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A Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng, Parents, Students and Community Members,

Tomorrow will be the first professional day of the school year and in line with our school plan the focus of the staff development will be on Indigenous Teaching and Learning. Chad Carpenter the Indigenous Education Worker at our school will be leading the staff in a series of activities that will include the opportunity to explore the Camosun Bog. The Bog is a rich source of diverse plants and animal life as well as a place of special significance to the Musqueam people. Through the lens of Land Based Pedagogy and Indigenous Teaching and Learning staff will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the local area and to adapt curriculum and create project based learning that aligns with the opportunities that are available for class visits to this readily accessible park area.

Next week the school will be holding our opening assemblies that will be presented during the 1-2 Flex period (please see the schedule below). The opening assemblies will provide an opportunity for the School Admin Team to connect with students and to review some very important school items including the School Code of Conduct, the Four Pillars of Learning and the opportunity to introduce new members of staff that have joined our school in September. The assemblies will be held on Wednesday, September 30th, which is also Orange Shirt Day, a date that recognizes and acknowledges the injustices of the residential school's system. A special acknowledgement of the significance of Orange Shirt Day will be included in the assemblies.

Have a great weekend everyone and for our students a three-day weekend!
Be safe!

Mr. Wilmann

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.

Masks

Thank you for bringing your masks to school. If you do forget there are disposable masks in the school office.

Assembly

There will be a virtual assembly on Wednesday, September 30th for all students. The assembly will take place during flex time. Students who attend class in the morning will stay in their classrooms to watch the assembly in class, dismissal will be at 11am. Students who attend class in the afternoon are asked to arrive to school at 12:50 to watch the assembly in class.

Any students that do not have a D1(P2) class will be provided a link to watch a recording of the assembly at home.

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day will be recognized on **Wednesday, September 30** – In the spirit of reconciliation and to witness and honour the healing journey of survivors and their families, please wear your Orange Shirt to recognize and remember the residential school experience. <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

Forms

Student Verification forms were sent home this week (or early next week). Please ensure you review the information on the form and indicate any changes (in coloured ink, not black). Please return the form to the teacher by next Friday, October 2nd.

If your form has the Personal Health number field highlighted, please ensure you add it to the form as it is required for the school to have this information.

All other forms were sent home the first week of school. If you have not received them, they can be picked up in the office or you can click on the links below.

- [Media Consent](#)
- [CASL](#)
- [Neighbourhood Field Trip](#)
- [Daily Health Assessment](#) (updated Sept. 22, 2020)

Lord Byng Library

The library will be up and running, with some adjustments, this year. We are trying to support student learning and reading as safely as possible. We will not have in and out privileges into the library for students to check out books, however, they will be able to request books.

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.

It is so important that students continue to read. 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 school work.

KEEP ON READING!!

If you still have any books at home, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Terry Fox Run and Fundraising Campaign

Who: All students and staff who want to RUN the Terry Fox Route as a group (Due to Covid restrictions which limits the amount of participants we can only have RUNNERS take part this year)

What: Terry Fox Run (Since we can't do our school wide event in the regular way due to social distancing, we encourage you to join us to continue the tradition). Prizes for top runners and random draw prizes (gift cards and T-shirts) will be provided.

When: Wednesday, October 7 during F.I.T. FLEX TIME (Time to Be Announced)

Where: Pacific Spirit Park at 16th Avenue and Imperial Drive, (where Discovery turns into Imperial Drive).

Why: To raise money for Cancer research, celebrate Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, to get some fresh air and get some exercise. Please click [HERE](#) to donate and help us reach our goal of \$8000. Students can get involved by creating their own fundraising page under their school name: <https://terryfox.org/schoolrun/students/>. Thank you for your supporting our school in the fight against cancer and continuing Terry's legacy! #terryfoxschoolrun @terryfoxfoundation

How: All Interested runners MUST click [HERE](#) to register.

For more information please go to the [Terry Fox Run](#) page on our website.

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	Ms. Smith (Ms. Smith is currently out of the office, please contact Mr. Rymer effective Monday, September 28th @ rrymer@vsb.bc.ca)
Tf to Z	Ms. Birsan ibirsan@vsb.bc.ca

Counselling Update

Dear Students and Parents,

Counsellors would like to thank you all for your patience during the first couple of weeks of school. We worked hard to try and meet all your various timetable needs. Moving forward, we would like students to see only their own counsellor (see above). Students are welcome to come and meet us in person (2 meters apart and with a mask on 😷) and/or give us a phone call. Parents are asked to call their child's counsellor, or email to schedule a remote meeting time.

We are looking forward to getting to know all of you better.

Teams Class for each Grade

Counsellors are organizing classroom groups for each grade on Microsoft Teams platform. All the grades Grade 12 classes/classrooms are now up and running. Students will be able to click on for example, **Grade 12 - 2020/21 (Counselling) team** if they are a grade 12 student, and read all the various posts on graduation, scholarships, post-secondary information, volunteering opportunities, etc. We hope that you check this regularly as it will contain super valuable information.

Language Challenge Exams

Language Challenge Exams: Information about Language challenge exams can be found in the counselling office. Please note that students are required to fill out the forms online this year and then print out the completed forms to return to counsellors. Handwritten applications will be returned to be filled out online and then printed. The due date for the application is November 6, 2020. We are not able to take ANY late applications.

Please see Lord Byng website for all the details: [Language Challenge Exams and External Credits](#)

Bicycle Donation Request

If your family has a bicycle that has gathered dust or needs a new home, Lord Byng would love to have it!

We are hoping to acquire 30 or more bicycles in an effort to encourage teachers and students to learn more outside, to be environmentally sustainable, and to exercise. No problem If your bike is in need of repair, our Bike Mechanics Club has the ability to repair and maintain all bikes donated to us! However, we do ask for bikes that are only big enough for high school students. No kids' bikes please.

Please contact teachers Alain Raoul (araoul@vsb.bc.ca) or Matthew Barski (mbarski@vsb.bc.ca) if you have a bike to donate so that we can arrange pick up in the staff parking lot at your convenience.

Thank you for considering this worthy contribution to the Byng community!

Photo Day

School photo day will be Thursday, October 8th. More information will follow on scheduling as well as a retake photo date.

Grade 12 Grad Photo Session

Grade 12 reminder for all grads to have their grad photos taken at Artona Studios from **Sept 25-27, 2020**. The studio has been booked for Lord Byng students. Students need to make an appointment.

Please see link for more info and to book your appointment: <https://artona.com/schools/BYNG/programs/graduation>

Gallery Show - Call to Artists

Attention all artists, it is time to show us what you have been upto for the last couple of months.

The gallery walls are bare and we need your art. Please bring in the work that you completed during your time of Covid isolation.

Work can be dropped off in the Gallery next week between Monday and Wednesday. Make sure that you include your name and contact information so the work can be returned to you when the show is done.

Please reach out to your current or former art teachers if you have any questions:

Mr. Hartley-Folz (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)

Ms. York (lyork@vsb.bc.ca)

Mr. Bowen (wbowen@vsb.bc.ca)

Cross Country

We are still waiting for approval from the school board to start practices. With the uncertainty of whether sports will be able to happen this year, cross country may be more feasible than other sports as far as maintaining social distancing is concerned.

Aside from being a great sport in it's own right, cross country is a great way to get in shape for other sports, or just to stay fit in general. Since students will only have class PE class for a maximum of 10 weeks, or perhaps not at all, cross country would be a great way to maintain or improve your fitness.

The Lord Byng Cross Country Team has long tradition of excellence. Last year, all four divisions qualified for provincials, with the Senior Girls team winning the bronze medal and Eli Mullin (while in grade 8) finishing in the top 25 for Junior Boys, competing against grade 9's and 10's. Whether you want to join for intense competition, fitness, fun or to be a part of a school team, the cross-country team is a great team to join. We do not cut anyone from the team!

We will be having a meeting and perhaps a run on Monday, September 21st, at 3:30 pm at Camosun Track (beside Queen Elizabeth School). We are still waiting to hear what we can and cannot do. If you (or your child) would like to receive information about cross country, please contact Mr. Jack at bjack@vsb.bc.ca and I will add you to my email list. If the first meeting/practice has to be re-scheduled, I can let you know by email. In the meantime, please try to get some practice runs in on your own! Go Grey Ghosts!

Mr. Jack

PAC News

Dear Byng families,

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us last night - we had over 100 parents and caregivers join in! For those of you who could not join us, a link to the recorded meeting is below along with a link to the questions submitted in advance and the approx. time stamp during the video meeting in case you are searching for a specific answer. Lots of great information was shared last night so if you still have questions about what is happening at Byng, we encourage you to listen to the recording. Sincere thanks to Principal Wilmann, Vice-Principals Mr. Vulgaris, Teacher Representative Ms Sheppet and Lead Counsellor Ms. Radic for taking time to join the meeting.

[Lord Byng Town Hall Video Recording](#) Password is @byng2020
[Lord Byng PAC Meeting and AGM Questions and recording guide](#)

We are please to also announce our new Byng PAC executive for 2020/2021

Co-Chairs – Tammy Baltz and Kristin McAllister

Vice-Chair – Christine Macdougall

Secretary – Anna Chen

DPAC Representative - Maggie Liu

Treasurer – Princess Pan

Our next PAC Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00pm via Zoom.

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

Lord Byng PAC