#### WEEK AT A GLANCE

## LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 9TH - 13TH

Monday, December 9th Tuesday
December 10th

Wednesday, December 11th

Thursday,
December 12th

Friday,
December 13th



Hot Lunch ~ Fuel Catering

As we mentioned in our email last week;
Unfortunately Hip Hop has been cancelled for this week and will be rescheduled in the New

Year!

Friday
Bottle Drive
@ 8am
across from
the school!



December 2nd-19th
Byng Leadership
Food Bank Drive







Importaint DECEMBER DATES



December 17th

@ 1:30pm Winter

Band Concert

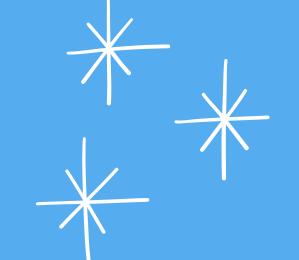
December 17th @ 5pm
PAC Skate Night for Byng
Families





Winter Break

December 23rd - January 5th









#### Inclement Weather: School Closure Notifications



The district will try to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 a.m. Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites.

No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only school closures will be

announced by the media. To reach as many people as possible – as quickly as possible – we work closely with our

local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get

information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools.

If snowfall begins while school is in session, in most circumstances, schools will remain O

OPEN until the end of the

school day.

If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your

school know of this decision.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school.

恶劣天气停课通知

学区将于清晨6:3o前决定是否因恶劣天气而停课。最新消息将通过社交媒体、学校及学区 网站发布。

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/RichmondSD38/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/RichmondSD38

电台和电视台不会播报学校的开放情况,只会通知关校停课的消息。 为确保信息尽快传达到更多人,我们与本地媒体紧密合作,及时分享 信息。建议您收听本地的电台广播,关注网络新闻媒体,以获取最新 的恶劣天气对学校影响或紧急情况的通知。

如果降雪发生在学生在校期间 ,通常情况下,学校会正常开放至放学时间。

如果学校保持开放,但您由于天气状况希望让孩子留在家里,您可以 这样做。请通知学校您的决定。

家长和监护人应负责孩子上学途中的交通安全。























#### December 21st Winter Solstice



The shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. This date is celebrated by, and has significance to, multiple cultures and religions.





#### **Connecting With Our Kids**

What anxiety and social isolation is, what it looks and feels like for our children at home. Families can learn strategies to try at home.

当孩子的焦虑导致社会孤立行行為时,养育孩子对每个人来说都是困难的。家长和辅导员谈论什么是焦虑和社交孤立,它对我们的孩子和在家里会是什么样子和感觉,家庭可以尝试的策略,以及与孩子建立良好的關係和联系有多么重要。歡迎您參加這週的課程!



Wednesday, December 11, 2024 10:00 am to 11:30 am





# December 10th International Human Rights Day

A celebration of the day on which the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.



#### DECEMBER 2ND - 19TH

The Byng Leadership Club will be collecting money and non-perishable items for the Food Bank in

December

We are collecting new and gently used winter clothes including gloves, toques, jackets, socks, boots, ear muffs, blankets and other warm items. There will be collection bins in the school foyer

Also...

Baby Food & Formula
Diapers & Wipes
Unopened toiletries
Personal Hygeine
Items
Canned Milk
Gift Cards



Cash donations! All money donated goes three times further as the Food Bank is able to purchase in bulk. For example, if you donate \$5; the Food Bank can purchase \$15 worth of items. A little goes a long way! We will be collecting cash at school or you can donate online, see the link below.

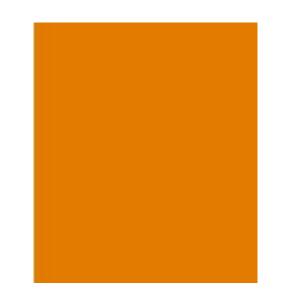
Link here to Donate!

Food and non-perishable items! Top 5 most needed items....

Canned Protein
Peanut Butter
Canned fruits and
vegetables
Rice, pasta and whole
grains
Soup & healthy canned
items









# THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING IN JANUARY/MID-MARCH!

The Richmond School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 5 and 8 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between:

January 14th and March 14th, 2025.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/Parent FAQs:

https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.

### KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE

#### **TCO2 Presentations**

Taking Care of Ourselves and Others. Put on by a local organization called Children of the Streets, preventing child sexual exploitation is their goal. Check out their parent resource, Ten Tips for Staying Safe Online. To learn more about child exploitation prevention see their Resources page.

#### What are kids up to?

Find out the current interests and risks that kids are exposed to online, listed by age group, and how you can support and protect your child online at Protect Kids Online.

#### **Screen Time Habits**

For guidance and resources for parents wanting to teach and equip their children with healthy screen habits visit Keep Tech In Check.



#### Your kids are important to us!

The digital era that we are living in creates an extra challenge for parents and caregivers as we try to keep up with the technology in our children's lives. How can we teach them to be responsible digital citizens and learn how to use technology as a tool to help them learn? How to support them as they use digital media to express their creativity and engage in the entertaining aspect of technology in moderation? How can we guide them so they can enjoy all the benefits while keeping them safe online?

Read on for websites, webinars and workshops to equip yourself to help your kids.



## Let's talk about spare clothes...

With the soggy season upon us; it is more important than ever that students have a spare change of clothes at school.

Especially the little ones! Please make sure to include pants, socks, shoes and shirts!

# THANK YOU!

# The Byng PAC Needs Your Help!!!

We are still looking for....

A photographer willing to donate time

December 17th Family Skate Night Volunteers

Parents to come and share their great fundraising ideas and thoughts on playground improvement!

Please email the PAC if interested lordbyngelementarypac@gmail.com



## Happily accepting DONATIONS toward our NEW PLAYGROUND



## SCAN TO DONATE NOW

Tax Receipts Issued >\$20

Secure Donation Page via CanadaHelps



One time Donation or **Monthly Contributions** 

Registered Charity: 89081 2142 RR0001

Etransferred donations also accepted: lordbyngelementarypac@gmail.com (be sure to include a follow up email with name, address and amount for issuance of tax receipt by our Treasurer)

















**PAC hosted BOTTLE DRIVE!** 

Friday December 13th

(across the street from the school @ 8am)



# Looking ahead....

December 17th ~ Winter Band Concert ~ 1:30pm

December 17th ~ PAC Skate Night for Byng Families ~ 5:00pm

December 20th ~ Last day of school before Winter Break

December 25th ~ Christmas Day

December 25th ~ January 2nd ~ Hannukkah

January 6th ~ Back to school after Winter Break

