

Lord Byng Elementary PAC Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Mon. Dec. 5

- ★ Pro-D Day – No School

Tues. Dec. 6

- ★ Share the Warmth Item Collection Deadline
- ★ Winter Wonderland Skate Night Forms Due

Thurs. Dec. 8

- ★ DFS/Pie Fundraiser Pick Up

Fri. Dec. 9

- ★ Hot Lunch – Fresh Slice

Thurs. Dec. 15

- ★ Winter Wonderland Skate Night
- ★ Minoru Arenas 7:00 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 16

- ★ Last Day of School Before Winter Vacation

Mon. Dec. 19 to Mon. Jan 2

- ★ Winter Vacation!

Tues. Jan. 3

- ★ School Resumes

Mon. Jan. 16

- ★ Pro-D Day

Fri. Jan. 20

- ★ Hot Lunch – Subway

Message from the Chairs

Hello Everyone,

Time flies as we step into November with Christmas just around the corner. The first term has been filled with much fun, excitement, learning and hard work. Our students efforts are displayed throughout the school with their masterpieces filling up bulletin boards and their creatively carved pumpkins lining our school hallways during Halloween.

Our school community came together for the Remembrance Day assembly to remember the dedication and sacrifices of our veterans and those who are still presently fighting for all of our freedoms. Students showed their understanding and appreciation through various songs and poems.

We are pleased to report that our parent community is growing strong with many new volunteers rallying together to help make Byng the best place for our children. A warm welcome to Maureen Gardner as the new treasurer, Tanya Major as the Communications committee chair, Melissa Harvey-Wong as the Parent-Ed committee chair, and Nicole Chin as the Noon Hour Bingo/Karaoke committee chair. We would also like to express our sincerest thanks to Tom Phipps for his many years of dedication as our treasurer and we wish him and his family all the best in their new adventures ahead.

Growth in our Lord Byng Elementary PAC Facebook group has also been steadily rising. The group is managed by Sheila Baier, our Volunteer Coordinator, and is an avenue for parents to stay connected about school and PAC related information (including volunteer opportunities, newsletters, and PAC meeting minutes). All parents are welcome to join the group.

Now...full steam ahead to the new report cards, Winter Wonderland Skate Night, cooler days, and the excitement of the holidays!!

Regards,

Kerry and Angela

PAC E-Newsletters

This school year as we do our part to help reduce paper waste, we will be sending our PAC newsletters out electronically. Newsletters will also be available for download on [our website](#).

A limited number of paper copies will be available by the PAC box.

Spirit Club News!



RBC Steveston Sponsors Spirit Club A big shout out to RBC - Steveston Branch for helping our Spirit Club students make a difference in their community. Their generous donation/sponsorship of \$800 will go a very long way with the students' random acts of kindness. This is the second year RBC has supported the Spirit club's initiatives in the community.



Spirit Club Presents Share The Warmth Byng's Spirit Club is currently collecting blankets, towels, and gently used men's clothing for the Salvation Army Richmond House, a permanent year-round men's shelter. Clothing items include coats/jackets, sweaters, toques, scarves, gloves, socks and shoes. Toiletries and miscellaneous items (gum/mints, granola bars, Kleenex, notepads, etc) can also be donated for the care kits which the students will be assembling. Items can be dropped off in the Share The Warmth Spirit Bin near the office **UNTIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th**.

The Spirit Club students will also be making up until December greeting cards to be distributed to Richmond House along with local seniors homes and hospitals.



Pajama Day December 7th Byng Pajama Day returns on Wednesday, December 7th. Hosted by the Spirit Club, this is the first of several Spirit Day themes to come. Students can celebrate the hectic holiday season in style with their favourite pair of pajamas and enjoy a comfy and cozy day dressed down in the classroom.

Fundraising

SaveAround Coupon Books

Congrats to all our Byng families and staff who participated in our 3rd annual SaveAround coupon books fundraiser. Thanks to your efforts last month, our school made \$1,457.50. We sold 99 coupon books and our PAC made \$12.50 off of each sale. Some families in lieu of purchasing a book made a donation to the fundraiser which totaled \$220. A record total of 75 families and 4 staff participated in this fundraiser. SaveAround will be treating Div. 3 - Ms. Harrington's class for selling the most coupon books (13) to a special pizza lunch next month.



Holiday Helpers Delivered December 8th

Thank you all our Byng families and staff who participated in PAC's annual Holiday Helpers Fundraiser. All the DFS catalog items, (perishable and non-perishable) along with Pie Palooza frozen pies will be available for pick up on Thursday, December 8th after school at the school entrance. Reminder notices for pick up will be sent out that week. If you can not pick up at that time, please email Janet at tofu_girl@hotmail.com for alternate arrangements.



Boston Pizza 10% Rebate



Dine in at Boston Pizza on #3 Road and Ackroyd Road and help raise funds for Lord Byng!!!

Submit a copy of your receipt to the mailbox located in the foyer of Boston Pizza restaurant. Simply write "Lord Byng PAC" on the receipt, drop it in the box, and 10% comes back to the school!



Movie Night Concessions

Last month's movie night, Ice Age Collision Course, was a great success with a full house of families in the gym. Thank you to our Byng community for coming out to the first of many fun, family social events. As a convenience for families who opted to have Friday Pizza & Movie Night or wanted snacks during the movie, our PAC concession offered pizza by the slice or box along with freshly popped popcorn and beverages. What an amazing night all around, and our concession stand raised \$415.51 for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported concessions, and for your patience when the lineups got long.

The Green Team



The Green Team, lead by Miss Wong, parent volunteer Brenda Ohara, and a group of students, have brainstormed various awesome ideas to help our school be more green. Every classroom has a pledge poster highlighting:

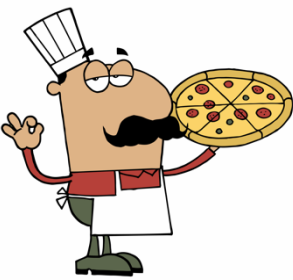
Monday: Be mindful and pick up litter
Tuesday: Lights Out Lunch (LOL)
Wed: Walking Wednesdays
Thursday: Bring a litter-less lunch (reusable containers)
Friday: Empty the bokashi bucket

Bring a reusable water bottle and think about our home - Planet Earth. Compost used paper towels, bring a reusable water bottle to reduce plastic, and take care of our home - the Earth

Parent Ed

If there are any topics of interest that you might want more information on or if you know someone who might like to share their knowledge with other parents at the school please [email us](#).

Pizza Toonie Tuesday



Every Tuesday, hot pizza will be sold by the slice at lunch hour in the classroom.

Only \$2 per slice. Choose from Cheese, Hawaiian or Pepperoni.

Send a toonie (or two) with your child on Tuesday, and get the day off from packing lunch! Feel free to bring a plastic plate.

Our popular Food Services Fundraiser runs rain or shine until the end of June. Please note if there is a holiday or Pro-D Day on the Friday and/or Monday, pizza is still sold the next day (Tuesday). Thank you for your continued support.

WANTED: Parent volunteers for Pizza Toonie Tuesday. If you can spare 20-30 minutes at noon on Tuesdays, please drop your name and contact info in the PAC Box near the office.

Fruits & Veggies Program

PAC is once again taking part in the free [BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program](#) this school year. The BC Ministries of Health, and Agriculture jointly fund this wonderful program. It is part of a province wide initiative to encourage healthy eating as part of active living amongst children. Fresh fruit and/or veggies arrive at Byng and are distributed to the classrooms by Parent Volunteers.

Thanks to the BC Dairy Farmers and funding from the provincial government, our primary students can also enjoy either milk or soy-milk, delivered in partnership with the Fruits & Veggies Program.

The fruits, veggies and milk are not meant to be a substitution for any students' snacks or lunches, but as an addition to their nutrition on the day it is served.



Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways you can participate with a number of different committees, with varying time commitments. Here are just a few areas where you could help:

- ★ Volunteer with one of our noon hour programs (Library, Bingo/Karaoke, Crafts)
- ★ Assist in the classroom or become a classroom parent representative
- ★ Drive for field trips
- ★ Social and fundraising event coordination or marketing
- ★ Help with special events and school clubs (Sports Day, Spirit Club, Green Team)
- ★ Join or lead a PAC Committee

If you would like to be notified of volunteer opportunities, or for more information about our programs and events please [email us](#), visit us on [Facebook](#) or leave us a note in the PAC Box.



Classroom Parent Representatives

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to be a Classroom Parent Representative for their child's class.

Volunteers are still needed for [several divisions](#). This task would involve being a liaison with the teacher, your PAC, and other class parents. Duties include keeping parents informed about PAC news, and finding much needed volunteers for upcoming PAC events and parent volunteers in the classrooms when requested by teacher(s).

Please contact [Kerry or Angela](#) to volunteer.