### WEEK AT A GLANCE LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL September 25th - 29th



If you are interested in joining the Playground Committee, please attend the first meeting on Zoom Sept 27 at 7pm.

Follow the link below:

Topic: Byng Playground Committee Time: September 27, 2023 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86302410092? pwd=Ps9zASC9b5YKyuB1AJAewXPB1QQaT7.1

> Meeting ID: 863 0241 0092 Passcode: 605997

### **Upcoming Events**

September 24th - 25th ~ Yom Kippur

September 26th-27th ~ Mawad-al-Nabi

September 27th ~ Terry Fox Run (afternoon)

September 30th ~ National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Byng Halloween Party Thursday, October 19 6:00-8:30pm Come on down to the Byng gym for a night of dancing, games

and fun! Details coming soon.

The PAC is looking for volunteers so please email lordbyngelementarypac@gmail.com to join the planning committee. This event is purely volunteer-led and needs your help to make it a success. Let's come together to make some great family memories for our Byng students.

# PAC meetings for 2023/2024

October 11th Meetings are held on Zoom

November 22nd January 10th March 13th May 8th

at 7pm and the links are generally sent out one to two days prior to the meeting.

### Dress for the weather!

### As the seasons change it might be helpful to bring those for rainy & chilly days



As a school and district, we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and compassionate environment for all our students, families, and staff. As we approach September 30, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we wanted to share with you a few important events that are taking place in our school and district.

On September 22, 2023, our entire district staff will be engaging in a day of learning about Indigenous History, First Peoples Principles of Learning, and our collective role in reconciliation. Please note, this is a Non-Instructional Day and schools will not be in session.

Additionally, in honour of the children lost and the generations impacted by residential schools, we will be displaying the orange "Every Child Matters" flag in our school. We are fortunate to have been gifted this flag through the fundraising efforts of the Student Social Justice Committee at Hugh Boyd Secondary. This student led committee worked hard to raise funds to provide each school in our district with an "Every Child Matters" flag as part of their action towards Truth and Reconciliation. The flag serves as a collective dedication to learning, understanding, healing and reconciliation.

Finally, a reminder that the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation occurs each year on September 30th. As this occurs on Saturday this year, the statutory day will be on Monday, October 2, 2023, and therefore school will not be in session on this

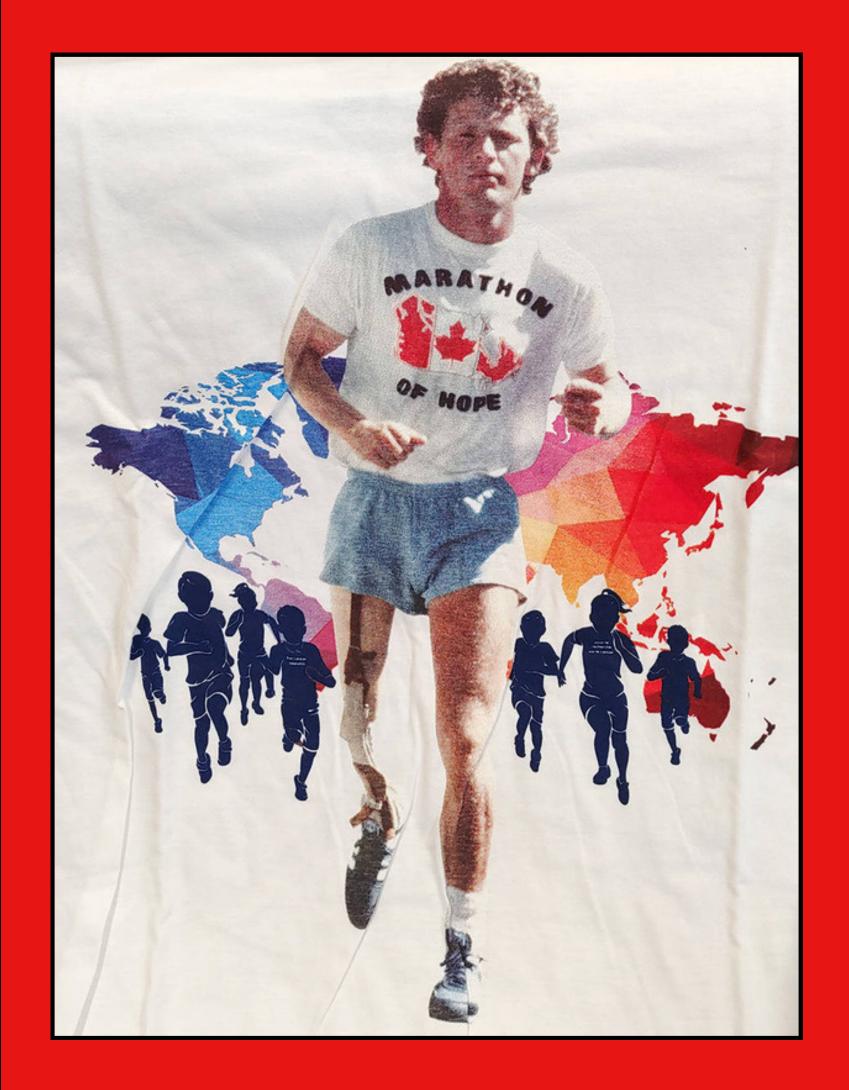


day. We would love to see students wearing their orange shirts on Friday, September 29th



Yom Kippur is the holiest day in Judaism. It is a day marked by prayer and fasting. Yom Kippur is observed on the 10th day of the Jewish calendar month Tishri. In English, Yom Kippur is known as the Day of Atonement. The holiday's purpose is to purify the individual and community.

# Students can bring "Twoonies for Terry" donations to their classroom teacher next week



We will be looking for parent volunteers to help us with the Terry Fox Run please. If you are able to help, please sign up next week in the foyer outside the office. Thank you so much for your support!



#### Hi everyone!

Hope you all have had a wonderful start to the new school year. As you may have noticed, your child has yet to bring home a library book! This is because I'm currently undergoing a genrefication of our fiction section in our library, while all of the books are still accounted for! This is the process of organizing, classifying and categorizing each book into specific genres, as to provide easier access to the students when they're looking for a book to read. The good news – the students will be back in the library next week and I sure look forward to connecting with everyone.

For those of you with students in Kindergarten – Grade 3, you'll notice that next week, when your child brings home their library book(s), they'll be in a spiffy new plastic book bag! Each week, their library books will come home in the bag. Then, the next week, on their library day, please return the books in the bag. For the first time ever, I've implemented this system in the hopes that it will keep water and crumbs off the books, and help with general wear in transit. If you could please help your children get in the habit of returning their books in the bag on their library day, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

**Happy Reading!** 

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# VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE.....

If your student is absent or late for school Please inform the office directly by calling the early warning line as soon as Possible at 604.668.6587.

# DON'T FORGET

Our front door will be open between 8 am and 3 pm. Please sign into the office before walking around the school. Please drop off lunches, items being dropped off, band instruments, water bottles, extra clothes, etc... at the outside door of the classroom door that your child is in or in the front foyer on top of the PAC Box. Thank you for following our safety protocols.

The Byng YMCA Kids Club has space for both before and after school care available. The program has also been approved for the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative. To register, or for more information, please contact us at ymcakidsclubs@bc.ymca.ca

## Byng Wich Kids Club



In need of before and after school care? The Byng YMCA Kids Club Before and After School Program serves families in our school community. The Y understands that time gaps before and after school can be a challenge for parents, which is why its licensed Kids Clubs programs offer school-aged children a safe and inviting environment to connect with others and participate in enjoyable activities.

To learn more about Byng YMCA Kids Club and its health and safety protocols, contact ymcakidsclub@gv.ymca.ca. Part-time and full-time spots are available.

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## Looking ahead....

October 2nd ~ No School ~ Stat Holiday for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

October 9th ~ Thanksgiving ~ No School

October 20th ~ Pro-D Day ~ No School

October 23rd ~ Individual Student Photos

October 25th & 26th~ Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences @ 1:45pm