## WEEK AT A GLANCE LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL September 11th - 15th

Monday, September 11th Tuesday, September 12th Wednesday, September 13th

PAC Meeting @ 7pm (Zoom link to come) Thursday, September 14th Friday, September 15th

Rosh Hashanah Starts

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a restful and relaxing summer! Our students have moved to their new classrooms today and everyone is looking forward to another exciting year of learning, exploring, playing and

## growing.



## **Upcoming Events**

September 15 - 17th ~ Rosh Hashanah

September 21st ~ Meet the Teacher @ 5:30pm

September 22nd ~ Non-Instructional Day ~ No School for Students

September 24th - 25th ~ Yom Kippur

September 28th ~ Terry Fox Run (afternoon)

September 30th ~ National Day of Truth and Reconcilation

October 2nd ~ No School ~ Stat Holiday for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation



Students who carry an Epi Pen and/or a Puffer last year would have received a new form for 2023/2024 today. Please fill out the form (both sides) and attach an original prescription label on the form. Parents can go to their pharmacy to ask for an extra prescription label. Students who didn't receive a form but need one for this school year can come to the office to ask for a form. Please contact Ms. Lee, our Vice Principal, if you have any questions.

### Principal ~ Ms. L. Schulz. Vice-Principal ~ Mrs. E. Lee Administrative Assistants ~ Mrs. R. Manaras / Mrs. C. Wilkinson

**Division 1 ~ Mrs. J. Levitt** Division 2 ~ Mr. S. O'Reilly Division 3 ~ Ms. S. Siu Division 4 ~ Mr. J. Brown **Division 5 ~ TBD** Division 6 ~ Ms. N. Valiquette **Division 7 ~ Mr. J. Duenas** Division 8 ~ Mrs. A. Fajardo Division 9 ~ Mrs. R. Naqvi Division 10 ~ Miss S. Bjelde **Division 11 ~ Mrs. M. Burns Division 12 ~ Mrs. S. Carrusca Division 13 ~ Ms. H Sipsas** Division 14 ~ Ms. C. Lamb Division 15 ~ Mrs. J. Mitchell **Division 16 ~ Miss N. Moss** Library ~ Mrs. L. Markusoff Band ~ Mrs. L. Elliott

Resource/ELL TeamMr. R. LauMrs. L. ReyMs. T. WoodMr. J. FieldMr. D. AdamsMs. L. Gue

#### EA Team

Mrs. I. Wood Mrs. S. Gordon Mrs. D. Priestlay Mrs. B. Marchiones Ms. A. Ongaro Mrs. A. Yamaguchi Ms. J. Cumberland Ms. M. Chapel Ms. T. Hofmann Miss C. Reddy Miss J. Liu

### Additional Staff

Counsellors ~ Mr. P. Sellitti & Miss K. Hunter Aboriginal Success Teacher ~ Ms. N. Stogan Hearing Resource Teacher ~ Ms. N. Norman School Custodian ~ Mr. J. Villafuerte School Custodian ~ Ms. N. Arano SWIS Worder ~ Mrs. C. Avendano Noon Hour Supervisors ~ Mr. Badenhorst/Ms. Kusey/Mrs. Khan

# 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.



## 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.

## DON'T FORGET

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 or in the front foyer on top of the PAC Box. Thank you for following our safety protocols.

The Byng YMCA Kids Club has space for both before and after school care available. The program has also been approved for the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative. To register, or for more information, please contact us at ymcakidsclubs@bc.ymca.ca

### Byng McA 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. Part-time and full-time spots are available.

## Looking ahead....

October 9th ~ Thanksgiving ~ No School

October 20th ~ Pro-D Day ~ No School

October 23rd ~ Individual Student Photos

October 24th & 25th~ Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences @ 1:45pm