

# LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER # 2

September 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade K-7 Students:

The Student Verification Medical Sheet (please update this information), Walking Field Trip Form, school fees and media form should be returned to the classroom teacher by **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS:** Please make any necessary changes on the Medical Information/ Verification Sheet. It is important that we have up-to-date contact numbers and all appropriate medical information, including allergies and special medical conditions. During the year, if anything changes, please let our school office know right away.

**WALKING FIELD TRIP FORM:** Some of our instructional objectives for pupils can best be accomplished outside the school. Apart from longer field trips, for which the school notifies parents and requests consent, teachers periodically take pupils for physical education activities and educational walks within the vicinity of the school.

**MEDIA FORMS:** There is a media consent forms that is required to be completed and returned.

**INSURANCE FORMS:** Attached

**BC SCHOOL FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM:** We are pleased to announce that once again, our school has been accepted into the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program, sponsored by BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and ActNowBC. The students will receive washed, and ready-to- enjoy produce approximately every other week at **no charge**. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE OR IF YOU NEED TO ALERT US TO CERTAIN FOOD ALLERGIES, PLEASE RETURN THE FORM TO THE OFFICE.**

**CONVENIENCE CHARGE FOR SUPPLIES:** The Board of School Trustees has approved a convenience charge of \$30.00 per student (grades K - 7) for student supplies in accordance with Board Resolutions #175/92, 176/92 and 177/92. Please send your cheque to the school with your child by **Monday, September 19**. Please pay by cheque if possible, payable to Lord Byng School.

This is an optional program. However, most families purchase supplies through the school as our district gets much better pricing by buying in bulk and this ensures students have the same materials. If you have any concerns, please contact the school office. Our policy is that no student should be denied due to financial concerns.

**STUDENT PLANNERS:** Once again we are offering a Student Planner for all of the students from Grade 1 – 7 for a cost of \$5.00. Parents and teachers find this to be a wonderful method of home/school communication. Please make cheques out to Lord Byng School, you may combine planner and supplies amount on one cheque.



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS IN THE AIR!**

Welcome back, everyone! I'm so thrilled to be back at work and look forward to seeing you all soon. We have our first book fair coming up already, and I'd LOVE to have some parent volunteers to help make it run smoothly! The dates are Tuesday, September 27th to Thursday, September 29th, and the sign up will be outside of the library. Thank you in advance! Mrs. Markusoff

**EARLY WARNING SYSTEM - 604-668-6587**

The Early Warning System is designed to inform parents immediately if their child fails to arrive at school. The program is voluntary, but those parents who do not wish to participate must inform the school.

The Lord Byng Parent Group assists the school with the Early Warning System. The system alerts parents and teachers to any unexplained student absence.

The way the system works is simple:

**If a child is going to be absent or late from the school, the parent calls the number 604-668-6587, stating:**

- the date
- child's name
- child's division and teacher's name
- expected duration of absence

The school absentee lists are cross-checked with names telephoned in. If a child who is listed as absent does not appear on the telephone list, the child's parents are called.

DATES TO REMEMBER:



- P.A.C. Meeting - .....6:30 pm Wednesday, September 14
- Community Welcome Back BBQ 4-6pm.....Thursday, September 22
- Professional Development – Full Day.....Friday, September 23
- Scholastic Book Fair .....Tuesday, Sept. 27 to Thursday, September 29
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – 1:50 pm dismissal ..... Tuesday, September 27
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – 1:50 pm dismissal .....Wednesday, September 28
- School Terry Fox Run- 1-2pm.....Thursday, September 29
- Thanksgiving, School is closed..... Monday, October 10
- P.A.C. Meeting - .....6:30 pm Wednesday, October 12
- Student Portraits by Mountain West.....Friday, Oct. 14
- Provincial Professional Development – Full Day.....Friday, October 21
- Student Photo Retakes.....Wednesday, November 2