



# NEWSLETTER

## The PRIDE of LYN



I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we are now in the year 2022! We hope that all of our families had time over the holiday to relax and spend family time together. Our Lyn family is looking forward to the new year...despite the school closure set back we have just heard about.

Despite the challenges facing our students, families and staff in December, we showed tremendous holiday spirit and enjoyed door decorating, singing together with all the students virtually, and dressing up in a variety of ways to show our spirit!

While we are not off to the start we were hoping for in 2022, we are looking forward to the months ahead. We are hopeful that we'll get back to enjoying school events we love so much as a whole school soon!

### New COVID-19 Measures

With the Omicron variant, new measures have been put in place by the Ontario government. These measures include school closures for the next two weeks, with school resuming on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. The UCDSB is working hard to prepare for remote learning and begin instruction on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Presently, we are still awaiting direction from our board regarding specific details including remote learning options. Please follow our Facebook page and sign up for [MyFamilyRoom](#) to receive all UCDSB communication.

### Hot Lunches

Information will come out regarding milk and hot lunches that we purchased for January 3-17<sup>th</sup>. Our hope is to provide these missed hot lunches (pizza and subs) and milk into the next hot lunch cycle for February 2022. Thank you.

### What to Expect on a Snow Day (when in-person learning resumes)

On days when the busses and all other modes of school transportation are cancelled due to inclement weather please follow these procedures:

#### **For students coming to school:**

- There will be no staff outside on crosswalk duty on snow days. Upon arrival (after 9:20 a.m.) walk your child to the front door where they will enter and go directly to their classroom.
- Pick up your child at 3:30 p.m. **at the front door**. We will not be walking children to the crosswalk or allowing curbside pick-up on snow days.
- If you are earlier than 3:30 p.m., ring the buzzer to let the office know you're picking up your child.
- Your child may be in a classroom with one other cohort during the day but the teachers will ensure there is 2m distancing occurring between the two cohorts at all times.
- For those students in before or after school daycare, it is available on snow days.

#### **For students staying home:**

- Your child's teacher has provided practice activities to complete during a snow day. They are either located on the online class Teams site, sent in an email, or previously sent home in a folder. These activities are OPTIONAL.
- If your child **takes a bus in the morning**, you **DO NOT** need to contact the office to let us know your child will not be at school.
- If your child is **driven to school every morning**, you **DO** need to contact the office and let us know your child is not coming to school. Please put your child's absence in MyFamilyRoom, email Kayla at [kayla.miller@ucdsb.on.ca](mailto:kayla.miller@ucdsb.on.ca) or call 613-345-1242.



### NUT FREE School Policy

We would like to remind you that we are a **NUT FREE school**. There are children in our school with life-threatening allergies to nuts. This is a medical condition (anaphylaxis) that causes a severe reaction to specific foods that can result in death within minutes.



Peanut butter or products containing nuts of any kind at school are not permitted. Imitation peanut butter or any soy butter is also not permitted in the school as it is hard to differentiate these products from peanut butter or nut spreads. Items from a bulk food store should not be sent to school as there is potential for cross-contamination. Cross-contamination occurs when a safe food comes in contact with a food allergen such as nuts. For those with severe food allergies, eating even the slightest trace of an allergic food can cause a potentially life threatening or fatal reaction.

We thank you for your cooperation to maintain this **nut-free policy** and help keep our students with severe allergies safe.

### Student Absences

This is a friendly reminder to please report your child's absence by reporting it online using My Family Room or contacting the office. Please do not contact your child's teacher as they are not responsible for receiving notifications of your child's absences. We greatly appreciate notification of your child's absence by 9:20 a.m. on the day of the absence. As part of our safe arrival program, if you do not report your child's absence, the school is obligated to follow up to ensure your child is safe. We appreciate your support as it can be very time consuming to follow up on several student absences daily. Thank you in advance.



We want to recognize our students who demonstrated the character traits we value at Lyn PS. We would like to recognize the following students for demonstrating 'Paw'sitive behaviour in the month of December:

Ivy MacArthur	Hayden Echlin Livingston
Avery Myre	Bryce Davidson
Ally McNish	Lexi Liston
Danika Myre	Ady Aiello

### Student Handbook

The Lyn Public School Handbook is a useful document filled with information related to our school. It can be found on our school website. This handbook is also helpful if you have any questions about the Code of Conduct, our Non-Attendance Policy, student transportation, and much more.

### Lyn Public School's Facebook Page

Our Facebook page is one of the best ways for you to stay up-to-date with what is happening at the school. Please follow us to ensure you are 'in the know' and stay informed about student learning, classroom activities, school events, and important notices.



The Eco club wants to thank Mrs. Shupe, and her helpers, who made the Eco Christmas Store a big success this year. A big thank you to all those who donated items – there were so many wonderful items for our students to choose from! Thanks to those who participated in the Christmas raffles, too!

### The winners of the Christmas Raffles

Braves Tickets: Carter Bingley, Riley Wyman  
Ottawa Senators gift pack: Daniel Chen  
Toronto Maple Leaf gift pack: Loghan Condon  
Magic Treehouse book series: Ivy MacArthur  
Red Pyramid book series: MarLee Dunster  
Magnus Chase book series: Alaina Steacy  
Big Nate book series: Andrew Crotty  
Hot Wheels sets: Grayson Serson, Cameron Raison  
Giant monkey: Landan Deir  
Pokemon cards: Aaliyah Dean  
Bath and Body Works gift set: Emma James  
Body Shop gift set: Addy Bell  
Silpada jewelry set: Grayson Adams-Hewitt



Learn how Ontario plans to cautiously and gradually lift remaining public health and workplace safety measures. The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has released [A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19/covid 19 for the Long-Term.](#)



## **New Provincial Direction on COVID-19 Infections**

To respond to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, is providing new direction to the public **who have symptoms**.

- When symptoms develop, check the [provincial assessment tool](#) to see if they are COVID-19 symptoms – one of the main symptoms (fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath) or two of other symptoms (sore throat, headache, extreme tiredness, nasal congestion, muscle aches and joint pain, vomiting/diarrhea) are associated with COVID-19 infection.
- Testing is not needed when these symptoms are present, and you will not be able to book an appointment at an Assessment Centre or pharmacy, except for specific circumstances. This ensures testing is available for people and workers in highest risk settings. Individuals with a booked appointment currently will be able to go to be tested.
- Isolate if fully vaccinated or under 12 years old, along with other household members, for 5 days and with symptoms improving. If not fully vaccinated, and 12 years or older, or if immune compromised then isolate for 10 days, including household members.
- If a Rapid Antigen Test is done, a positive result is confirmatory of COVID-19 and a PCR test is not needed. When the test is positive then contact close contacts and let them know they should watch for symptoms for 10 days after their exposure.
- Two negative tests done 24 to 48 hours apart means that the symptoms are likely not due to COVID-19. It is still important to stay home until symptoms are resolving and follow public health precautions. Including wear a mask and physically distancing.
- You do not need to report symptoms or the result of a Rapid Antigen Test to Public Health.

# January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 <i>No instruction</i>	4 <i>No instruction</i>	5 Remote learning	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 In-person learning resumes, subject to provincial decision	18	19	20	21	22
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