

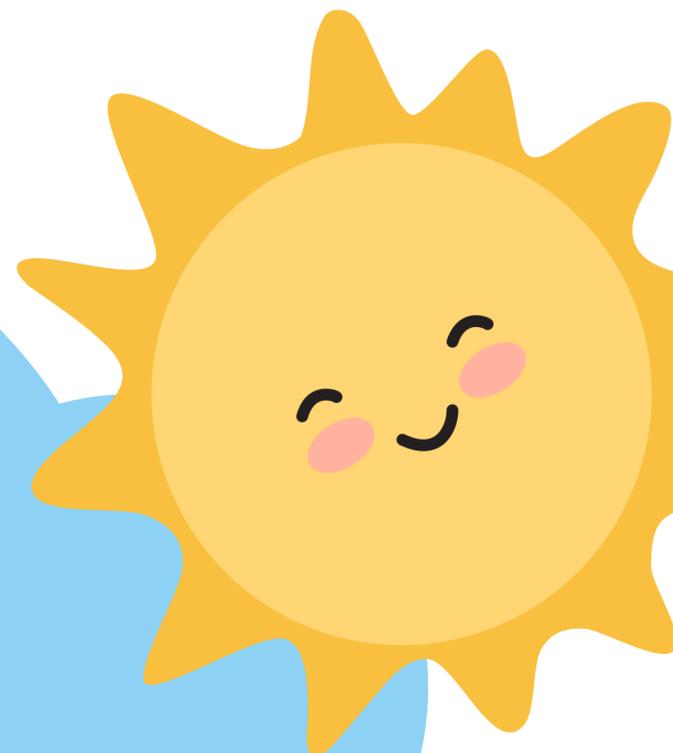
WEEK AT A GLANCE

LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 19th - 23rd

Monday, September 19th	Tuesday, September 20th	Wednesday, September 21st	Thursday, September 22nd	Friday, September 23rd
School Closed		PAC Meeting ~ 6:30pm (library)	Meet the Teacher Night ~ 5:30pm	Pro-D Day School Closed

It has been a very busy few weeks of settling back in to school routines, new classrooms, and welcoming both our newest Byng Bears as well as new staff. Please carefully review the following pages for important information regarding upcoming dates and events. Enjoy your weekend and we will see you back at school on Tuesday, September 20th.



The Provincial Government announced that all K-12 public schools will be closed on September 19 in order to observe the national day of mourning to commemorate the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

All schools in the Richmond School District will therefore be closed on Monday, September 19. School will resume on September 20.

Upcoming Events

September 22 ~ Meet the Teacher Night

September 23rd ~ Pro-D Day

September 27 ~ Terry Fox Run

September 30 ~ National Day for Truth & Reconciliation



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.

Coming soon



SIGN UP NOW!

VOLUNTEER AND RESTORE HABITAT WITH THE LOWER MAINLAND GREEN TEAM!

Activity: Invasive plant & litter removal
Date: Sunday September 18, 2022
Time: 9:45am-1:00pm
Location: Garry Point Park, Richmond

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! All ages, abilities & experience levels welcome. Instruction, tools, gloves & refreshments provided.



MORE INFO AND SIGN UP:

<https://www.meetup.com/the-lower-mainland-green-team/events/>



Questions? Email Ashton Kerr, Program Manager, at ashton@greenteamsCanada.ca

We are looking for parent volunteers to help us with the Terry Fox Run please. If you are able to help, sign up on the chart stand in the main foyer outside the office. We would ask for you to “supervise a post” along the run route between 1:45 – 2:45pm. We will put the chart stand up next week. Thank you so much for your support.



School Expectations

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Speaker: June Sanders - English, Socials Teacher

SEPTEMBER 21 - 10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM - ON ZOOM

TO REGISTER:



OR



IMPORTANT!

With school starting up, it is important to remind both drivers and pedestrians to keep traffic safety in mind and remain alert during their commutes.

Here are some tips for drivers, pedestrians and parents from ICBC to make travelling to and from school safe for everyone.

Stick to the Speed Limit ~ A 30 km/h speed limit is in effect in school zones from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every school day, unless otherwise posted. In playground zones, a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect every day from dawn to dusk.

Scan Crosswalks and Intersections from Left to Right as You Approach ~ Watch for pedestrians waiting to cross, especially during school hours.

Leave Your Phone Alone ~ Distraction is the leading factor for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists.

Notice if Other Drivers are Slowing Down or Stopping ~ If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding to a pedestrian, so proceed with caution and be prepared to stop.

Give Yourself Enough Stopping Distance ~ You need more time to stop when you're driving fast. At a slower speed, motorists have better chance to react when children or others are crossing the road. This could be the difference that saves a life.

Watch for School Buses ~ When their lights are flashing, vehicles approaching from both directions must stop.

Cross Only at Marked or Controlled Crosswalks ~ Do not jaywalk or cross when it isn't your turn.

Look Both Ways Before Crossing the Street ~ Ensure it is safe to cross from both directions of traffic before setting foot on the crosswalk.

Make Eye Contact with Drivers Approaching the Crosswalk ~ Be certain they see you and that they've committed to slowing down to a stop.

Double-Check Lights and Signals are Working at Controlled Crosswalks ~ Make sure that the flashing traffic lights are operational and haven't timed out before crossing.

Let Your Child Enter and Exit Your Car on the Side Closest to the Sidewalk ~ It's safest to drop off and pick up as close to the sidewalk as possible. Do not allow your child to cross mid-block.

Before Starting Your Car, Check for Small Children Hidden From Your View ~ Walk around your car and always look carefully for pedestrians when backing up.





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.

3711 Georgia Street, Richmond, BC Email: lordbyngelementarypac@gmail.com Facebook group: Lord Byng Elementary PAC



We are currently accepting applications for Just B4 for children born in 2018. If you are interested and meet the requirements below, please submit your application.

Just B4 is a new initiative from the Ministry of Education to introduce preschool to 4-5 year-old children who are starting Kindergarten in September 2023. Just B4 will provide opportunities for children to engage in lots of activities, spend time outdoors and in the school garden, and socialize with peers.

Housed at Walter Lee and Grauer Schools, in the StrongStart classrooms, Just B4 will run from September-June, for 2 hours and 15 minutes a day. Walter Lee's program will be held in the morning from 9:30-11:45 and Grauer's program will be in the afternoon from 12:30-2:45. Parents will have the option to request 3 mornings or 2 mornings at Lee OR 3 afternoons, or 2 afternoons at Grauer. Selection will be done on a lottery basis.

There is a fee of \$10.00 per day for your child to attend Just B4. Once your child has been accepted into the program, your fee schedule will be provided.

Once your child has been selected you will be notified and you will then complete a registration package.



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 brings an EPI pen and/or Asthma puffer to school and you have not already received a form, please get a medical form from the office so we have a record and support your child when needed. We thank you if you have already sent in the form.

Looking ahead....

October 4th & 6th~ Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences @ 1:45pm

October 10th ~ Thanksgiving

October 21 ~ Pro-D Day ~ No School

October 24 ~ Individual Student Photos

TOONIES FOR TERRY



SEPT. 20-28

RUN
WITH

TERRY



✓ Run laps to
fill our container
with marbles
and get
Terry home!



1 lap = 1 marble

✓ Bring \$ Donations

SCHOOL RUN: SEPT. 27TH





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 (FNEESC) 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.