## WEEK AT A GLANCE

## LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

<u>September 18th - 22nd</u>

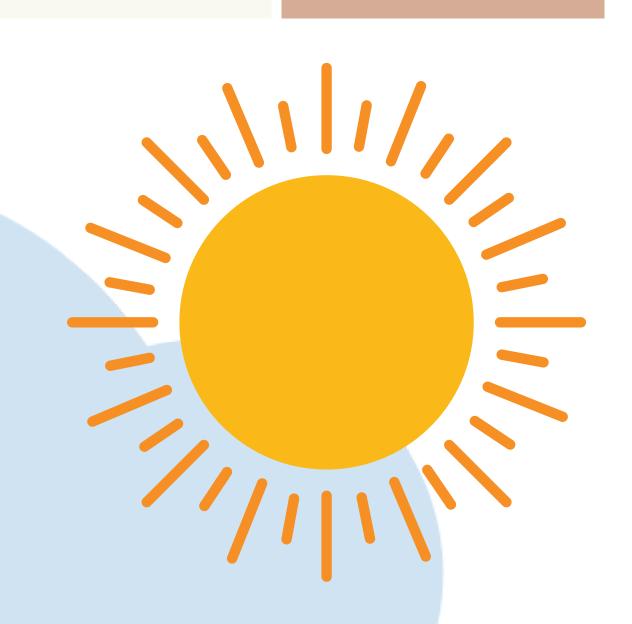
Monday, September 18th Tuesday, September 19th Wednesday, September 20th Thursday, September 21st

> "Meet the Teacher" @ 5:30pm

Friday, September 22nd

Non-Instructional
Day ~No School
for Students

As we head into the last week of Summer, and get ready to welcome Fall, we want to thank all of our Byng families for helping to make the transition back to school smooth and easy. Please remember to call the early warning line if your child will be late or absent from school!



#### Fun Fall Facts....

There are More Than 7,500 Apple Varieties

Fall Leaf Colors are Caused by Sugar

Pumpkin Pie Spice
Doesn't Taste Like
Pumpkin

## <u>Upcoming Events</u>

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

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

September 24th - 25th ~ Yom Kippur

September 26th-27th ~ Mawad-al-Nabi

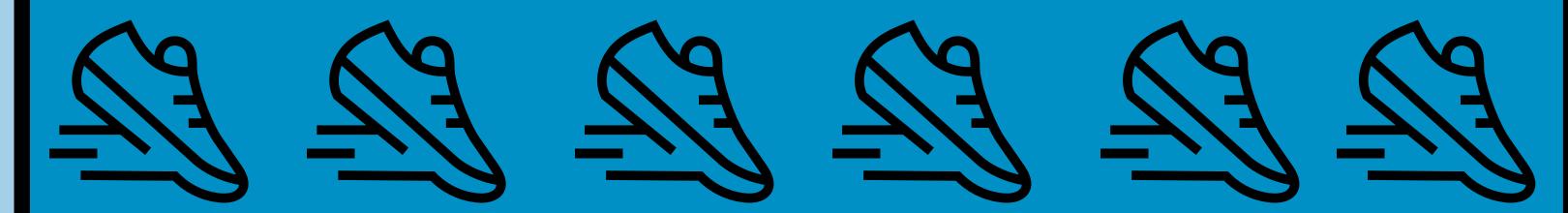
September 28th ~ Terry Fox Run (afternoon)

September 30th ~ National Day of Truth and Reconcilation



Students who carry an Epi Pen and/or a Puffer last year would have received a new form for 2023/2024 last week. 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.

We are excited to let you know that our Cross Country Team will start practicing next week. The District Meet will be on Tuesday, Oct 17th at Garry Point Park. Mr. Hopwood is returning as our head coach this year and we are very grateful for his help. We have over 20 students signed up to be on the team this year. It is not too late to join the team and please come to see Ms. Lee in the office if your child would like to participate.



#### Dress for the weather!

As the seasons change it might be helpful to bring those for rainy & chilly days

Rain Boots!



Waterproof Jacket!



Change of Clothes!



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 Team

Mr. R. Lau Mrs. L. Rey Ms. T. Wood Mr. J. Field Mr. D. Adams Ms. 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

## IMPORTAMT!

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





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

October 9th ~Thanksgiving ~ No School

October 20th ~ Pro-D Day ~ No School

October 23rd ~ Individual Student Photos

October 25th & 26th~ Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences @ 1:45pm