



LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER # 1

Welcome Back Everyone!

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2016/2017 IS OFF TO A WONDERFUL BEGINNING

The staff at Lord Byng welcomes all of our students and families as we begin the 2016 - 2017 school year. We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful and rewarding summer break and are as excited as we are for an outstanding year at Lord Byng. We are currently enrolling three hundred and fourteen students. This includes thirty-six kindergarten students and ten students new to our school. 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.

First Week:

The district needed until Thursday to finalize school organizations and our students were in their new classes Friday morning. During the first few days the staff worked with grade level students and introduced new and returning students. The staff has taken a great deal of consideration in creating classes that will be supportive, engaging and vibrant learning experiences for the students.

School Supplies, Fees and Student Planners:

A standard set of school supplies is available for our students in grades K to 7 for \$30. Please ask the school office if you would like a list of supplies distributed. The cost of the student planner is \$5.00 this year.

We will begin to collect payment next week in the classrooms.

Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher

Our PAC has organized a great opportunity for our community to come together from 4 to 6 pm on Thursday, September 22. You are invited to come together as a community and celebrate our new school year. There will be complimentary food, arts and crafts, visiting, and entertainment. Teachers will be in their classroom from 5:30 to 6:00 pm, your children are invited to introduce you to their classrooms at that time.

This event has been generously funded by a Neighborhood Small Grant from the Vancouver Foundation, Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives and the PAC.

BACKPACK Program

Costco has generously donated backpacks and some school supplies for each of our grade 1, 2 and 3 students. These will be distributed from the classroom teachers.

Social Responsibility at Byng: “Byng The Best You Can Be!” At the core of our community, which is to “Focus On the Learner”, is our Social Responsibility Matrix, which is attached to this notice. There will be regular notices to provide our community with up to date information and suggestions for the home to support the learning experience of each child at Byng. We are all working hard to be “Bucket Fillers”.

PAC

All parents are automatically members of our vibrant and dedicated Parent Advisory Committee. We are most fortunate to have a tremendous PAC Executive and an enthusiastic number of volunteers who attend PAC meetings and plan exciting events to enrich the learning experiences of our school community.

The coffee hour during the first day of school was very well attended and the PAC is currently preparing for the Welcome Back BBQ.

Welcome to New Staff

Lord Byng has an outstanding staff whose dedication and devotion to our students is the foundation to our community spirit and we welcome them back to Lord Byng for this school year. We are also very excited and pleased to welcome a number of “new” staff members to our school for 2016 – 2017:

Mrs. Markusoff – Library and Resource Mrs. S. Hedges – Resource (on leave until Feb.)

Mrs. T. Patterson – Educational Assistant Mr. M. Ward – Vice Principal

Ms. A. Kordonis – Resource

DATES TO REMEMBER: (please see calendar attached-previously sent out in June 2016)

Pro D Day – Friday, Sept. 23 Parent / Teacher Conferences – Sept. 27 & 28th(1:50pm dismissal)

School will be closed on Friday, September 23rd for a professional development day.

Welcome Back BBQ is on Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 4-6 pm (see pink notice from our PAC)

School will dismiss at 1:50 on both of these days.

BELL SCHEDULE:

First School Bell rings at 8:30am, students can enter the school at that time.

School Hours: 8:50 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Recess	10:15 – 10:30 a.m.
Lunch	12:10 – 12:57 p.m.
Dismissal	2:50 p.m.