April 21, 2016

**Congratulations Mr. Ferguson!!!!!**

The Richmond School Board recently appointed Mr. Ferguson to the position of principal. As a community we are very excited for him but regret that he will be moving to a new school this September. We will greatly miss his enthusiasm and support in all aspects of our school. Announcements regarding administrative placements are forthcoming.

**Wigs for Kids Assembly**

Byng cares in so many ways and last week this was evident in our Byng Bucket Assembly. During this assembly we had nine students and four adults donate hair to Wigs for Kids. "Wigs for Kids" is a program run out of BC Children’s Hospital which provides much needed wigs for children in the province who have lost their hair to cancer or other serious illnesses. Thank you to a very thoughtful, Lord Byng, grade one student for her idea to make this happen! Also, a special thank you to Dina Reynolds and Sheri Rogers for their professional hair stylist skills and their commitment to this special project.

**Jeans Day to help Raise Funds for B.C. Children’s Hospital**

It’s that time of year again! Lord Byng will be selling Jeans Day buttons as a fundraiser to help support members of our community through B.C. Children’s Hospital. This year, **Thursday, April 28th** is the date of the event. Students, staff and parents at Lord Byng will be wearing their jeans and buttons on that day in support of this worthy cause. For more info, visit [http://www.bcchf.ca/events/event-calendar](http://www.bcchf.ca/events/event-calendar)

**Byng’s Math Corner**

In our monthly newsletters, we are featuring some of the games from the January Family Math Night. These games can be played at home, and would be a great activity to support math skills in a fun way. All these activities help strengthen students’ computational fluency skills. (See the games attached to this newsletter)

**Summer School and Summer Activities Information Meeting:**

The Settlement Worker In School (SWIS) would welcome you to an **information session for parents on Friday, May 6** from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Seminar Room. Information on ‘Summer School and Summer Activities’ will be presented. Don’t miss this opportunity to get informed about how to plan an enriching and enjoyable summer for your children and family. For more information, please contact Clara Avendano (778-835-0901) or Penny Wang (778-898-6116) Parent volunteer in Mandarin and Cantonese
**Minoru Zone Track Meet: Tuesday, May 10th**

Our Zone Meet is an opportunity for the students from Grades 3 to 7 to enjoy the experience of a large competition which is truly an unique Richmond event. Thanks to Ms Wilson for her coordination and all of the staff who have volunteered their time, before school, during lunch and after school to help coach the students in the events. Students who will be attending the track meet will be sent home a separate permission form with an approximate schedule of times for events on that day. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come out and cheer on our Byng athletes! As this is a full day event. Those students attending the track meet will be dismissed from Minoru and parents are reminded to make arrangements to pick up their children at the conclusion of the Track Meet. It is a regular day of attendance for all other students not attending the event.

**Professional Development Day on April 22nd and May 2nd:**

Friday, April 22 and Monday, May 2 are Professional Development Days and the students do not attend school on these days.

**Dates to remember:**

- Fri. Apr. 22 - Professional Development Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Fri., Apr. 29 - PAC Subway Lunch, Richmond Youth Choir
- 2pm, Read-A-Thon Assembly
- Mon. May 2 - Professional Development Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tues., May 10 - Track & Field at Minoru / Clement Oval
- Wed., May 11 - PAC Meeting - 6:30pm
- Tues., May 17 - Early Dismissal at 2pm for RTA Annual Meeting
- Wed., May 18 - Walking Wednesday
- Mon., May 23 - Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Wed., May 25 - Welcome To Kindergarten Workshop - 1:15-2:15pm
- Thurs., May 26 - Ohare’s Pub Night Social
- Fri., May 27 - PAC Hot Lunch Day - Izumiya

See Math Corner Games attached.......