

WEEK AT A GLANCE  
**LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
SEPTEMBER 30TH - OCTOBER 4TH

**Monday,  
September 30th**

National Day for  
Truth &  
Reconciliation

**Tuesday,  
October 1st**

**Wednesday,  
October 2nd**

**Thursday,  
October 3rd**

**Friday,  
October 4th**



As we settle in to the new school year (it's hard to believe September is nearly over!) we recognize and appreciate the quick conversion to new schedules, packed lunches and early bedtimes!

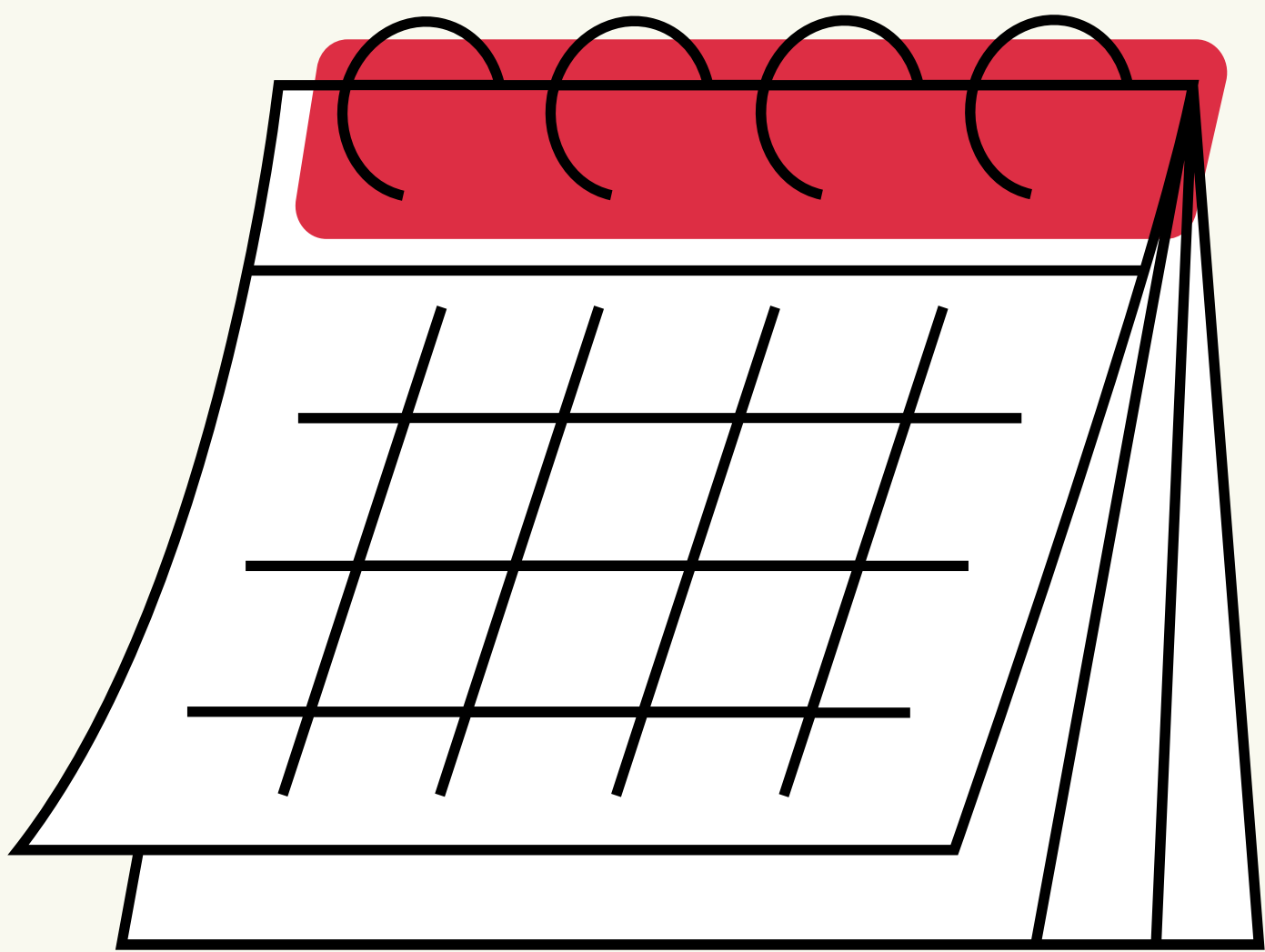
We are happy to report that Pizza Wednesday will resume on October 2nd; please make sure to order online by September 29th. Details are listed below!



**Student verification packages went home this week. Please make sure to check it for accuracy, make any necessary changes and updates and return with all forms completed and signed as soon as possible!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**September 30th ~  
National Day of Truth  
and Reconciliation ~ No  
School**

**October 2nd - 4th ~  
Rosh Hashanah**

**October 9th ~ PAC  
Budget Meeting via  
Zoom**

**October 10th ~ World  
Mental Health Day**

**EARLY WARNING LINE ~ 604.668.6587**

**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**



# NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION SEPTEMBER 30TH



EACH YEAR, SEPTEMBER 30TH MARKS THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION. THE DAY HONOURS THE CHILDREN WHO NEVER RETURNED HOME AND SURVIVORS OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. PUBLIC COMMEMORATION OF THE TRAGIC AND PAINFUL HISTORY AND ONGOING IMPACTS OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IS A VITAL COMPONENT OF THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS.

## **Rosh Hashanah** **October 2nd - 4th**



**Rosh Hashanah, which translates from Hebrew to mean “the head of the year,” is one of Judaism's holiest days. The two-day celebration marks the start of the Jewish New Year and is filled with traditions, like eating a round challah and saying prayers near a body of water.**



# HI EVERYONE!



Hope you all have had a wonderful start to the new school year. You may have noticed that it's taken until this week for the students to begin bringing books home, as last week I was at Grade 6/7 camp.

Now, we're ready to roll, and the books will start circulating this week!

For those of you with students in Kindergarten – Grade 3, their books will be coming home in a plastic bag with their name on it. Please ensure the books are returned each week in the in the same plastic bag. I implemented this system last year, with the hopes that it would minimize damage in transit and lost books, and I'm happy to say it worked so well! If you could please help your children get in the habit of returning their books in the bag on their library day, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Happy Reading!

Mrs. Markusoff

Last spring, the provincial government announced a renewal of one-time funds for the Student and Family Affordability Fund.

This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in areas such as school and course fees, school supplies and course materials, field trips, school-related extracurricular opportunities and clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities.

Please reach out to Ms. Schulz ([lschulz@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:lschulz@sd38.bc.ca)) if you are in need of assistance. 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.



## Dress for the weather!



winter coat



rain coat



rain or  
waterproof  
snow boots



mittens



hats



scarf



extra clothing  
including socks

**Reminder to parents and families.... taking photos or video footage on or around our school playground and property during school hours is strictly prohibited.**







# LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY PAC

## INTRODUCING PIZZA WEDNESDAY!!

We are excited to announce that we will be selling pizza lunches from Pizza Factory **every Wednesday** this year! Each order costs \$6 and includes 2 large slices (Cheese, Pepperoni, Hawaiian, Vegetarian or Vegan options) packaged in individual boxes that will be delivered directly to your child in their classroom.



**All New Families must register a new account with Munchalunch:**

- Go to <https://munchalunch.com/schools/LordByng>
- Click the "Register Here" button. The system will guide you through the process of adding children.
- After adding your child(ren) click the "Order Lunch" button to order. Next time, just click the "Login here" button to access your account.
- It is recommended you sign up to receive a reminder email the day before hot lunch is delivered.

**Returning Families will need to update their child's GRADE and DIVISION**

### How to order...



- Orders must be placed no later than the Sunday prior to the scheduled lunch date as per our vendor requirements. Unpaid orders will be canceled. **Make sure you follow the order all the way to the end to pay!**
- If your child is absent on the lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up the order near the gym by noon, but the food cannot be kept for the following day.
- Munchalunch charges the PAC \$0.30 per transaction. In order to save costs to the PAC, you are encouraged to order multiple lunches at one time. Consistent with previous years, there are **NO REFUNDS**, however if you need to cancel a lunch (ie. field trip, vacation, etc.) that you have already paid for, a credit will be carried forward that you can apply to a future lunch.

**First Pizza Lunch will be October 2! Munchalunch is open for ordering and the deadline will be Sunday, September 29 at midnight.**

For any questions or issues ordering, please email [lordbyngelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:lordbyngelementarypac@gmail.com), do not approach admin or staff.



# PAC NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024

## 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!

## Looking Back:

We almost feel normal again after a few quiet years. Last year, we managed a Hallowe'en Party, Skate Night, Movie Night and Pub Night!

A major part of PAC is to build and support our school community. Some fundraising is needed to achieve this. How did we raise money last year?



- Wednesday Pizza & Hot lunches
- Steveston T-shirts and Tote bags
- Employee's corporate grants
- BC Gaming Grant
- Monthly bottle drives
- General donations to the Playground Fund

Once we raise the funds, we need to spend it! This is done by spending money on equipment, programs and events at the school!

## Spending:

- Classroom consumables (teachers' discretion)
- Outdoor Ed for Grade 6 & 7 students
- Saleema Noon Body Science
- McMath Scholarship to a Byng alum
- Playground pieces equipment
- Family Skate Night (BC Gaming Grant)
- Field trip subsidy for all students (BC Gaming Grant)
- Bollywood Workshop (BC Gaming Grant)

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

## Looking Ahead:

We had our Annual General Meeting in May. Our current Executive has been voted back in for another year. We are always happy to have more volunteers with planning and events. If you have any questions or ideas, please email the Executive!

Our calendar for this year has a few items already pencilled in: such as Movie Nights (Nov and Feb) and Skate Night (Dec).

All parents are welcome to the PAC meetings that happen a few Wednesdays of the year at 7:00pm on Teams. 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! **Our first meeting will be Sept 11 at 7:00pm on Teams.** A link with our meeting Agenda will be emailed beforehand.

In the meantime, consider joining our Facebook Group for reminders and info regarding events: Search for Lord Byng Elementary PAC and answer the security questions.

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

## PAC Executive 2024/25:

Jennie Middleton, Chair  
Kerry Chan, Vice Chair  
Joanne Liu, Treasurer  
Karen Lin, Secretary





# DON'T FORGET

Our front doors will be open between 8am and 3pm. Please check in with the office before walking around the school and drop off lunches, band instruments, water bottles, extra clothes etc. in the front foyer on the top of the PAC box. Thank you for following our safety rules!

## Looking ahead...

**October 11th ~ Yom Kippur**

**October 14th ~ Thanksgiving ~ No School**

**October 16th & 17th ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm**

**October 21st ~ Individual Photo Day**

**October 22nd ~ District Cross Country Track Meet**

**October 25th ~ Pro-D Day ~ No School**