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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

This week the school was buzzing with activity and excitement with our entire Grade 8 class heading out to Camp Stillwood in Cultus Lake. The camp this year was the first to run since 2019 and provides the students to meet with peers, learn from staff and to have a really positive introduction to high school.

A big thank you to all of our staff for putting in the hundreds of hours of planning and organization to make this all happen.

While the Grade 8s were away our Grade 9 & 10 students were actively engaged in two days of conferences at the school as part of their required Career Education 9 & 10 programming.

Thanks Byng staff for everything that you do to support our learners!

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

School News

It has another very busy week of teaching at our school and with all the preparation going on for the **Grade 8 Camp** and the **Career Education 9 and 10 conferences** planned for next week, extra demanding for all our staff to ensure that the necessary planning and organization is in place to support an amazing two days of experiential learning that aligns well with our **School Pillars of Learning**.

This will be the first time since 2019 that these events have been able to take place and so for all of us that are new to the school or arrived just as the pandemic was starting in the Spring of 2020 an opportunity to see our school community at its finest.

Amongst just some of the details that needed to be taken care of were the hidden tasks including:

- Scheduling staff for next week for teachers that are not going to camp but are covering staff going on the trip
- Organizing speakers for the conferences and the reflection activities
- Organizing the camp activities and volunteers PCs and Leadership students
- Taking care of all the permission forms and paperwork for the experiences of the week



Figure 1 Mr. Yee, Ms. Moldowan, Ms. Anderson, and Ms. Chong Ping plan the final steps for the work of learning ahead!

Thank you, everyone-amazing work-we are looking forward to hearing all the stories after next week's adventures and deep learning opportunities.

Here are the themes for the conferences next week:

- Career Zone/Volunteering in the Community/VSB Career Programs
- Mental Health Awareness: Jack.org (Fiona Mak and Olivia Lipton)
- Safe Decision Making on the Road: Kevin Brooks

- **Safe Decision Making online: Safer School Together**

Here is look at some of the other highlights from the week just past:

- **Art Under the Dome: Grade 8 Visit to the Botanical Gardens**
- **LALS Class Develop their Hypothesis in a Science Class**
- **Math students Learn How to Dance: Inspirational Mathematics Teaching and Movement**
- **Reconciliation Through Indigenous Teaching and Learning: Elder in Residence Program**

After spending class time practicing with plastic flowers, the students in Mr. Hartley-Folz's art class spent an afternoon this week surrounded by colourful plants and parrots under the glass dome of the Bloedel Conservatory atop Queen Elizabeth Park. More than 200 free-flying exotic birds, 500 exotic plants and flowers thrive within its temperature-controlled environment. The conservatory was dedicated at its opening in 1969 "to a better appreciation and understanding of the world of plants." Gathering in small groups around the tropical garden, the students put their observation skills and art abilities to work, capturing the many captivating subjects they discovered. Using a wide range of materials from watercolours and pastels to graphite and coloured pencils, the students did their best to sketch what they saw and capture the energy that comes from trading plastic flowers for real ones in situ (drawing in place and responding to the object in its natural context).



While the Grade 8 students looked at nature in the Botanical Gardens students in the LALS class developed a better understanding

of nature by conducting an experiment and developing their theories about why leaves change colour during the Fall!!!!



Figure 2 LALS Science experiment looks at how colour pigmentation in leaves changes during the Fall

Figure 3 Mr. Reaney and the LALS students investigate the reasons for Fall leaves to discolor





Figure 4 Student gives a thumbs up after working on the early morning science lab experiment with Mr. Reaney

Once again teachers in both teaching environments have used the incredible natural backyard we are gifted with in our city as the classroom and have taken a “place based” approach to learning to engage our students in critical and creative thinking through rich place based “hands on” and “minds on learning opportunities!

Inspirational Mathematics Teaching and Movement:

And who said that Math wasn’t fun???

Not Ms. Holman our movement focused math teacher who spent the morning on Wednesday teaching trigonometry to her students through dance!!!

With the music playing Village People’s signature YMCA track students led by Ms. Holman danced their way through as series of **mathematical expressions that were written on the board, learning the key concepts of quadratic functions while getting some active living at the same time!!!**

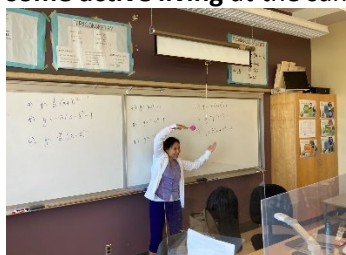


Figure 5 The Dancing Math Teacher Ms. Holman leads the class!

Figure 6 Singing along to Village People's signature song YMCA the students follow the leader Ms. Holman in this aerobic math class!

Reconciliation Through Indigenous Teaching and Learning: Elder in Residence Program:

Continuing our Reconciliation journey this week the school launched a new program designed to support our curriculum implementation of the prescribed graduation requirements for the grades 10-12 Indigenous focused courses.

This year the school is currently introducing 9 courses for the school year and providing resources and teachings for these, and other courses. It is critical if the school is to authentically implement the new programming that meets the language and spirit of Truth and Reconciliation that students hear from Indigenous elders and have an opportunity to hear their lived experiences. “The road we travel is equal in importance to the destination we seek. There are no shortcuts. When it comes to truth and reconciliation, we are forced to go the distance.”

Justice Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

The Indigenous Elder in Residence Program is a new initiative at Byng designed to support our new Indigenous curriculum implementation and was locally developed by Byng staff this year.

On Thursday Ray Mckeown started his first day at the school visiting and providing teachings in four classrooms:

- Fine Arts with Ms. Amie Gislason
- BC First Peoples with Mr. Mckeen
- English with Mr. Sundvick
- PE with Mr. Sandher



Figure 7 Metis-Lakota Cultural Knowledge Keeper leads the PE class in traditional games.

Thanks everyone for an incredible week of learning and for getting ready for the next one ahead!!

PAC News

Thank to everyone who attended our PAC meeting on Wednesday night we had over 100 people! Thanks to Vice-Principals Ms. Sehmbi and Ms. Hughes for the general school update, and to Adriann Conner, Safe and Caring Schools at Byng and Carmen Kaufman, SACY District Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator for providing some insight into services available to student and families.

For those of you who could not join us, a link to the recorded meeting is below.

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/UDlx4prtia7RzkEnvP7yJTmdVK8ujAUy5uffNbX5SwpFSRoc-6sQBKPQnmSpp5xg.ulnjeMmayXb_2Nh-

Passcode: #LBPAC22 *link will be available for 7 days*

[Elected to the PAC 2022/2023](#)

Chair: Kristin McAllister (Final year moving to Past Chair next year)

Past Chair: Tammy Baltz

Vice-Chairs: May Lee, Kim McCurley and Michelle Tseng

Treasurer: Jerry Zhang

Secretary: Christiane Collin

Chinese Secretary: Jackie Wang

DPAC Reps: Nora Ng and Kuljit Sajjan

Member at Large: Zineb Kobi

Make New Connections through Wednesday Morning Walks in Pacific Spirit Park. For Parents who would like to enjoy nature while making new connections in the community, please join us for our Wednesday walks. All are welcome. We will meet at the steps at the front of the school on Wed October 19 at 900 am. Pls RVSP to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.com

Important Information from Grad Committee for Grade 12 Parents: If you are a parent or guardian of a grade 12 student, please sign-up ASAP to the grad committee email distribution list. This will ensure you receive the most up to date information from the Grad Committee about parent supported Grad activities and events. **Sign up [here](#).** Or email bynggradcommittee2023@gmail.com. There will also be an important Grade 12 Parent Info night hosted by the Byng counselling department - Graduation and Beyond on Tuesday, October 25th via Zoom. Link will be distributed closer to the date.

Upcoming 2022/23 PAC Meeting Dates:

November 16, 2022

January 18, 2023

February 15, 2023

April 19, 2023

May 17, 2023

For any PAC related questions or concerns please email us at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

We look forward to connecting with you! Lord Byng PAC

Terry Fox Run -Tuesday, Oct 18th

It's time for the annual Lord Byng Terry Fox Run/Walk! This will happen next Tuesday morning, October 18th, rain or shine! Please show your school spirit and your support for the Terry Fox campaign (and a great Canadian hero in Terry Fox) by wearing red. Red is a school colour, and of course a Canadian colour. We encourage students to purchase our new school gym strip, which this year includes a red, dry-fit T-shirt (a big improvement from the grey cotton shirt) and black shorts. Proceeds from gym strip sales will go to the Lord Byng Terry Fox fund! This gym strip can be purchased on School Cash On-line. Over the years, Lord Byng has raised over \$30,000 for the Terry Fox fund and Cancer research. BE GREAT! DONATE!

Families are also encouraged to donate directly to the Lord Byng Terry Fox fund on-line at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/LordByngSecondary>

Cross Country

The cross-country season is in full swing. The team has been doing very well. We have our fourth and final meet at Quilchena Park, next Wednesday, October 19th, starting at 4:00 pm. It is not too late to join; however, you must do at least one league meet to qualify for the Zone Championships which lead to the Provincial Championships. See Mr. Jack for more details. Meetings take place at lunchtime in the main gym. All team members are expected to attend those meetings. Practices are Mondays and Tuesdays at 3:30 pm at Camosun Park. Athletes should do their best to come to practices and the best practices are the meets! Let's have an excellent turnout for our last league meet, League Meet # 4.

CLUBS DAY 2022

CLUBS DAY 2022 is happening Wednesday October 19th in the large gym at lunch.

If a student needs to get out class early to come set up, the gym will be open at 11:15am. Students are responsible for getting an Early Dismissal Slip from their teacher. Finally, please remember to clean up tables and any decorations at the end of the day.

Collaborative Dates/ Schedule

AM Collaboration Dates: Students arrive at 10am: No F.I.T. Sept 20; Nov 8; Feb 9; May 11	
Staff Meeting	7:45-8:35
Collab	8:35-9:56
Period 1	10:00-10:40
Break	10:40-10:50
Period 2	10:50-11:32
Lunch	11:32-12:17
Period 3	12:17-1:38
Break	1:38-1:45
Period 4	1:45-3:06

PM Collaboration Dates: Students leave at 1:45pm: No F.I.T. Oct 13; Jan 12; Apr 13; Jun 8	
Period 1	8:40-10:01
Break	10:01-10:11
Period 2	10:11-11:32
Lunch	11:32-12:17
Period 3	12:17-12:59
Break	12:59-1:05
Period 4	1:05-1:45
Collab	1:45-3:06

Literacy Assessment 12 – Oct 31-Nov 4

Grade 12 students will be assigned a time in this week to complete the Graduation requirement, Literacy 12. The Assessment will take either the morning or the afternoon, so students will miss 2 periods for their session. Any grade 12s missing either Numeracy or Literacy 10 will write in the future sessions when they are offered.

School Forms – UPDATED

The following school forms are now due in the school office:

- Personal Information and Media Consent
- Request for CASL Consent
- Emergency Student(s) Reunification Authorization
- Parent/Guardian Local Neighbourhood Excursion
- Student Verification Forms (grades 8 -12)

Verification Form Published on MyEd

Student Verification Form for students in grade 9 – 12 was published In MyEd BC .

It is important that we have accurate and up to date information, so please review it carefully.

This is what we currently have on file. If anything is not up to date, please print the form and make the changes clearly, and sign the last page. Your child can bring it to the office.

COVID-19 Message

The Vancouver School District and Lord Byng continue to follow the guidance of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the BC Centre for Disease Control and Vancouver Coastal Health in putting in place measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The BC Centre for Disease Control updated [guidance](#) for the K-12 sector indicates that, “Transmission within K-12 schools settings accounts for a minority of COVID-19 cases even amongst students and staff.”

Measures that will continue to be in place for the coming school year include reminders to all staff, students and their families to monitor their health daily and to stay home if they are ill. Information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the [BCCDC website](#). Students who become ill during the school day will be asked to wear a mask and wait in a supervised area, away from other students, until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Staff will continue to remind students of the importance of regular hand washing/hand sanitizing and of coughing/sneezing into their elbow or a tissue. We will continue to ensure school sinks are well stocked with soap and that hand sanitizer is available. Staff will also continue to remind students to be respectful of others’ personal space while going through daily school activities.

Wearing a mask, other than what is recommended by public health, is an important personal health choice for students and families. Some staff and students will choose to wear a mask throughout the day or for certain activities. Others will choose not to wear a mask. Individual decisions around mask wearing will be supported and respected at Lord Byng.

Clean air and proper ventilation is an important part of the prevention measures in all Vancouver schools. During the past months, District staff have undertaken the refurbishment and rehabilitation of ventilation equipment in all schools and will continue to install new ventilation and heating equipment in portables. Air filters in schools have been upgraded and are replaced three times per year.

More information on COVID-19 prevention measures in Vancouver schools can be found [here](#).

Medical Care Plan Forms

If your son/daughter has a medical condition: diabetes, seizures, anaphylaxis, asthma, or other medical concerns, please come to the office to pick up a medical care plan form. It’s important that we have updated medical information on file.

Immunization Consent Forms Due In Office

Students who received an immunization form, please return the signed form to the school office ASAP!

The immunization clinic will be held in the morning on Wednesday, Oct 26th.

Lockers Update

Locker selection will be done online. Please click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to book online.

If you don’t need a locker, please do not take one as we do not have enough. If you signed up for a locker and didn’t put a lock on before Oct 31st, we will reassign that locker to another student.

If you did not select a locker online but placed your lock on a locker, please remove it or it will be cut off.

Grade 12 Grad Photo Session

If you missed taking your grad photos with Artona, please contact Artona to book your appointment:

<https://artona.com/schools/BYNG/programs/graduation>

Counselling Department Update

Language Challenge Exam

Are you thinking of doing a language challenge exam? The applications are now available. Please see your own counsellor for any questions, as well to hand in your application.

Application: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/09/Challenge-Exam-Application-Package-2023.pdf>

DUE NOVEMBER 4th to your counsellor.

website: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/>

Grade 12 Graduation Letter

Here is the updated Graduation Letter for all parents/caregivers of grade 12 students:

Graduation Letter: [Grade 12 Graduation Letter](#)

Grade 12 & Counselling Page on LB Website:

We wanted to share 2 great resources:

Counselling page on our LB website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-byng/Teaching-and-Learning/Classes-and-Departments/Counselling/Pages/default.aspx>

Grade 12 page on our LB website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/lord-byng/Guidance-and-Support/Grade%2012/Pages/default.aspx>

Both of these have ton of different resources. Please feel free to look through them and use them as they fit. As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact us.

Grade 11/12 Post-Secondary Visits

We have advertised a number of post-secondary information sessions. All of this information is in student Teams, Grade 11 and Grade 12 (Counselling 2022/23) under Post-secondary channel.

These are the University visits we have booked so far. We hosted SFU and UVic so far. UoT was just added for this Monday, October 17 at 3 pm in our library. We are also trying to book Queens and McGill. UBC is not doing any high school visits.

Byng University Visits			
Date	University	Time	Location
October 4 th	SFU	Lunch	Auditorium
October 11 th	UVic	Lunch	Auditorium
October 25 th	Emily Carr	9:30am	Gallery
October 26 th	Western University	3pm	Library
November 9 th	Dalhousie	Lunch	Library
November 14 th	Waterloo	3pm	Library
November 22 nd	University of Alberta	3pm	Auditorium
November 23 rd	Langara College	Lunch	Auditorium

Grade 12 assembly: Grade 12 & Beyond

Our Grade 12 info session for parents and guardians will be on **Tuesday, Oct 25 from 7 - 8:15 pm**. Please mark your calendars. We will send out more details about this event as soon as we have everything finalized.

Counselling Teams

Counsellors have set up Counselling Teams for each grade. Yes, we realize that this is another place where students have to check but it is the most official and efficient way for us to give our students information about various topics: graduation, post-secondary options, scholarships, and mental health resources, to name a few. Please if you are a new student to Byng let your counsellor know so that we can add you to your respective Counselling Team.

2022/2023 Lord Byng Calendars

Please click [HERE](#) to see a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school calendar, including school opening day as well as a list of vacation days, professional development days and parent conference dates.

2022/2023 School Fees

Payment for [school fees](#) via [SchoolCash Online](#) .

Information for course fees and other supplemental fees will follow in the coming weeks.

MyEdBC Access

All NEW students at Lord Byng school for school year 2022-2023 are to log in using their student number. All new accounts will have the default password of **Dist\$2023** (case sensitive). After you login you will be asked to create a new password. You will also need to provide an email address. It is highly recommended to use your VSB email that the District provided – student#@learn.vsb.bc.ca (eg: 12345@learnvsb.bc.ca)

Art News

Calling All Performers

Do you play guitar, piano, or have some other hidden talent that you want to share? The first Coffee House of the year is planned for Monday, October 24th. This open mike event takes place in the Gallery Foyer afterschool, between 4 and 5:30pm and includes all types of performances.

Auditions for a spot to perform will take place the week before so start practicing and set aside Monday, October 17th and Tuesday, October 18th, afterschool.

Deadline for signing up: Sunday, October 16 at noon (extended from original deadline of October 14)

Dates of Auditions: October 17 & 18 after school in the Strings Room

Date of Coffee House: October 24 after school in the Foyer outside the Gallery

Click Below to Sign Up:

[Sign-Up Form to Audition](#)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScocNEGSS04TlxFjTfhCjQEBdpGa_qhwVT5aiwFfnwUV8AxWw/viewform

Emily Carr Presentation – October 25th

Are you a senior interested in learning more about how to apply to Emily Carr University of Art and Design. Join other interested students in Room A226 during FIT on October 25th to find out more.

<https://www.ecuad.ca/>

Contact Mr. Hartley-Folz if you have any questions (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)

ARTS CLUB THEATRE PROGRAMS

Applications are now open for the 2022–2023 cohort of LEAP! **Apply by Oct 18.**

[LEAP—Learning Early About Playwriting](#)—is a **free and interactive program** for young people (**ages 16–25**) in the B.C. Lower Mainland who are interested in playwriting. Over 180 students have been mentored through the creation of original dramatic works since the program's inception in 2006.

Participants learn the basic principles of playwriting, share their work with classmates, and provide feedback for one another in a safe and supportive environment. Students also receive feedback from theatre professionals and have their plays workshopped and presented to the public in staged readings.

LEAP is a full-scholarship program, and it is 100% funded by donors and sponsors. There is no cost to students.

Instruction is offered at three levels:

Level 1 students are mentored through the creation of a short-form play (10 minutes)

Level 2 students write one-act plays (20–40 minutes)

Level 3 one student is supported through the creation of a full-length play

Application deadline is Mon, Oct 18! [CLICK HERE](#)

Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program

The Byng Arts Mini School has a long history at Lord Byng. Established in 1999 to acknowledge the creative energy and strong programs in our senior Strings and Drama departments it has grown to encompass all grades and offer opportunities not only in Strings and Drama but also Visual Art, Band, Choir, and Media Arts, with further opportunities available in Literary Arts in Grade 11 and 12.

As a school-within-a-school, Byng Arts, has all the benefits of a large high-school, while also maintaining a strong sense of community. In addition to an enriched curriculum in their fine art focus, all students in Byng Arts participate in events that feature community artists, musicians, and performers, thereby strengthening the collaboration between Byng and the professional arts community.

If you are interested in joining the Byng Arts program, please visit our website for the most up to date information on the application process: <http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

We will have two parts to complete if you wish to apply.

1. Paper Application Envelope
2. Online Application Forms

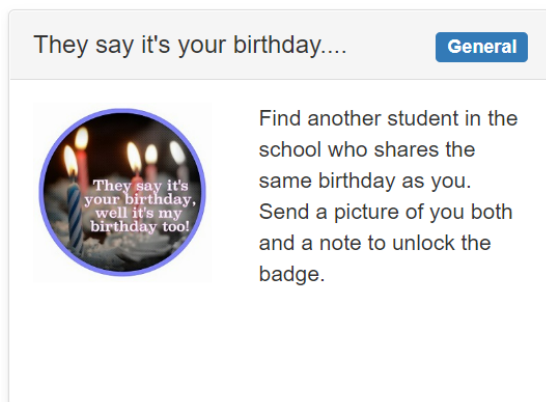
Pick up an Application Envelope beginning next Wednesday from our school office to start the process. Join us on November 2nd in the auditorium for our Parent Info Night (Click here for our [INFO VIDEOS](#) from last year to get started). The online portal opens on November 7th – a link to the forms will be added to our website at that point.

The deadline for submitting your application is December 15th.

Requirements for each area of focus are posted in the Selection Process section of our website – you can read them over and get started today. (Click here to go to the [Selection Process section](#)).

Byng Arts Passport: passport.lordbyng.net

How many events have you completed? All students will need a minimum of 7 events by January so don't delay, get going today. Have you checked out our latest badge?



If you are having trouble with your passport account, make sure to read the detailed instructions on Teams or contact Mr. Hartley-Folz (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca) to get things sorted.

COFFEE HOUSE – October 24

Here is a way to add to your passport and have a fun afternoon. The first Coffee House of the year is Monday, October 24th, afterschool. This is an open mike night, open to all students who wish to perform. Piano, guitar, singing, slam poetry, whatever you would like to offer!

Auditions for performers will be Monday, October 17th and Tuesday, October 18th so think about what you would like to do and start practicing.

You don't need to perform to come out of course. We set up the Gallery Foyer area like a café and your role as audience member is so important! We'll have some fun games to go along with the performances so save the date (Oct 24th, 4pm to 5:30pm).

Byng Arts Student Council Info

Student council meets every Thursday face to face in room A223. Everyone is welcome.

Use the link on Teams to go to the Student Council Channel to read the minutes from our meetings, ask questions, or contact council on Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](#))

Meeting Details:

GALA:

Our gala theme for this year is **TIME TRAVEL!**

Gala date is on November 30th!!

Setting up committees: Entertainment, Decorations, Food

COFFEEHOUSE

A reminder that the deadline to sign up for auditions has been extended to Sunday at noon! Sign up ASAP for an audition time on either October 17th or 18th. (Scheduled audition times will be sent out after the form closes)

YEARBOOK

The yearbook team will take a group photo for us next meeting (October 20th) on Thursday! Be sure to attend ...

And as always, feel free to attend council meeting every Thursday at lunch at Mr. Hartley-Folz's room!

Contact Mr. Hartley-Folz if you have any Byng Arts questions (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)

You can't get smART without ART!