Lyndhurst Elementary School

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November 1st, 2026

Good afternoon, Lyndhurst Families!

We hope that you have all had a wonderful first few weeks of the 2026/2027 school year. We have had a busy first couple months of school with assemblies, guest speakers, and theme days. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at the school 604 – 296 – 9020 or you may reach me by email at dana.herdman@burnabyschools.ca

Warm regards,
Dana Herdman
Vice Principal – Lyndhurst Elementary School



Pumpkin Patch

Our Pumpkin Patch was outstanding again this year! Everyone had a lot of fun finding their pumpkin with their classmates. Division 1 carved their pumpkins, and we all enjoyed the smell of fresh pumpkin through the school hallway. THANK YOU to our PAC for providing this fun activity for our students.

Halloween Activities

There was so much excitement in the air yesterday for Halloween! The students had a wonderful time during the costume parade, dancing the Monster Mash, and participating in Halloween activities in their classrooms. Thank you to all of the families who provided some sweet treats to our students. And, thank you to Division 1 and Mr. Singh for arranging an entertaining assembly ☺

*****PLEASE REMEMBER*** If you took photos of your child's class/children's classes, please do not post them on any social media website or share them publicly. Thank you.**

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School Goals

Our classroom teachers, non-enrolling teachers, and school staff are working with each other and district staff to help our students accomplish 2 goals this school year:

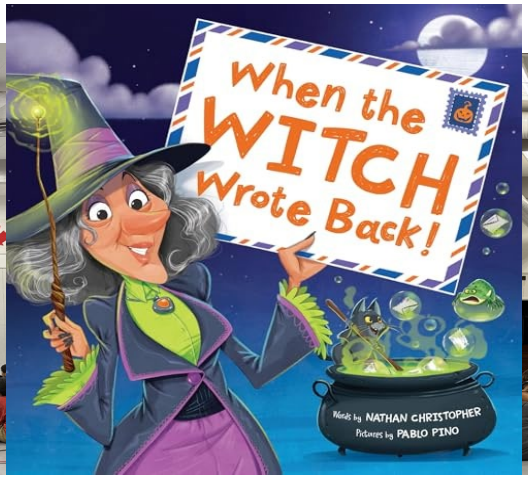
***GOAL #1 - Improving our literacy from kindergarten to Grade 7**

Objective 1 - reading in kindergarten to Grade 3: By June 2027, students in kindergarten - Grade 3 will improve their phonemic awareness, decoding skills, and reading comprehension.

Objective 2 - writing in Grades 4-7: By June 2027, students in Grades 4-7 will increase their ability to express themselves in writing.

***GOAL #2 - social emotional learning in kindergarten to Grade 7** Lyndhurst staff will continue to develop a positive, supportive, and inclusive school community that focuses on being kind, being safe, and being respectful (**be kind, be safe, & be respectful**).







Read Aloud with Nathan Christopher

To support our school literacy goal and thanks to the generosity of our PAC and the initiative taken by our PAC Chair, Paula White, Lyndhurst students had a special opportunity. We had a virtual visit from Canadian children's author Nathan Christopher! He read 2 of his stories, When the Witch Wrote Back, and another story that is soon to be released! Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students were each gifted a copy of When the Witch Wrote Back thanks to the kindness of our PAC! What a treat!

Once the stories were finished, our intermediate students stayed a little longer to talk with Nathan about his writing process from start to finish and ask some more questions, including how he comes up with such creative ideas for his books.

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Volunteer Readers are Wanted!

In order to continue to support our literacy goal, we would like to arrange a time for family members to come to Lyndhurst to read to our students. If you have a favourite picture book that you would like to read to our classes or if you would like to choose a book from one of our library collections and read to a class or two, please let me know. Coming into Lyndhurst to share your love of reading with our students is an excellent way to increase and improve our students' literacy skills. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email me dana.herdman@burnabyschools.ca and we will arrange a reading time for you.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly is on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:45am. We invite all families to join us in our school gym to honour our war veterans.

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 take a look!
Lyndhurst Elementary | Burnaby School District (burnabyschools.ca)

Supervision

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

Allergies & Sensitivities

Lyndhurst is a **NUT AWARE** school. We have staff members and students who have nut allergies. When you pack your child's snack and lunch, please do not pack any food that may contain nuts (i.e. peanut butter, Nutella, granola bars with nuts).
Also, Lyndhurst is a **SCENT AWARE** school. We have staff and students who have a sensitivity to perfumes and scented products. We ask that when you or your child/children enter our school you do not wear excessively scented products (i.e. body sprays, creams, hair products).
Thank you very much for your help and support.

West Coast Recess and Lunch Hour & Outdoor Activities

Students will enjoy the outdoors for 15 minutes at recess (10:25-10:40am) and approximately 40 minutes during the lunch hour (12:15-12:52pm). In addition to this, teachers often take their classes outside for physical activity. Please ensure that your child is prepared for our West Coast Recess and Lunch and outdoor physical activity by helping your child/children choose appropriate clothing for the weather throughout the school year. Also, we encourage all families to send their child/children to school will a full change of clothes in case their clothes get wet and extra clothing is needed (i.e. getting wet from puddle splashing, heavy rainfall). Thank you for your help ☺

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Important Drop off and Pick up Safety Reminders

*****Parents should not enter the staff parking with their vehicle to drop off or pick up students. The parking lot is for staff use only.*****

As many of you know, our driveway is a shared pathway for vehicles and pedestrians. This has been an ongoing concern for all community members and Burnaby School District staff. We have placed additional signage along our driveway and requested more permanent signage. In addition to this, to make Lyndhurst a safer place when students, community members, and family members enter and exit the school, please remind your child/children to make every effort to do the following:

- **In the morning:**
  -Students should walk up the stairs on the WEST side of the school and gather/line up under the covered area. This will alleviate crowding at the entry door and ensure everyone's safety when the door opens/closes before the bell rings. This will also keep students dry when the rain starts.
  -All students will enter the school from the "middle doors". These doors will be open at 8:50am and will be locked at 9:00am.
  -If your child arrives at school after 9:00am, they may enter the school through the front doors.
- **At the end of the school day:**
  -Students in Divisions 1-4 will leave the school from the "middle doors", exit down the WEST stairs, and walk to the front of the school.
  -Students who attend childcare will go to the childcare centre using the hallway.
  -Divisions 5 students will exit through the front doors (with a few exceptions) so that parents and caregivers may connect with teachers and staff.

For everyone's safety, please continue to remind your child/children to walk around the parking lot and down the WEST stairs, rather than walking through the parking lot and along the driveway. This will help to keep our community members safe and away from vehicles entering and exiting the parking lot.

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