



# LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER # 1

Dear Lord Byng Community,

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## *Looking forward to a wonderful 2019/2020 school year!*

The staff at Lord Byng welcomes all of our students and families as we begin the 2019/20 school year. We hope you have enjoyed a fun and restful summer break and are as excited as we are for a great year at Lord Byng. We are currently enrolling three hundred and thirty-seven students. We are pleased to welcome back students and families and a special hello to those of you who are new to the Lord Byng community!

### **Welcome to New Staff**

We are very excited and pleased to welcome a number of new staff members!

Ms. MacKinnon – Classroom Teacher

Ms. Bahd – Classroom Teacher

Ms. Doehle – Classroom Teacher

Mrs. Harvey-Wong – Resource Teacher

Ms. Wood – Educational Assistant

Ms. Yamaguchi-Choi – Educational Assistant

Ms. Ghazi – Noon Hour Supervisor

Mr. Flores – Evening Custodian

### **Meet the Teacher Night**

We welcome all families to come meet their child's teacher on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Teachers will provide 2 sessions (5:00 – 5:15pm AND 5:15pm – 5:30pm).

### **e-Portfolio Parent Information Night**

Following the Meet the Teacher Night, we will provide a short information session for parents who would like to learn more about e-Portfolios. We plan to meet in the Library from 5:45 – 6:15pm. We highly recommend this information night to parents who are not familiar with e-Portfolios as we will have staff on hand who can help you log-on to your child's account and create your own parent account. We encourage parents to take the time to view their child's learning and comment on the successes they are making with their learning journey.

### **PAC**

All parents are automatically members of our Parent Advisory Committee. We encourage you to attend and hear about all of the wonderful things that the PAC does to support student learning at Byng. Our first PAC Meeting is Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 – 8:00pm in the library. Please feel free to join us! Childcare is provided.

### **Electronic Communication from the School**

Most of our communication from the office will continue to be electronic in the form of emails, electronic newsletters, and updates to our school website. *Please make sure that we have your most up to date email address at the school office to ensure that you are receiving all the information.* Please feel free to come talk to us at the office if you have questions or concerns about this.

### **Medical Alerts**

We are currently updating our student medical alert list and necessary documentation. If your child has an allergy or medical condition, please return the medical form provided to you. If you did not receive a form, please call the school office and let us know so we can get it to you as soon as possible.

### **September startup notices**

We will send these home this coming week. This is a package of notices and permission forms regarding school supplies, walking field trips and your child's verification form. Please complete these and return them at your earliest convenience. This year we are asking families to complete the Volunteer Driver's Form at the beginning of the year for those parents who know they are available to help drive for their child's field trips and team events.

### **Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP)**

Please note that a new comprehensive optional accident insurance plan is now being offered for students and families.

The Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) is being offered by iA Financial Group and replaces the previous KidsPlus Insurance Plan. This is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness.

Interested families can register online to participate in the FARP using the URL provided below:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- *September 19* – Meet the Teacher Night (5-6pm) AND Parent e-Portfolio Info Night (6:15-6:45pm)
- *September 20* – Pro-D Day
- *September 26* - Terry Fox Run (TBD)
- *October 1* – Toonie Tuesday Pizza begins
- *October 1 & 2* - Parent-Teacher Conferences / Early Dismissal at 1:45pm
- *October 11* – Class Photos

*(Now you'll get to see who is in your child's class sooner and put a face to a name)*

### **BELL SCHEDULE:**

- First School Bell rings at 8:30am, students can enter the school at that time.
- There is a warning bell at 8:40am

**School Hours: 8:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

**Recess**            10:20 – 10:35 a.m.

**Lunch**            12:00 – 12:52 p.m.

*(12:25pm – A bell rings so students know it's time to go outside)*

**Dismissal**        2:45 p.m.

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