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A Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

At the end of the week I want to thank staff for another very full week of engagement of teaching and learning and to acknowledge the work of all our support staff.

Our support staff are a vital part of our school and during these extraordinary times have stepped up to ensure the smooth functioning of our school. The work of our building and custodial team, office team, multicultural, settlement, Indigenous educators and all of student support workers are a vital part of our learning community. Without their hard work and professionalism, the school would be unable to function to allow the essential service of teaching and learning to occur.

On behalf of teachers, parents, students and the community and the education leadership team at the school we thank you for the work that you do each day and to recognize you all on November 5th, the day support staff throughout our VSB Community are acknowledged for their contribution to our school and community.

Thanks once again to all our parents and community members for your continued support and as we head into another weekend, I would like to wish you all a restful and safe weekend.

Mr. Wilmann

School News

Despite the challenges of our current pandemic it was a real treat to see the return of some of our regular school activities with the first “virtual track club” meeting led by Mr. Jack, the first PA announcements back on the airwaves with our “in house” DJ Mr. Andy Johnston back for weekly announcements.

Debate Club update from Ms. Sheppet:

“The Debate Club – led by Zach Mullin and Anya Murray had its first meeting. Some minor technical difficulties ensued, but ultimately it was a successful meeting. The senior students met to discuss the finer points of several topics: Universal Basic Income, Mandatory Birth Control and the Political Spectrum. Meanwhile, the more junior members had a debate via Teams on Universal Basic Income.”



Lord Byng Art Gallery : Our current show offers a glimpse into the minds of our students.

How have you been doing during the response to Covid-19? Home haircuts? Hording? Missing the outdoors? Well it is clear that a number of our art students have been staying creative and, in some cases, using their art to capture their current reality.

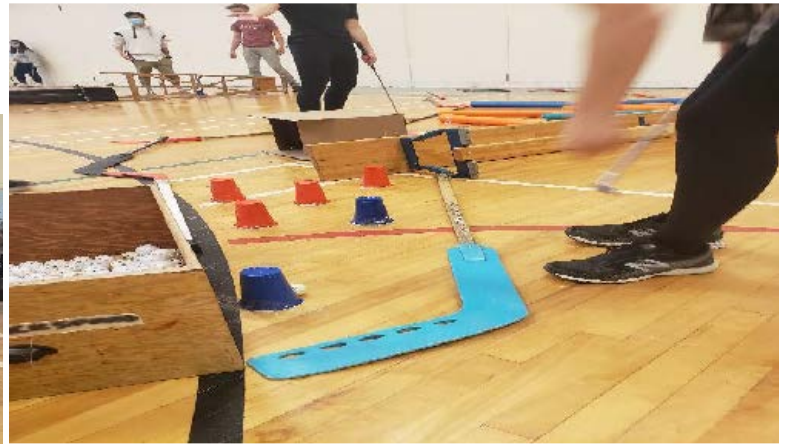
We recently asked for students to submit some of the artwork that they have created during the recent months of Covid confinement. The gallery is currently a colourful and creative display of our student's talents and resiliency. Please enjoy the following glimpse of the show.

~Mr. Hartley-Folz

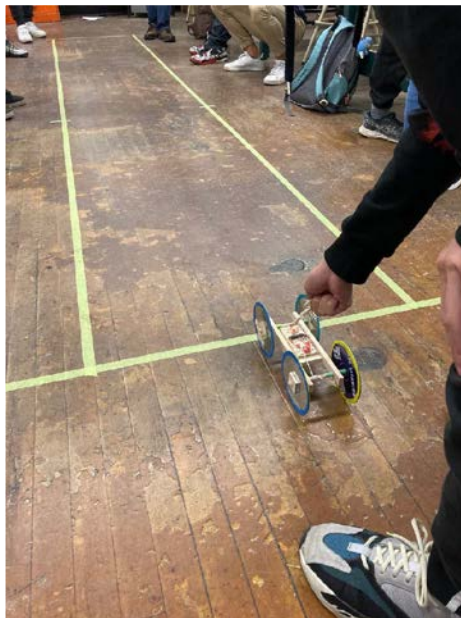
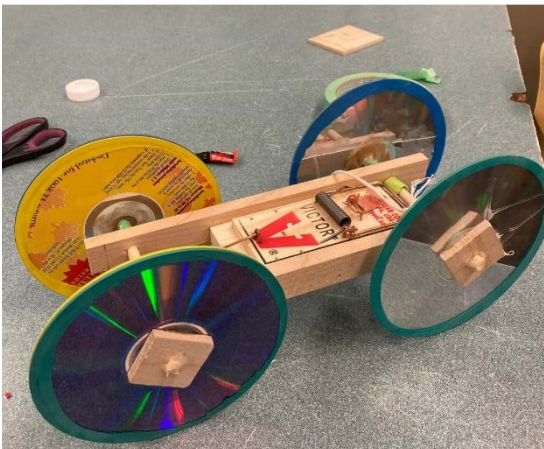


Crazy golf with our Senior PE Students!!!

With our newly seismically upgraded gymnasium open for use students got an opportunity to take to the Byng greenways to learn some crazy golf skills!



Off to the races with Mr. Yates's Engineering Class where students had an opportunity to put theory into action and put their Mousetrap cars to the test!



Quarterly Schedule

Your D1(P1) class will be face to face on Monday and Tuesday next week. On Thursday your D1(P2) class will become face to face until the end of the quarter. See rotation schedule: [Student F2F Rotation Calendar](#).

Vancouver Poppy Fund

Teachers in your D1(P1) class will be collecting donations for the Vancouver Poppy Fund on Tuesday, November 10th. These donations help support Canada's veterans and their families.

Poppies will be handed out to students before the Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly which will take place during class on Tuesday, November 10th.

2019/2020 Yearbooks

The Yearbooks are here!

- Students that ordered a 2019/2020 yearbook will be receiving it in their D1(P1) class on or before Tuesday, November 10th.
- Students that do not have a D1(P1) class are asked to collect their yearbook from the foyer on November 9th or 10th during flex time (10:30-11:30am or 12:15-1:15pm).
- Any students that did not order a yearbook but would still like to do so can purchase one in the foyer on November 12th and 13th during flex time (10:30-11:30am or 12:15-1:15pm). The cost of the yearbook is \$50.
- Graduates will be notified by email as to when and where they can pick up their books. We ask that graduates and/or their parents do not come into the building to collect the yearbooks until they are given instructions. If a graduate has a sibling that attends Lord Byng they are welcome to pick up the yearbook for their older sibling during flex time on November 12th and 13th.

Athletics Awards 2019-20

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2020 Spring Athletics Season only Grade 12 award winners were recognized in June 2020. For current grade 9-12 student athletes the top three male and female athletes from last year will be acknowledged. Instead of getting Trophies the top Male and Female Athletes award winners will receive T-shirts.

We will be announcing winners soon. Last year's grade 12 already received their recognition with scholarships.

Lord Byng Gallery - Call for Artwork

The next show is the Fall Show – this is open to all grades. What work have you been doing this Fall. Bring your art and drop it off in the gallery on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please label the back of your work with your name and number.

School Photos and GO Cards

Click [here](#) to order your school photos. Please disregard the deadline.

Retakes will take place on Tuesday, November 17th.

Head Lice

While there is no "season" for head lice, it can be more common in the winter months as children and families are in tighter quarters, families gather for the holidays and winter apparel is swapped and shared. Please click [here](#) for more information on what to do if you suspect you or a family member may have lice.

Visitors to the Building

The school building remains closed to the general public. Access by parents is by appointment only, approved directly by the Principal or Vice Principal, and for essential school business or on an emergency basis only. All other communication and business will occur via phone, virtual meeting or email.

Parent Resources

Please click here for information on [Raising Digitally Responsible Youth - Guide for Families](#).

ByngWear and GradWear are on sale now!

Please visit the [website](#) for more information. Sale ends November 10th.



Daily Health Assessment

Please see the revised [Daily Health Assessment](#) form (revised Sept. 15, 2020). If any of your children are experiencing any of the symptoms of illness on the form, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

Student Council

Thank you to everyone who applied to Student Council. Currently our executive team and Mr. Sandher are reviewing applications and will contact short listed applicants very soon.

2019/20 Student Service Hours

This is a message for students who have accumulated school service hours from Sept 2019 to March 2020 for in-school related activities at Lord Byng.

Please complete page 35 of your school agenda book and email to Ms. Chow in the school office at vchow@vsb.bc.ca. Also, please make sure to have the teacher signature and total calculation of hours. Due date is Friday, November 20th.

School Clubs and Teams

Any students that would like to start a club are required to find a teacher sponsor.

To join an existing club or to find out more about the club please contact the teacher sponsor.

Club List:

Avolution Magazine – Mr. Harris rharris@vsb.bc.ca

Bike Mechanics Club – Mr. Raoul araoul@vsb.bc.ca

Climate Club – Ms. York lyork@vsb.bc.ca

Decorating Club – Ms. Whelan kwhelan@vsb.bc.ca

FundaMental – Ms. Radic jradic@vsb.bc.ca

Garden Bank Society – Mr. Bowen wbowen@vsb.bc.ca

Investment Club – Mr. Wu pwu@vsb.bc.ca

Korean Language and Culture Club – Ms. Shum cns shum@vsb.bc.ca

Leadership and Enterprise Club – Ms. Schnieder kschnieder@vsb.bc.ca

Math Contest Club – Mr. Yee jbyee@vsb.bc.ca

Music Composition Club – Dr. MacLennan smaclennan@vsb.bc.ca

The Social and Environmental Change Assembly (SECA) – Mr. McKeen smckeen@vsb.bc.ca

Robotics Club – Mr. Gustainis pgustainis@vsb.bc.ca

Lord Byng Library

The library has had great success in getting books out to students even through these difficult times. Please encourage your child to request books to read through the entire school year as a focus on literacy is integral to learning. It is also important that students take a break from being online all the time and just read a good book. PLEASE READ!!!!

Students are encouraged to access lordbynglibrary.weebly.com to browse the catalogue. There is a BOOK REQUEST FORM button that allows students to enter information on how the Ms. Rezler can locate them when they are at school in order for the books to be delivered to them during that class. Additionally, there is a BOOK REQUEST FORM on the library door for students to fill out with a red folder for the drop off of the form.

Ms. Rezler is happy to help with book recommendations as well as research for assignments. Please email her if your student has any questions or would like some support from the library on their schoolwork.

Counselling Department

Counsellors have been assigned to students by their last name (for all grades):

A to Gr	Mr. R. Greenshields rgreenshields@vsb.bc.ca
Gs to L	Ms. J. Radic jradic@vsb.bc.ca
M to Te	Mr. R. Rymer rrymer@vsb.bc.ca (Ms. Smith is currently away)
Tf to Z	Ms. Birsan ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 12 Parent Info

In case you were not able to attend our parent info session on Grade 12 info and beyond, please feel free to look through our [power point presentation](#).

LB School Website

Please feel free to check out our school [website](#). We have worked on streamlining it and updating it with the most up-to-date information.

Team for each Grade on Microsoft TEAMS

Counsellors have set up classroom groups for each grade on Microsoft Teams platform. Students can click on their respective Counselling teams, for example, grade 12s will have access to **Grade 12 - 2020/21 (Counselling) team**. Here, counsellors will post information on graduation, post-secondary info, scholarships, volunteering opportunities, and other resources. We hope that students find this information valuable and useful. Any students who are not part of their grade counselling TEAM please notify your counselor so that we can add you.

Transcripts

Students are able to access their transcripts through the BCeID/STS [website](#). Once they create their BCeID username and password, they can log in and:

- view their transcript,
- order copies of their transcript
- send/order transcripts to various post secondary schools within Canada and Internationally
- view their provincial assessment results (e.g. numeracy results, etc.)

Please note that most students will use this to send their transcripts to their perspective post-secondary schools and not by mail. Please note that Universities will be able to see students' grade 12 current subjects and marks if a student sends them their transcript through BCeID/STS website.

Graduation Checks

Click [here](#) for information on graduation requirements from Mr. Wilmann.

Scholarships

For scholarship info please check our Teams Grade 12 Counselling group. Also, some scholarship information can be found on our school [website](#). Counsellors are encouraging grade 12s to check out scholarships and bursaries offered at the post-secondary institutions that they are applying to.

Byng Arts Information

New Applicants to Byng Arts

If you are interested in joining the mini-school program next year, please consult our website for the most up to date information: <http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

The following link offers a snapshot of our program and the application process: [BYNG ARTS INFO VIDEO PLAYLIST 2021](#). Additional details regarding the selection process for Drama, Media, Music, Visual Arts, and Literary Arts can be found in our [Selection Process](#) section.

If you have additional questions, contact us at byngarts@vsb.bc.ca.

Online applications will be available beginning November 9th. We will not use physical applications this year.

Byng Arts Passports

<http://passport.lordbyng.net/signin>

Please be aware that the Byng Arts Passport site has run into some technical difficulties and is currently not functioning. We are working on a repair and will post any updates on Teams as soon as we have them. Until then, stay creative and active in the arts.

Byng Arts – Info Page on TEAMS

Please stay tuned and use the Team site to keep up with new information for Byng Arts. If you haven't checked out the site, please do so (it can be found attached to your TEAMS page – please contact me if you do not have a link on your TEAMS page and I will add you jhartley@vsb.bc.ca).

Byng Arts Student Council Update

Byng Arts Student Council will host our initial introductory information session to share our plans for the school year. This is an invitation to join the executive for a live broadcast on Thursday, November 12th, between 11:30 and 12:30 on Teams. We will share the new structure of council, answer your questions, and let you know how to get involved. Sincerely, your council executive, Theo, Megan, Sarah, and Camille.

PAC News

Please join us for our next PAC Meeting on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00pm via zoom. We encourage parents to submit questions in advance via the link – [Questions for the next PAC Meeting](#)

A very big thank-you to lead counsellor Ms. Radic for hosting a very informative Grade 12 Parent Info Night on November 3rd. If you were not able to make it, or if you are a parent with children in younger grades and have questions about graduation requirements and application process, we encourage you to check out the link on the Byng Grade 12 page including the PowerPoint presentation presented on Tuesday. Click [here](#) for more information.

Vancouver DPAC acts as an official voice of all Vancouver PAC's with the VSB. They regularly hold meetings and workshops on many interesting topics and provide updates on various issues. Any parent is welcome to attend any of the meetings. Click [here](#) for upcoming activities.

Thanks for your support!

Please connect with the Byng Parent Advisory Council at any time at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

Lord Byng PAC

Byng Grad Parent Committee

Holiday Greenery

You have LESS THAN A WEEK to order your beautiful holiday greens and support Lord Byng Grad 2021. The poinsettias, wreaths and succulent bowls are lovely, and a GREAT price. Order deadline is November 11! To view brochure and pricing, and order: <https://lordbyngsec.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Purdy's Chocolates

Who doesn't love Purdy's chocolate! Stock up now on holiday gifts (or enjoy for yourself!) and help the Byng Grad Committee reach their goal. Order on-line through the link below by November 25th. Drive-through pick-up Saturday, December 12th at one of the Byng Parent's home.

To order click on the link below > SHOP ONLINE > MARKETPLACE to select items

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/311457-79984>