



LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER # 10

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Parent Appreciation Coffee

Friday, June 24th in the Library from 8:00AM- 9:00AM

The staff would like to express our appreciation to our wonderful parents who support our combined journey of learning in so many ways. Join us in the library for some refreshments and conversation.

Year End Assembly Friday, June 24th at 9:00am

FAREWELL TO STAFF MEMBERS

We are so sorry to say farewell to a number of staff.

Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Mezzarobba, Mrs. Hers, Mrs. Wootton, Ms. Lawrence, Mr. Lau and Mr. Ferguson have all contributed greatly to Byng Elementary and to our community. Some are moving schools, others are changing districts and a few are awaiting new assignments. We wish them the very best in their new positions!!!

FINAL ASSEMBLY

On **Wednesday, June 29th**, we will have the **Farewell Assembly for our Grade 7 students at 9am**. Students will return to their classes at the end of this event to have a final time with their teachers. Parents are most welcome to remain at the school until the final dismissal time of **11:25am**.



Thank you to Div. 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9!!

We raised almost \$800 from our Garden Market Sales and The Empty Bowls Project!!!

Div. 1, 2, and 3's Empty Bowls Project

The world produces enough food to meet the needs of its population, yet nearly one in six people suffers from chronic hunger, according to the United Nations' Committee on World Food Security.

One creative way to make an impact on hunger is to participate in the Empty Bowls Project. **The Empty Bowls Project**, the brainchild of artists John Hartom and Lisa Blackburn, uses ceramic arts to fight hunger. For each event, potters and other artisans create and then donate the proceeds from their handcrafted bowls. Guests select one of the bowls in exchange for a donation to the project, then they take their bowl home as a reminder of how many go empty in their own community, and around the world.

This year, the students in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 at Lord Byng took part in this project. We would like to give students and their families the first opportunity to purchase their own creations, for a minimum \$5 donation. All donations will support the Richmond Food Bank, at a time of the year when donations are typically down. This is a wonderful way for our students to give back to their community. All bowls that have not been purchased by



9:00 am this Friday morning will be available for purchase by other members of our school community. Bowls will be on display in the gym foyer during our parent appreciation breakfast and year-end assembly.

PAC UPDATE

Our PAC has had an exciting and productive year in offering such a high degree of support for our school community. We would like to express our appreciation to all of our PAC members who have helped out with the myriad of activities offered this year.

PAC EXECUTIVE

A special thank you to our PAC chairs, **Mrs. Angela Riley and Mrs. Kerry Chan**, to our treasurer, **Mr. Tom Phipps**, and to our secretaries, **Mrs. Karen Lin and Mrs. Tanya Major** for all their work on the executive this year. Please make the second Wednesday of each month available to attend our PAC meetings and participate in this important avenue of school improvement.

Thank you also to all of our parent and grandparent volunteers that help with:

Early Warning, Fundraising, Pizza Toonie Tuesday, PAC Lunch Days, Karaoke, Bingo/Games Day, Craft Days, Social events and Grade 7 farewell. We could not do it without you!

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR 2016-2017

In the spring of each year, schools begin their planning for the coming year. We have preliminary staffing meetings with board office personnel and look at possible scenarios for organization in the Fall. As our school population varies from June to September, it is not possible to confirm classes until the first week of school in September. At this time of year we collect information about students from many sources to help us in determining the best placement for all the children at Byng. This includes information about children's strengths and needs, their social relationships, their interests, their learning styles, and previous placements.

Students are placed into classes after careful consideration and consultation with all staff. Thank you also for understanding that it is not possible to request specific teaching personnel.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The final day in session for this school year is Wednesday, June 29th. Our students will be dismissed at 11:25am for the summer break. Staff will be at the school on Thursday and Friday to engage in professional development activities and to complete year end tasks.

BACK TO SCHOOL - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

- * All New Kindergarten and returning Grade 1 to 7 students are to attend from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- * New Grade 1 to 7 students are to attend from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- * Students will return to their 2015/2016 classrooms unless otherwise posted on the school doors and school website
- * Students in Grades 1 – 7 will be placed in their new classrooms on Friday, September 9th.
- * New Kindergarten students will be phased in over the first two weeks according to the schedule that was given to families at our Welcome To Kindergarten workshop.

Library News: It is that time of year again! The last day for students to check out books was Friday, June 10th, they are all due NOW! Please aid your children in looking for all overdue and checked out books, as sometimes they are hiding in the most unexpected places!

I wish you all a fabulous year ahead! All the best! Mrs. Burns



NOTICE OF LATE RETURN 2016-2017

If your child will be returning to Lord Byng later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, please be advised that you must complete a **Notice of Late Return Form** (available from the School Office or School Board Office) before **June 24, 2016**. If you had intended to return on time but your plans change during the summer, fax or phone the school **before September 6, 2016**. Any student(s) who is not in attendance by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 7th and has **not** completed a **Notice of Late Return Form** or returns after September 16, 2016, **will be removed from the school's register and placed on the School District Wait List.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT LORD BYNG SCHOOL THIS JULY:



Summer school courses will be held at Lord Byng School during July.
For more information and to register on line, please go to the website, www.RichmondCE.ca.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR & SEPTEMBER

JUNE:

- 24 Parent Tea – 8am to 9 am in the Library
9am Year End Assembly in the gym– Everyone Welcome
- 29 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly, 9am., last day of school for 2015/2016
(dismissal at 11:25am) ½ day Professional Day
- 30 Administration Day- School is closed

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

First day back to school:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. for New Kindergarten students and returning Grade 1 to 7 students

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. for **NEW** Grade 1 to 7 students

