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Byng's Math Corner

On Tuesday January 26th, Byng hosted a Family Math Night. Over 100 parents and students joined us to continue the discussion of Byng's computational fluency goal. The purpose of part of the evening was for students to teach parents the various math games. All these activities help strengthen students' computational fluency skills. In our monthly newsletters, we look forward to featuring some of the games from the Family Math Night. These games can be played at home, and would be a great activity to do over Spring Break to work on math skills in a fun way.

(See the games attached to this newsletter)

Track & Field

Lord Byng Track Practice for Grades 3 to 7 will begin in April. They will be held before school, at lunch and after school. Students will have a chance to try out the various events to see which interests them the most. The school's zone track and field meet at Minoru Park is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 10th**, weather permitting. Mark your calendars.

Morning Announcements

Every day at 8:50 am our intermediate students support our communication by delivering information and encouraging school spirit on our PA. They are tremendous at encouraging school spirit, welcoming visitors and highlighting special activities.

Do not be late you may miss some important messages.

Parent Satisfaction Survey-Your Input is Valued

Help us plan for the future by telling us about your education experience. Students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12, their parents and all staff in B.C. public schools are invited to participate in an annual online satisfaction survey about their school experience.

The parent survey is available in 16 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous and confidential. There is no logon number required, you can just logon by knowing our school district (Richmond #38).

The survey is open until the end of April. To take the online survey now, using a web browser such as Internet Explorer, Safari, Chrome, or Firefox, please go to

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey.

Basketball

Our grade six and seven students have enjoyed an active season concluding today with the McMath tournament. We especially enjoyed expressing lots of Byng Bear spirit. At this time we are able to congratulate our girls for winning the B tournament! Our boys will finish their last game later today. Thanks to all of our students for their wonderful participation and to our sponsor teachers that made this season possible.

Dates to remember:

- Thurs., Mar. 10 - Last Day of school before Spring Break
- Sat., Mar. 12 - Daylight Savings - Clocks spring ahead!
- Spring Break Fri., March 11 to Easter Monday, March 28
- Tues., March 29 - Students return to school
- Thur., Apr. 7 - Students Class Photos (9am)
- Mon., Apr. 11 - Wigs for Kids Hair Assembly
- Wed., Apr. 13 - Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher conferences
- PAC MEETING - 6:30pm
- Wed., Apr. 20 - Walking Wednesday
- Fri. Apr. 22 - Professional Development Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Fri., Apr. 29 - PAC Subway Lunch
- Mon. May 2 - Professional Development Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tues., May 10 - Track & Field at Minoru / Clement Oval



PAC NEWS.....



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April Guest Speaker On Bullying

As mentioned at the assembly on February 24, Pink Shirt Day also known as Anti-bullying Day, Byng strives for kindness year-round. The school is proud to offer valuable resources for parents on this sensitive topic. Richmond School District Coordinator for Counselling and Social Responsibility, Larry Antrim, will be speaking to interested parents about bullying this April at Lord Byng. Dates and details to come. Well respected in his field, Larry just finished a presentation for the RDPA this month on bullying in the schools. Important resources for parents:

- Larry Antrim – Presentation to RDPA
- ERASE Bullying Strategy (Richmond School District)
- ERASE Bullying Website (BC Ministry of Education)

Scholastic Book Fair Update

Who says reading doesn't pay off? Thanks to our amazing Byng parents, students and staff who supported our Scholastic Book Fair, we sold \$5,025.40 worth of materials over the three days. The second book fair has an incredible 80% - 20% split in book sales, and as a result, Byng earned a whopping \$3,644.08 in book rewards for our library. Thanks also to Scholastic for their generosity, Ms. Burns for organizing it and her team of parent/student volunteers.

PAC also generously gave each teacher \$100 to spend on books for their classrooms, and \$50 to spend per Educational Assistant.

Spirit Club Helps Homeless Shelters

Thanks to all our parents, students and staff who contributed toiletries last month for Byng's Spirit Club project to help people less fortunate in our community. Thanks to your generosity, we assembled 160 care kits and donated them along with warm clothing to the extreme weather shelter, which operates out of Richmond's St. Alban Anglican Church as well as to Vancouver's Downtown Eastside Women's Shelter. Larger toiletry items were donated to the Shower Program, which also operates out of St Alban's. Women and children's clothing along with amenities went to Richmond's Nova Transition House for families in need.

Variety Club Champion Ryan Chin Raises \$626.82

Variety Club, the Children's Charity, celebrated its 50th anniversary last month. Byng's Spirit Club teamed up with Grade 1 student Ryan Chin, a Variety Club Champion, in Division 10, Mrs. Carrusca/Ms. Macdonald's class for a coin drive fundraiser. Thanks to our Byng community for pulling together and donating their loose coin, Ryan was able to raise \$350.47.

Ryan also collected bottles and cans thanks to an impromptu campaign lead by Grade 2 student also in Division 10, Ryan's buddy Ayden Mendoza & his mom. The week long bottle drive was a huge success and raised \$276.35.

In total, working together as a community, Ryan raised a record \$626.82 for Variety Club. Congratulations Ryan!

PAC BAKE SALE RAISES \$1450

PAC's Bake, which annually coincides, with the Scholastic Book Fair was an amazing success raising \$1450.67. Now that's a lot of cupcakes and cookies!

Gratitude goes to our generous parent community for baking items. Appreciation and thanks also to our Byng students, parents and staff who supported the fundraiser by purchasing items during the three-day event. This feel-good, old-fashioned fundraiser is an example of true community spirit. All the baked goods were baked by parents with love and care (and kids helping out) with 100% of the proceeds going back to the school.

April 11th - Wigs for Kids Assembly

Mark April 11th on your calendars! We're excited to have Jenna Baier from Division 11 in Ms. Sipsas' class lead the way with five other awesome Byng students on a very special project. Team Byng is also represented by two amazing adults - a Byng Grade 1 parent and Ms. Wooten's husband, who rounds up our good-will team. "Wigs for Kids" is a program run out of BC Children's Hospital which provides much needed wigs for children in the province who have lost their hair to cancer or other serious illnesses.

Help cheer on our generous group of participants as they each donate 8 inches (20 cm.) of their hair on April 11th at the morning Bucket Filling Assembly in the gym. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come out to help support Team Byng. Two hairstylists have graciously donated their services, and will be on hand at the event to help cut and style the students/adults. For further information, please contact Sheila Baier at sbaier@sd38.bc.ca