

WEEK AT A GLANCE

LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 12th - 16th

Monday,
September 12th

Tuesday,
September 13th

Wednesday,
September 14th

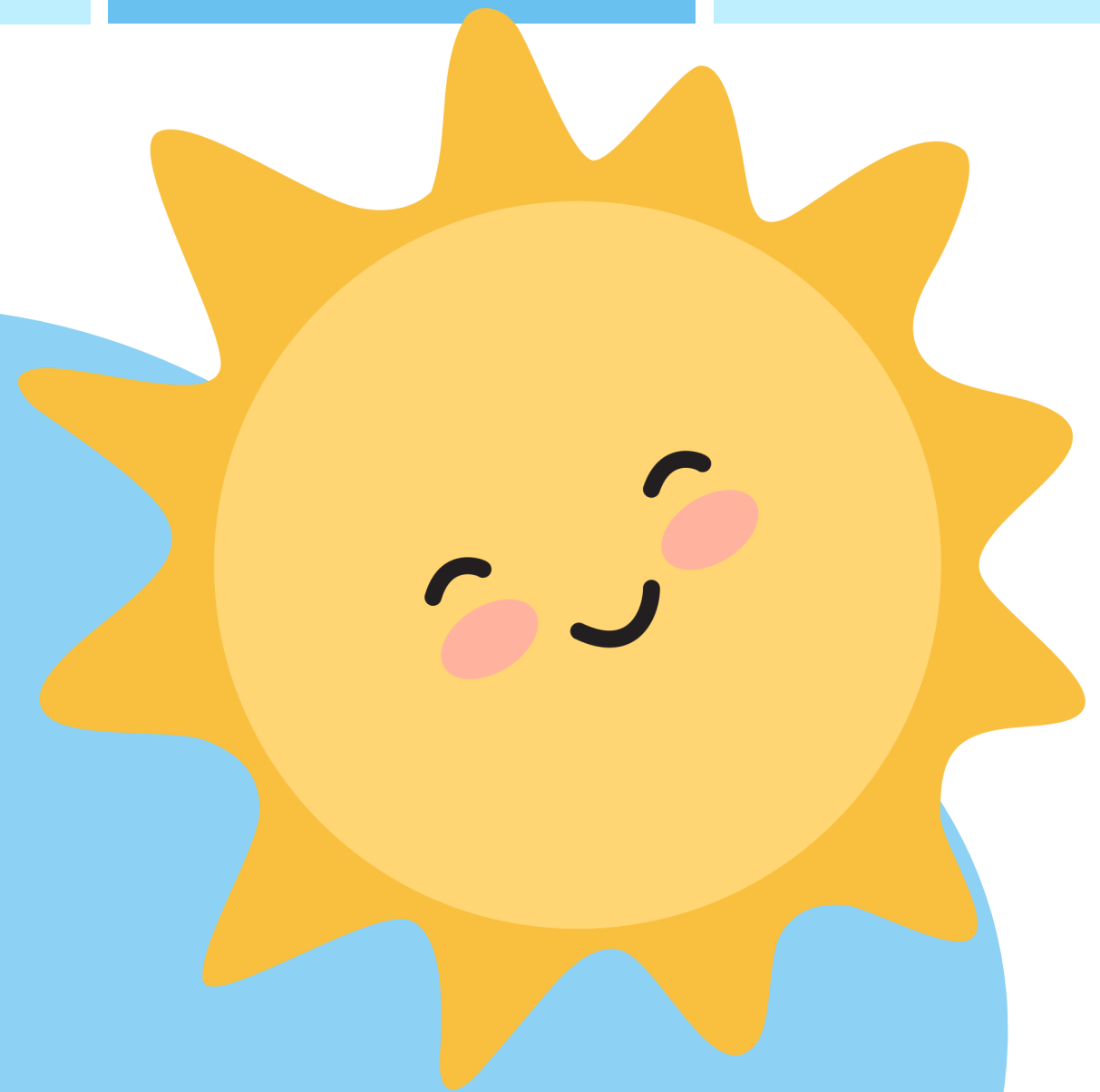
Thursday,
September 15th

Friday,
September 16th

Welcome back! We are so excited to get going for another great school year. We have 16 divisions with approximately 365 students and a wonderful staff keen to be working with all your children. We are anticipating moving to new classrooms on Monday.

At the end of the day at 2:45 on MONDAY, Primary children (Kindergarten to grade 3) will be dismissed out of the rooms you dropped them off that morning at 8:45 am in order for them to be picked up (same spot they've been at for the last 4 days). Your child will then let you know their new rooms for Tuesday drop off and who their teacher will be for the year.

Thank you!



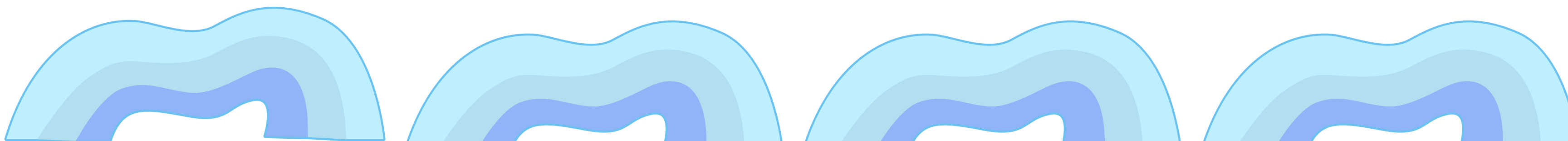
Upcoming Events

September 23rd ~ Pro-D Day

September 26: Terry Fox Assembly
Run

September 30 ~ National Day for
Truth & Reconciliation

BACK TO SCHOOL





MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

Sept. 22 from 5:30-6pm. Please come by for an informal visit to see your child's classroom, meet their teacher, and say hello! We would love to see you!

Student and Family Affordability Fund

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to Ms. Schulz (lschulz@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



PAC NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

Welcome from your Executive!

Welcome to a new year at Byng! All families at Byng are part of the PAC. PAC is not possible without the volunteers who give up their time to participate in meetings, run and help with programs, help at events and in general offer their support. We also want to support the teachers and staff of the school. It truly does take a village to raise our children! Let's take a look back at what happened with PAC last year and look ahead to this year.

Looking Back:

We continued to get creative last year on how to have fun and stay connected as a community. We had a few very successful "Byng Family Dinners". Thank you to everyone who participated and to those that also posted their dinners online or shared their favourites around the schoolground. Please keep these vendors in mind when thinking about your takeout or in-house dining this year:

- Steveston Seafood House
- 74C05 (Tacos)
- Mr. Cooper's Pies



One of PAC's role at the school is fundraising. How did we raise money last year?



- Bi-weekly hot lunches
- Byng Family Dinners
- Steveston T-shirts and Tote bags
- Employee's corporate grants
- BC Gaming Grant

And what is the point of the fundraising but to spend the money on equipment, programs and events at the school!

Spending:

- Classroom consumables (teachers purchase supplies for their classrooms)
- Saleema Noon Body Science (paid from the BC Gaming Grant)
- Classroom First Aid bags (paid from the BC Gaming Grant)
- Grade 7 Farewell
- Family Skate Night
- Field trip subsidy for all students

More details of the PAC's financial activities can be seen in the PAC Meeting minutes under the Treasurer's Report.

We have continued using Mailchimp and Facebook as our two main methods of communication with Byng families. Once again in September you'll receive a link to subscribe to our Mailchimp mailing list. We also encourage to join the Facebook Group (see below).

Looking Ahead:

We had our Annual General Meeting in May. Our current Executive has been voted back in for another year. We do have some vacancies however in other areas. Please consider exploring one of these positions within the PAC:

- Fundraising coordinator (could be a specific project or multiple)
- Grant applications
- Parent Education (usually once a year)
- RDPA Representative (attends District PAC meetings once a month and reports at the school's monthly PAC meetings)
- Social coordinator (could be a specific project or multiple)

If you have any questions or ideas about the above roles, please email the Executive! This year we will also be thinking about succession planning for some other roles where it is the parent's last year at Byng.

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Facebook group: Lord Byng Elementary PAC



PAC NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022

Our calendar for this year has not yet been determined. We are unsure at this time what events we will be able to run with appropriate levels of social distancing.



Thank you to all those who joined us for coffee, tea and goodies on the first day of school. It was great to re-connect with everyone!

And as always, all parents are welcome to the monthly PAC meetings that happen every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. These meetings are a great way to learn more about what's going on in the school from the admin staff as well as the PAC. If you are interested in being involved but not sure where to begin, coming to a PAC meeting is a great start!

We hope you had a great summer, making some wonderful family memories. And we look forward to seeing you this year!

Important Dates:

Sept 6 – First day of School!

Sept 21 – PAC meeting

Sept 23 – Pro D day

Sept 30 – Reconciliation Day

PAC Executive 2022/23:

Jennie Middleton, Chair
Kerry Chan, Vice Chair
Maureen Gardner,
Treasurer
Karen Lin, Secretary

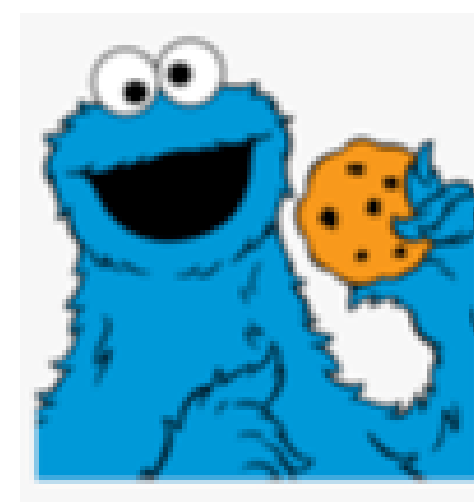


Snappy Gingersnaps (makes about 44 cookies)

These were popular at our Welcome Back event! Pack them in lunches or keep them for your own elevenses!

You Will Need:

- 2 ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ½ tablespoon fresh ginger
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup shortening or unsalted butter
- 1 ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup molasses



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In a medium bowl stir together flour, ginger, fresh ginger, baking soda, and salt; set aside. In a large mixing bowl beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer on medium speed until light and creamy. Beat in eggs and molasses until combined. Beat in as much of the flour mixture as you can with the mixer. Stir in any remaining flour mixture.
2. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll balls in a bowl of sugar. Place 1-1/2 inches apart on a parchment-lined or ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 13 minutes or until flat and evenly brown. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool.

Source: Byng parent, Jen Sibley



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



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

Reminder

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.

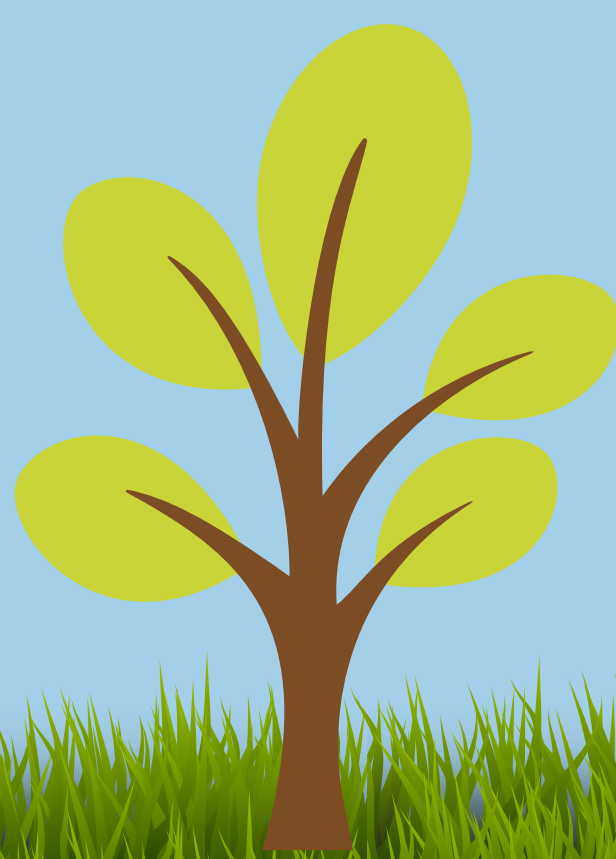
Thank
you



Byng is a Mask Friendly Environment!



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



VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE.....

If your student is absent or late for school Please inform the office directly by calling the early warning line as soon as possible at 604.668.6587.

In the spring, schools began to re-open their doors to visitors such as parents and caregivers as we continued to transition out of the pandemic. We are pleased that schools will now be able to welcome visitors to their schools in ways that will be similar to how they did before the pandemic. Our front door will be open between 8 am and 3 pm. Please sign into the office before walking around the school. Please drop off lunches, items being dropped off, band instruments, water bottles, extra clothes, etc... at the outside door of the classroom door that your child is in. Thank you for following our safety protocols.



If your child carries an Epi Pen or Asthma medication to school and DID NOT receive an Emergency Action Plan from their teacher already, please let the office know and we will send a form home with them!

Looking ahead....

October 10th ~ Thanksgiving

October 21 ~ Pro-D Day ~ No School

October 24 ~ Individual Student Photos



Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School (1891-1981) Commemoration Project and Reunion events that took place in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. This project was the vision of Esketemc (Alkali Lake) Chief Fred Robbins, who is a former student himself. It brought together former students and their families from the Secwepemc, Tsilhqot'in, Southern Dakelh and St'at'imc Nations along with the Cariboo Regional District, the Mayors and municipalities, School Districts and civic organizations in the Cariboo Region.

The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. Chief Justice Murray Sinclair challenged all of the participants to keep the reconciliation process alive, as a result of the realization that every former student had similar stories.

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of this project. As spokesperson for the Reunion group leading up to the events, former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

It all started right here in the Cariboo, and as a result, School District No. 27 was chosen by the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) to pilot curriculum changes for all Grade 5 and Grade 10 students reflecting the residential school experience, which have now been implemented province-wide.

Resolutions have been passed in support of Orange Shirt Day by local governments, school districts, and First Nations in the Cariboo and beyond. The AFN Chiefs-in-Council passed a resolution declaring Orange Shirt Day "a first step in reconciliation", and pledging to bring the message home as well as to the government of Canada and the churches responsible, several provincial governments have proclaimed Orange Shirt Day, and in March of 2019, the Government of Canada passed a bill designating September 30th National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Unfortunately, that bill died in the Senate.

On this day of September 30th, we call upon humanity to listen with open ears to the stories of survivors and their families, and to remember those that didn't make it.