**

If your child is going to be away from school, please email lyndhurst.info@burnabyschools.ca or phone 604-296-9020 and leave a message with your child's first name, last name, and their division number or the name of their teacher.

# **Recess and Lunch Hour**

All students will be enjoying the outdoors for 15 minutes at recess and approximately 40 minutes during the lunch hour. Our outdoor time is called a "West Coast Recess and Lunch". Please ensure that your child is prepared with appropriate clothing for the weather outside throughout the school year.

\*\*\*It is highly recommended that all students (Kindergarten to Grade 7) also keep a change of clothes (or two changes of clothes) at school in case it is needed.

# **Scent Aware School**

Exposure to perfumes, colognes and other scented products can trigger adverse health reactions in some individuals with asthma, allergies, and other conditions. There are quite a few members of our school community who have sensitivities to scents. We respectfully request that if you plan on visiting Lyndhurst, you refrain from wearing scented products.

