

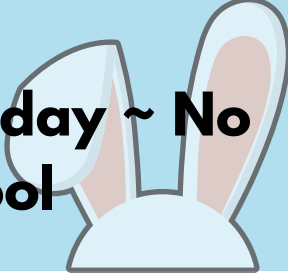




WEEK AT A GLANCE

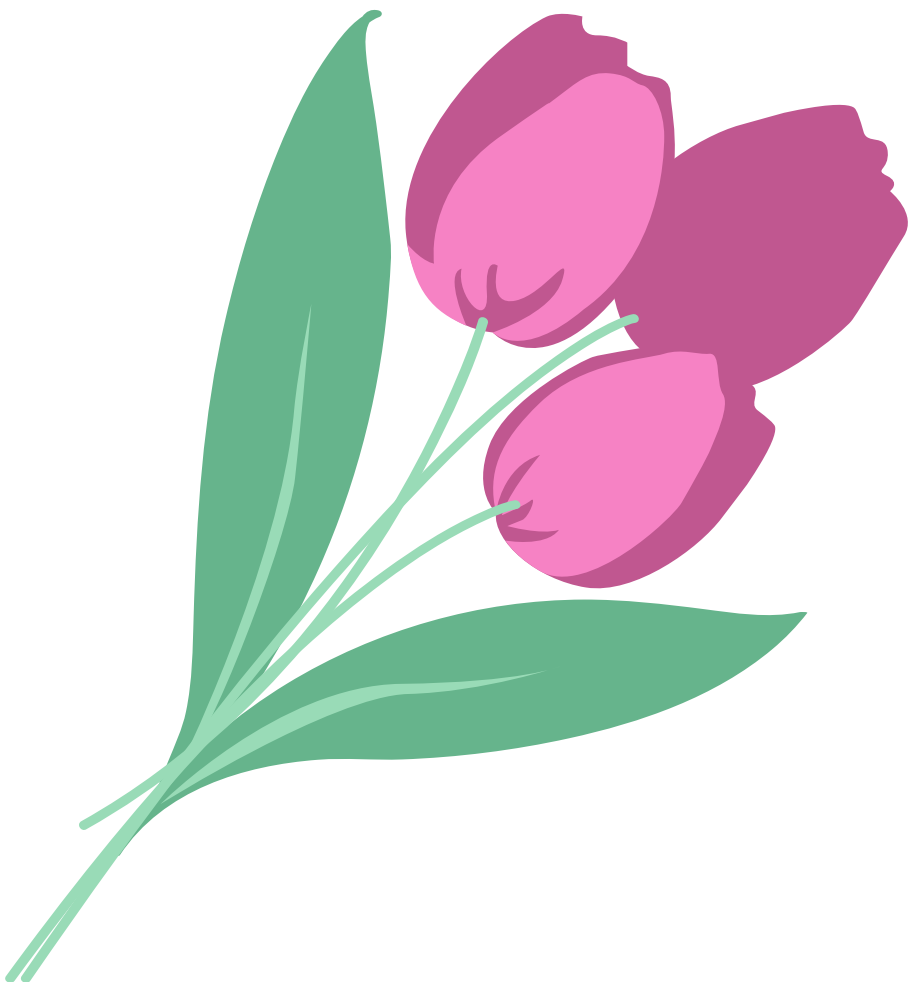
# LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



April 18th-22nd

<p><b>Monday,</b> <b>April 18th</b></p> <p><b>Easter Monday ~ No School</b></p> 	<p><b>Tuesday,</b> <b>April 19th</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday,</b> <b>April 20th</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday,</b> <b>April 21st</b></p>	<p><b>Friday,</b> <b>April 22nd</b></p> <p> <b>Earth Day</b></p> <p><b>Hot Lunch ~ Pizza Factory</b></p> 
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**Have a safe and fun LONG WEEKEND and a very Happy Easter and Passover! We will see you back at school on Tuesday!**



## Reminders

Please report any absences, lates, early dismissals, etc. to our **Early Warning Line at (604) 668-6587**

Let us know your child's name, division, WHY they are away and for how long

If your child(ren) will be arriving late, please drop them off at the office in order for us to adjust attendance accordingly.

THANK YOU

## Upcoming Events

- April 15 - Good Friday - No School
- April 15 - Passover Begins
- April 18 - Easter Monday- No School
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 22 - Hot Lunch ~ Pizza Factory
- April 22- Spirit Day ~ Rainbow Colours
- May 6 - Hot Lunch ~ Taco Luis







### Have you checked out the Byng Website?

- get the latest news
- check out the latest WAAG
- calendar events
- important information
- and much more.....



[byng.sd38.bc.ca](http://byng.sd38.bc.ca)



**Contact Information:**  
Please ensure the school has your up-to-date email, residential address and contact information. This is very important if we do need to get in touch with you, that we have the correct information. Any updates or changes, please email [byng@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:byng@sd38.bc.ca)

## Daily Health Check



### SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

Just a reminder to please complete a daily health check before sending your kids to school.

The website and app will contain the most up-to-date BC health guideline information.

Here is a quick link to the [K-12 Health Check](#) or use the **Daily Health Check at the end of the WAAG.**



*Celebrating 100 Years!*

# LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY

1922-2022

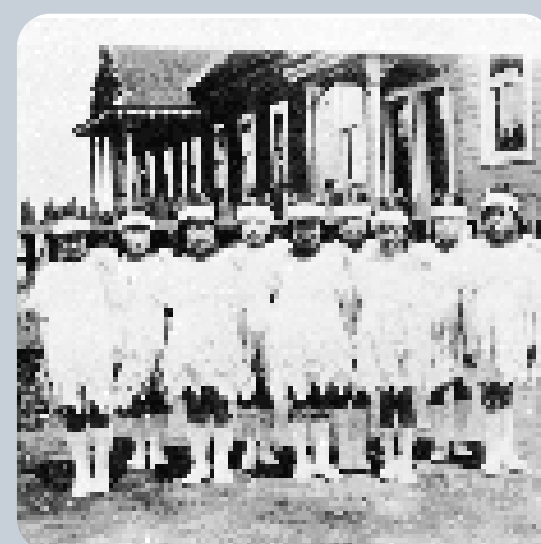
Lord Byng Elementary School is having its 100th Birthday this year.

We will be celebrating this at the school level with learning and classroom events the week of May 30th.

If you or anybody you know has Byng memorabilia from the last 100 years, we'd love to put it on display here at the school for our students. It would be a great opportunity to learn from our past. Byng clothing, pictures, trophies, text books, work samples, report cards, etc.. And of course we would return everything to the owners in late June.

Please contact Ms Schulz at [Ischulz@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:Ischulz@sd38.bc.ca) if you have anything you'd like to lend us.

Thank you for your support!



Lord Byng Elementary School Japanese students, May Day, 1930. Group of students in the garden of Lord Byng School, showing school and Japanese Hospital in background, 1930. City of Richmond Archives



The new Lord Byng Elementary School in 2004. City of Richmond Archives



Lord Byng School showing building and children on playground, 1931. City of Richmond Archives





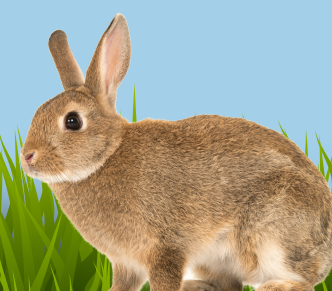
# Sunday, April 17th

## Happy Easter!

**Easter is one of the principal holidays, or feasts, of Christianity.**

**Easter is a popular day for attending church, getting together for a big family meal and staging an Easter egg hunt.**

With the current challenges we are facing in the world, and in particular for the country of Ukraine and its' people, we wanted to share these beautiful Pysanka (Ukrainian Easter eggs). These are intricately decorated eggs using a wax resist (aka batik) method. The name is derived from the Ukrainian verb "pysaty," meaning "to write."







# Chag Pesach Sameach!

## April 15 - 23

Passover, also called Pesach, celebrates the Exodus, the liberation of Israelites, from slavery in Egypt.

Jewish families celebrate with the Seder, a feast held on the first night of Passover, that marks the beginning of the holiday.



April 1st marked the beginning of Sikh Heritage Month. Proclaimed by Parliament on April 30, 2019, this month recognizes and highlights the important contributions that Sikh communities have made and continue to make to Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural heritage.

Canada is proud to be home to more than 500,000 Sikh Canadians, making it one of the largest Sikh diasporas in the world. Since the arrival of the first Sikh immigrants in the late 19th century, members of this community have contributed to Canada through their achievements in all areas of society and have helped shape the diversity found within it.

Sikhism's core principles include equality, generosity, openness, and compassion. Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to reflect on the pivotal role that Sikh communities have played, and continue to play, in building a stronger and consciously more inclusive Canada.





Hi everyone!

Back in January I let you know that, alongside other librarians in the district, I was going to be doing a Diversity Audit in February. It has been rescheduled to this coming week, April 19th-22nd. Unfortunately, as I will be deeply immersed in the audit, library will be cancelled for the week, and your children will not be checking books out of the library. Thank you for your understanding as I partake in this important work.

Also, you may have noticed that Graphic Novels have been circulating like crazy over the past few years, and this is great news! Studies have shown that reading Graphic Novels increases engagement in reading and improves reading skills just like any other book. Because of this, we have an incredibly large Graphic Novel section in our Byng library. Please refer to the website below, as well as the infographic for further information, and, of course, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'm always happy to chat about literacy and Graphic Novels!

Take care and happy reading!

Mrs. Markusoff

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/3-reasons-graphic-novels-can-be-great-young-readers.html>

# GRAPHIC NOVELS ARE REAL BOOKS

IOWA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

the benefits of reading graphic novels include:

## VISUAL LITERACY

the ability to interpret information presented in the form of an image

Visual literacy is necessary to navigate today's digital world and is an essential skill in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace.

## BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

building neural pathways

Taking in both image and text at one and synthesizing them to determine meaning uses both sides of the brain and develops neural connections that reading text alone does not. The reading process is deeper and more complex.

## VERBAL LITERACY

development of language & communication skills

Research shows that viewing pictures along with a story activates the language center of the brain more than just reading does, and images help readers infer the meaning of unfamiliar words. Sequential art helps students develop linear thinking skills.

## MOTIVATION

enthusiasm creates readers

A Scholastic Corp. study found that middle and high school students who are given the opportunity to choose the books they read are more likely to develop the habit of reading for fun.



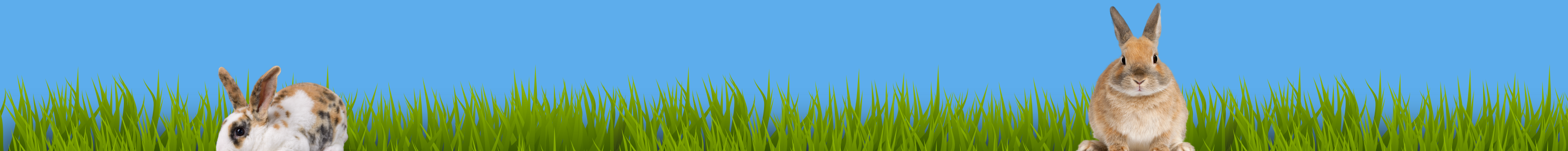
### Dress for the weather!

As it continues to be rainy and chilly at times, it might be helpful to bring:

Rain Boots!

Waterproof Jacket !

Change of Clothes!





# Byng is a Mask Friendly Environment!



wearing a mask is a personal choice. let's all  
continue to be kind to each other



## Byng Community Event

Join the Byng Bears team and go the distance for BC's kids by running on  
Sunday, June 12.

The 2022 RBC Race for the Kids is back in-person at Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver, and we are hoping some Byng Bears want to join us in fundraising initiatives, and doing the race on June 12!

While many strides have been made in improving children's health care, we've only scratched the surface when it comes to taking on the biggest health threats facing our kids. From advancing care to improving survival rates, we're working to break through the barriers that remain.

Together, we can race towards a healthier future for BC's kids. Register by clicking on the link below and join the Byng Bear group:

<https://secured.bcchf.ca/regV2/regV2.aspx?eventid=367695&langpref=en-CA&Referrer=https%3a%2f%2fsecured.bcchf.ca%2fregistrant%2fReturningRegistrantOption.aspx%3fEventID%3d367695%26LangPref%3den-CA%26welcomeBackReg%3dy&IsFacebookConnected=False>

**Note:** This team is being organized by a Byng parent and not the Byng administration. Any questions regarding the event can be emailed to [annalisa.bentzen@gmail.com](mailto:annalisa.bentzen@gmail.com) or [raceebcchf.ca](http://raceebcchf.ca).



**Priority 2 Registration Period opens  
January 22 and closes May 13**

Applications received during this period  
will receive a placement by May 20, 2022





HAPPY EARTH DAY



April 22, 2022

**Celebrate Earth Day by appreciating and respecting the natural world. Here are some ideas to inspire you this year.**



**Support our Pollinators!**



**Clean up plastic in your neighborhood and recycle what you can!**



**Plant a tree!**

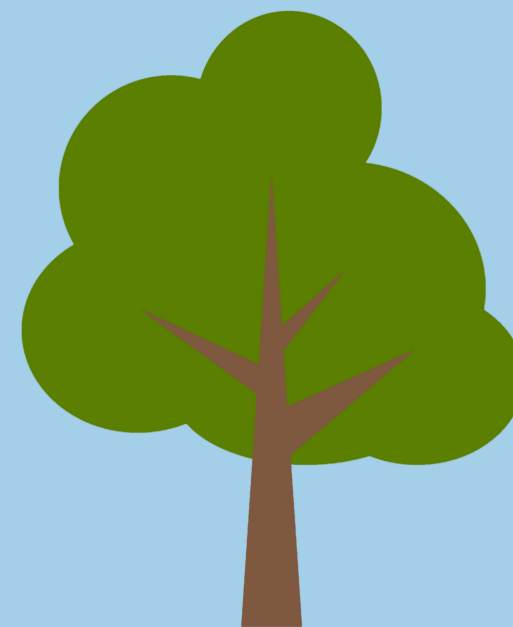
**Use native plants and wildflowers in your garden!**



**Conserve water!**



**Don't use pesticides and chemicals in the garden!**





# Byng YMCA Kids Club



In need of before and after school care? The Byng YMCA Kids Club Before and After School Program serves families in our school community. The Y understands that time gaps before and after school can be a challenge for parents, which is why its licensed Kids Clubs programs offer school-aged children a safe and inviting environment to connect with others and participate in enjoyable activities.

To learn more about Byng YMCA Kids Club and its health and safety protocols, contact [ymcakidsclub@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:ymcakidsclub@gv.ymca.ca). Part-time and full-time spots are available.



Mark  
YOUR  
Calendar

As part of Mental Health Week (May 2nd – 8th), Richmond SD38 presents....  
A parent information session on Adolescent Mental Health & Wellness – May 4th, 2022 (on Zoom) featuring:

Dr. Yifeng Wei, MA, PhD, Dr. Li Sha, MEd, PhD, Andrew Baxter, MSW RSW

This Parent Mental Health Literacy session is designed by [mentalhealthliteracy.org](http://mentalhealthliteracy.org) for parents and families to improve their understanding of mental health and mental disorders, reduce stigma surrounding mental illness, encourage help-seeking and promote mental health. It is designed to align with the Mental Health & High School Curriculum Guide for youth and educators. The session aims to promote parent mental health literacy so that parents and families can support their children's mental health more efficiently and effectively.

This parent session will discuss the conceptual understanding about mental health, child brain development and common mental disorders occurring during adolescent years (e.g., depression, anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and substance use disorder). It further provides evidence-based help-seeking strategies and information about treatment options to support youth in need of mental health care.

Please see the attached information flyer for additional details and a weblink/QR code to register. Closer to the May 4th date, a Zoom link will be sent to those who have registered.

