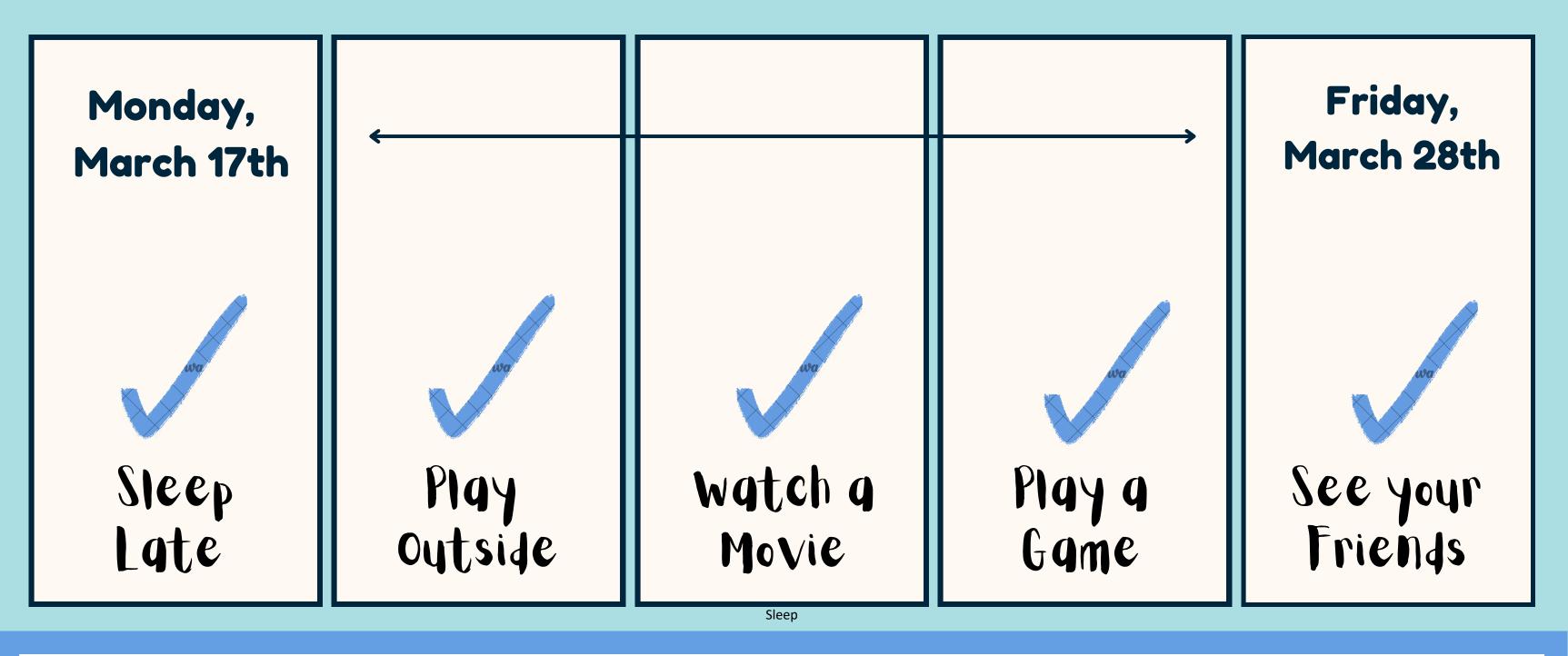
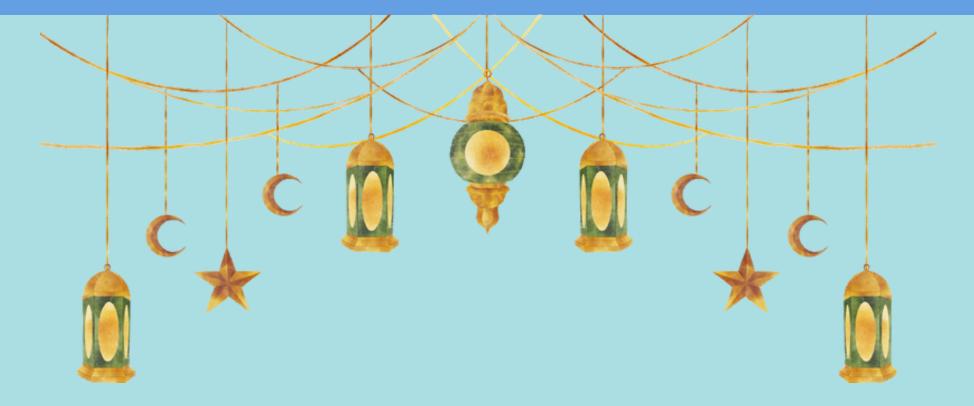
### WEEK AT A GLANCE LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MARCH 17TH - 28TH





On behalf of the entire Byng Team; have a restful, relaxing and fun break.

#### See you back to school on Monday, March 31st!!!!



#### Eid al-Fitr is on March 31st

Literally the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast,' Eid al-Fitr is one of the two most important Islamic celebrations. At Eid people dress in their finest clothes, adorn their homes with lights and decorations, give treats to children, and enjoy visits with friends and family.



**Richmond Public Health** 8100 Granville Ave, 9th floor Richmond, BC V6Y 3T6

#### Dear Student, Parents, Guardians and Staff

Re: Reminder to get your vaccinations updated. Measles is on the rise globally and pertussis (whooping cough) is making a comeback locally.

We would like to remind you to check your family's vaccination records and update your vaccinations as needed.

Measles cases are being reported around the world. Please get your measles immunizations up to date, particularly if you are planning on travelling for Spring break. Two doses of measles containing vaccine are needed for everyone born 1970 or later. Children are usually offered these vaccines at 12 months of age and kindergarten entry. While most school age children are immunized, some may have missed their first or second dose during the pandemic. Infants travelling to high-risk areas can get a dose starting at 6 months. Those born before 1970 are considered protected but you may receive one dose if you do not recall a history of measles infection and are travelling to an area with active transmission.

Please also ensure that your family's pertussis immunizations are up to date. Pertussis is a bacterial infection of the

lungs that is making a return. While people of any age can get ill, young children who have not been immunized get sicker than older children and adults. Children are offered pertussis-containing vaccines at 2, 4, 6, 18 months, 4-6 years, and in grade 9. Pertussis immunization is also recommended during pregnancy for the protection of newborns.

Adults can be immunized by their family doctor or pharmacist (Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccines | BC Pharmacy Association). If you are unsure if your child is fully protected against measles, pertussis or other vaccine preventable diseases, please visit BC Health Gateway or scan this QR code to book an appointment:

To check immunization records, visit Health Gateway, or scan this QR code. Check a Record.



To book an appointment to update your child's immunization, visit

https://www.vch.ca/en/servi ce/immunization-clinics or scan this QR code to find the closest public health clinic (for infants and children) or pharmacy (for ages 4 years and older). Book an Appointment



If you have immunization records for you or your child that are not recorded in Health Gateway profile, please submit these online to immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

MBawar

Dr. Meena Dawar Medical Health Officer Vancouver Coastal Health

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# BECOME A HOMESTAY at the RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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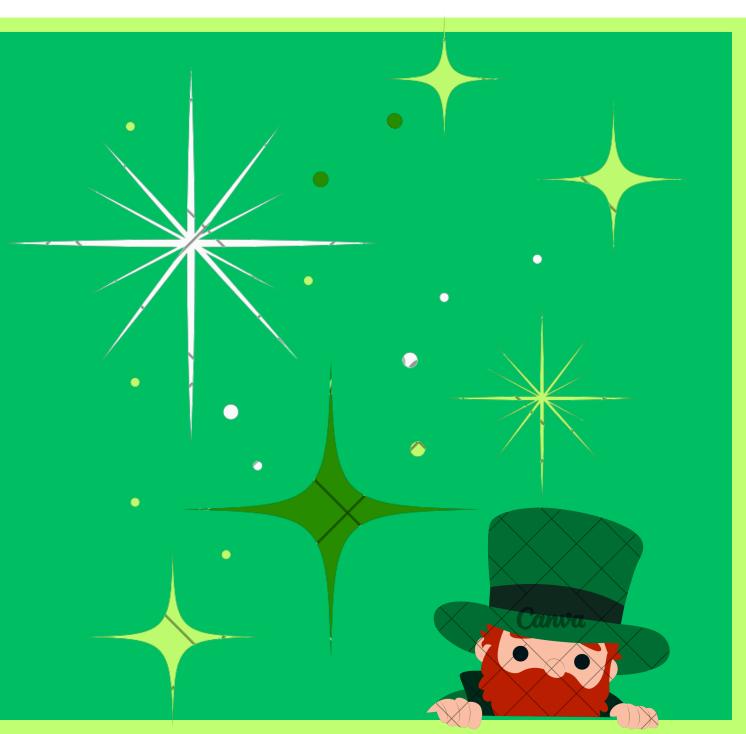
Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home. Contact us to find out more about this enriching opportunity.

## 604-668-6217

#### RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

ENRICHING GLOBAL MINDS

St Patrick's Day is March 17th! Did you know that St. Patrick wasn't Irish? And four leaf clovers are real, but rare!!!



# IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!

#### Things to consider if your child feels unwell...

Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses. Please keep your child home if they:

- <u>Have a fever</u>. Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities.
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Is vomiting or have diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Keep your child home until they are able to participate fully in normal school activities or as directed by a health care provider.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you are not available.

> Lord Byng Elementary Early Warning Line 604.668.6587



# Important Dates to Remember

2025





12TH – 20TH – PASSOVER 14TH – VAISAKHI

> 12TH - HOT LUNCH~TACO LUIS 16TH - PRO-D DAY 19TH - VICTORIA DAY - NO SCHOOL

MAY

13TH - FUN DAY 26TH - GRADE 7 FAREWELL 26TH - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

JUNE

18TH - GOOD FRIDAY 21ST - EASTER MONDAY 25TH - HOT LUNCH~FUEL CATERING 29TH - TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

# Looking ahead....

#### March 17th – 28th ~ Spring Break

March 30th-31st ~ Eid

April 12th ~ Pesach

#### April 13th ~ Vaisakhi

#### April 18th ~ Good Friday ~ No School

#### April 20th ~ Easter Sunday

#### April 21st ~ Easter Monday ~ No School