



Lord Byng Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER # 7

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Student Enrolment for 2017-2018:

We have begun planning for next year and a critical aspect of the planning process is determining the number of students who will be attending. The number of students enrolled at a school determines the teacher allotment and number of classes.

To help the school plan for next year we are asking you to please let the office know if you are planning to move before September.

To be guaranteed placement at a new catchment school students must be registered for the new school by June 16, 2017, with registration occurring at the School Board Office.

Transfer Requests

Due to a very recent notification of changes, from the Ministry of Education, in contract requirements for class size and composition and other related factors, the Richmond School District finds it necessary to put a hold on the Transfer Approval Process. It will take some time for the District Staff to gather data, analyze it, and make the necessary adjustments in schools with the lens of the new contract requirements. This means that we cannot add transfers to any school at this time until we know all the relevant factors affecting each school next year.

We will notify transfer families of all approved/not approved transfers, as soon as this work is completed, but the actual date is not known yet. Please read the District Website for any further updates on the situation. We understand that families are very anxious to have settling school decisions for their children and we thank you for your patience while this very critical work is completed.

Variety Coin Drive

Special thanks to everyone who donated coins for our Spirit Club's Coin Drive (Feb. 8-10) for Variety, the Children's Charity. As a result of our collective efforts, Variety ambassadors Ryan and Andrew Chin were able to raise \$522.73 for the charity which helps children with special needs in BC and the Yukon.

STEVESTON T-SHIRTS FOR SALE:

CANNERY FARMER'S MARKET THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 12

PAC will selling their popular Steveston t-shirts and tote bags this Sunday, March 12th from 10am - 3pm outside the Gulf of Georgia Cannery on Fourth Avenue. If you are around, feel free to drop by and say hello to our parent volunteers. There will be local food, artisans and live music at the market.

Green Team!

Our Green Team has organized the Dining in the Dark experience once again. Each Tuesday classes are being asked to turn out the lights as the students eat lunch. The power savings for the school and district



are significant and demonstrate how a small act can be very helpful.



Spring Break March 11-26, 2017:

Spring Break is a time for kids to be kids! It's a chance to play, to run, and to be free from the busy school schedule. That's why the YMCA offers day camps, so that every child can reach their full potential. From out-trips and theme days to sports and games, we have something for everyone. We hope you'll join us! Check out everything we have to offer online at www.vanymca.org/daycamps or visit www.mymca.ca to register.

Byng Library News:

WOW! THANK YOU! We had such a successful book fair, selling just over \$5000.00 in product! What does this mean for our library? We were fortunate to be able to take \$1000.00 of product off of the shelves, as well as earn \$1200.00 in cash that will go towards future books and supplies. A HUGE thank you to the PAC for giving each class \$150.00 in books for their classroom collection. Another HUGE thank you to the parents and students who helped me run the book fair. I couldn't do it without you! We are so fortunate here at Byng!

Stream of Dreams

This week, thanks to the generosity the Pacific Salmon Foundation and a donation from our PAC, we are painting wooden salmon to mount on our fence. Each class has participated in an educational component stressing that storm drains empty into our natural waterways. We need to keep harmful things out of storm drains. The painting will be completed on Thursday and on Monday, April 10 we will be requesting parent assistance to wire the salmon onto our fence.

Richmond School District Parent Information Session

Did you know that the new BC math curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade 9 requires a financial literacy learning standard to be taught at each grade level? What are you doing at home, as a parent, to support your child's financial literacy learning? Join to hear about free resources, and hear ideas about engaging your children in the celebration – "Talk With Our Kids About Money Day"!

Tuesday, March 28 from 7 – 8 pm at Cook Elementary Library

RSVP by Monday March 20, 2017: tweeks@cfee.org

Dates to remember:

- Wed. Mar. 8 - PAC Meeting at 6:30pm
- Fri., Mar. 10 - Last Day of school before Spring Break- Report Cards home by this day.
- Spring Break- Mon., March 13 to Sunday, March 26
- Mon., Mar. 27 - Students return to school
- Tues., Mar. 28 and April 4 - Pizza Days
- Wed. & Thurs. Mar. 29 & 30 - Grade 7 McMath Feeder Basketball Tournament
- Sat., Apr. 1 - Learning & the Brain Conference at MacNeill, Info: <http://latb.sd38.bc.ca>
- Wed., April 5 - Class Pictures
- Mon., Apr. 10 - Installation of Stream of Dreams Fish Display*/*/



- Tues., Apr. 11 - Pizza Day
- Wed., Apr. 12 - Early Dismissal at 1:50 pm for Parent Conferences
- Fri., Apr. 14 - Good Friday, School is closed
- Mon., Apr. 17 - Easter Monday, School is closed
- Tues. Apr. 18 & 25 - Pizza Days