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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

Once again, the weather has had a major impact on our school with all VSB schools closed on Wednesday. Special thanks this week goes to all the VSB District Staff, and our school based custodial team for working hard to keep our school open and ready for learning.

Next week is the last full week of Semester 1 and an important time for students to complete final assignments and projects. Grade 12 students will be writing their Literacy 12 Exams which is a graduation requirement for all students in British Columbia (please check the schedule for details).

Have a safe, restful weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

School News

Monday January 15th is recognized throughout Canada & the Province of British Columbia as [Black Excellence Day](#).

This day is an opportunity for our school to reflect on the importance and meaning of what it means to be black in Canada.

As a school community we are collectively responsible for creating a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all our students. Days such as this are a perfect opportunity for all of us to take a few moments with our students during our classes throughout the day and to discuss the meaning of this day and how it supports both the School Plan and the District's mission of Inclusion and Diversity as well as contributes to the Ministry of Education mandate to support the development of Educated Citizens.

Here is a summary of the meaning and importance of this day from the VSTA website and includes resources that can be used to support student learning:

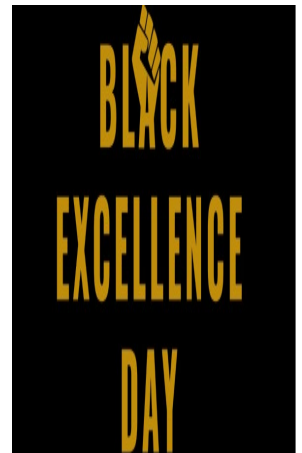
Black Excellence Day held Monday, January 15 in 2024, is a day to celebrate Black history and learn more about Black stories, art, and people leading up to **February Black History Month**. This day was chosen to honour civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The VSTA website has some excellent learning resources that can be accessed as training resources:

- Website: [Black Excellence Day](#)
- [Being Black in Canada \(CBC\)](#)
- Notable Figures:
 - Interactive: [Historical Black Canadians You Should Know](#)
 - Illustrated: [Black Changemakers](#)
 - [Trailblazers Making Change Now](#)
 - Video: [Heritage Minutes: Viola Desmond](#)
 - Video: [Women in Canadian History: Rosemary Brown](#)

Black Excellence Day was developed thorough consultation in the community by the [Ninandotoo Society in British Columbia](#).

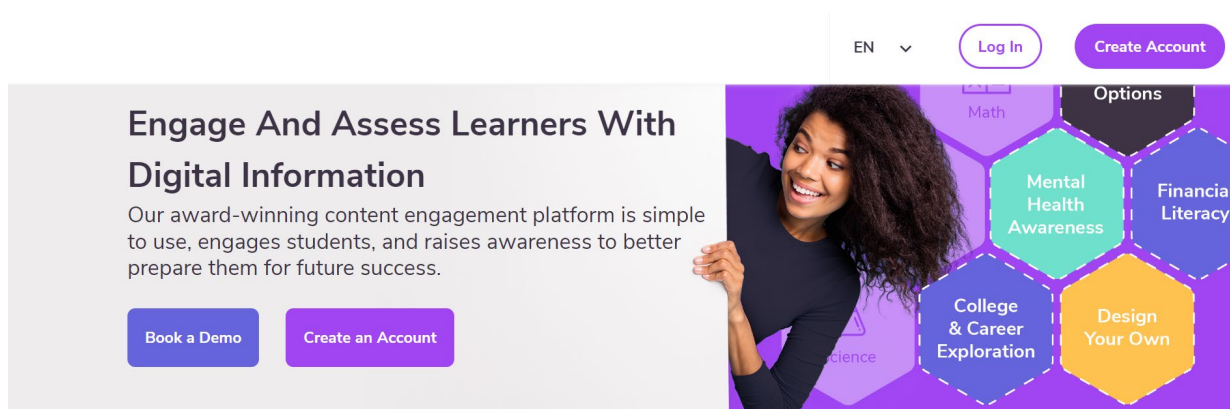
Thanks for making use of this day as an important learning opportunity with your students in class today.



Here are just a few highlights from the week just passed:

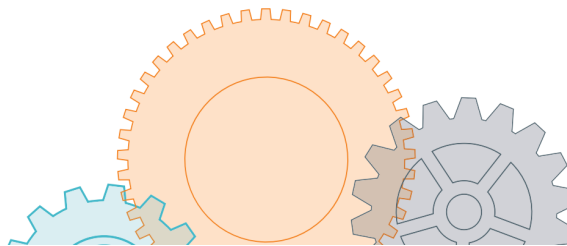
- Chatter High Recognizes Lord Byng Students
- The ELC Class Plan for their Next Outdoor Adventure
- PE 8 Students Demonstrate their Artist Talents
- Woodwork Students Complete Final Projects
- Career Education 8 Students Complete Final Assignments

Chatter High Recognizes Lord Byng Students



Returning for the start of the 2024 school year, students at Lord Byng were recognized by [Chatter High](#) for their engagement with the online Learning Platform.

The Chatter Learning Platform is currently used as a valuable learning resource by the Career Life Education teachers as an approved learning resource in the [Career Education 8-12 Program](#).



Here is a summary of the Program by Ms. Kim Chong-Ping, coordinator, and teacher in the Career Education 8-12 Program: Our CLE 10 students joined a new online career platform this year, and we entered a career exploration competition. Students learned about different career options and unlocked a career report that was specific to their interests and skill sets. All of our Grade 10 students participated, and our school won 2nd place in Canada, in the Quad A division. 50 Lord Byng students won competition money. Acadia Li, won the largest amount of \$120.

Thanks Ms. Kim Chong-Ping for this incredible 21st learning opportunity that you and the Career Education Team are providing and supporting our students with here at Byng!

ELC 10 & 11 Students Make Plans for the First Outdoor Adventure of 2024

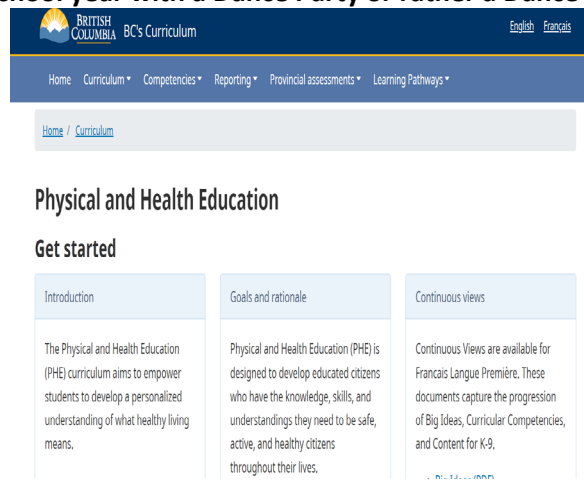
With the first impact of snow this year upon us the ELC students led by Mr. Vladimir Koscal and Mr. Nick Boulding made plans with students in the class not on how to avoid the weather but how to make use of it as a learning environment and for outdoor learning.

The Learning Team, Mr. Koscal & Mr. Boulding, have a rich skill set and are planning for an overnight expedition to Cypress Mountain where they will teach students about outdoor wilderness survival and the environment.

With Mr. Koscal's deep science knowledge, a former UBC Scientist from the UBC [Beaty Museum](#) and Mr. Nick Boulding's Outdoor Education training and wilderness knowledge, the ELC class are planning to develop a deep learning adventure on the mountain top that will include hiking, backpacking, snowshoeing and building snow caves!!!

Thanks Mr. Koscal & Mr. Boulding, keep us posted on the next learning adventure!

PE 8 Students Open the 2024 school year with a Dance Party or rather a Dance Class!!!



The screenshot shows the British Columbia Curriculum website. The header includes the logo for British Columbia and the text "BC's Curriculum" with language options for "English" and "Français". A navigation menu contains links for "Home", "Curriculum", "Competencies", "Reporting", "Provincial assessments", and "Learning Pathways". Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail "Home / Curriculum". The main heading is "Physical and Health Education". Underneath is a "Get started" section with three columns: "Introduction", "Goals and rationale", and "Continuous views".

Introduction	Goals and rationale	Continuous views
The Physical and Health Education (PHE) curriculum aims to empower students to develop a personalized understanding of what healthy living means.	Physical and Health Education (PHE) is designed to develop educated citizens who have the knowledge, skills, and understandings they need to be safe, active, and healthy citizens throughout their lives.	Continuous Views are available for Français Langue Première. These documents capture the progression of Big Ideas, Curricular Competencies, and Content for K-9.

The 2024 school year opened this week with students in the PE 8 classes having a dance competition. Here is a quick look at one of the teams performing and another example of the rich active learning opportunities experienced by students through the newly developed [PE 8-12 Curriculum](#) and developed & provided by the Byng PE Department.



Figure 1 Grade 8 students practice their moves for the great dance competition!!!

Applied Skills Woodwork Students Complete Final Projects

With the end of Semester 1 only a little over two weeks away, students in the woodwork shop and in the Applied Skills Program (Woodwork, Drafting, Metalwork, Jewelry, Textiles) were focused on completing their final projects before the end of Semester 1.

Career Education 8 Students Complete Final Assignments

Straight back to school and out into the forest!

Students in Mr. Raoul's Grade 8 Career Education wasted no time this week getting onto their bikes and into the beauty of Pacific Spirit Park as part of their end of rotation final assignment!



Figure 2 Mr. Raoul welcomes students back to class with a hands-on lesson on active transportation, citizenship, and global climate action!

What a great way to learn about the environment and active transportation!

Thank you everyone for the incredible work for our first week back of 2024, with all the action in the school it felt as if we had never left the building!

Theatre 9 Show: The Witch's Princess - New Dates

TITLE: The Witch's Princess

WHEN: Monday January 22 and Tuesday February 6th 7pm.

WHERE: Lord Byng Auditorium (off Crown Street)

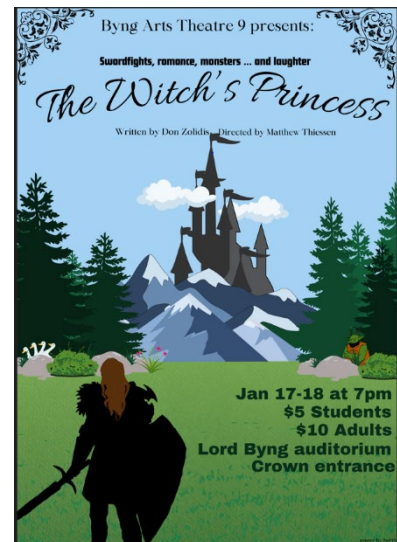
WHAT: When Princess Alessandra's father the king offers her hand in marriage to the knight who can slay the evil bog witch and lift the curse, there's only one thing for the princess to do: Sneak out of the castle and kill the witch herself to avoid marriage. But she first assembles a crack crew of the deadliest monsters in myth and legend to help. A rollicking and wild quest of magic and adventure. (Appropriate for all ages)

LENGTH: Approx. 1hr 45min

PRICES: Students 5\$. Adults \$10.

Tickets Purchased on: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/> or at the door.

Please note: For those who have purchased tickets to the January 17th & 18th show, can attend on either dates (Jan 22nd or Feb 6th). Proof of payment will be required at the door.



School Parking Lot – Important Update

Dear Neighbours of Lord Byng Secondary School and Jules Quesnel Elementary School,

Please be advised that as of 4:00 pm Friday December 22nd, 2023, the parking lots of Lord Byng Elementary School and Jules Quesnel Elementary School are being made available for Public Paid Parking outside of school hours. Specifically, Public Paid Parking will be available on School days from 4:00 pm – 7:00 am Monday - Friday, and 24 hours per day on weekends, holidays and school breaks.

The parking lots of Lord Byng Secondary School and Jules Quesnel Elementary School are reserved exclusively for school use, on school days, Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 4:00 pm, and at other special times as required. Note that the Paystations and Parking Apps will not function or allow the purchase of parking during school hours.

This change to Public Pay Parking at these two schools reflects the Vancouver School Board’s dual goals of ensuring VSB parking lots are exclusively available as needed for School and District use as well as maximizing our assets and generating revenue for VSB programs.

Note that the Lord Byng Pool & Fitness Centre is not a VSB facility, but rather a Vancouver Parks Board facility. Note also, that it does not have its own parking lot. Customers of the facility are now being welcomed to park on VSB property during the times, and terms as noted.

The paid parking systems and enforcement will be provided by EasyPark which also operates paid parking at thirteen other VSB facilities. EasyPark is a not-for-profit entity of the City of Vancouver.

Parking rates for the indefinite future will be \$1.00 per hour, with a \$6.00 daily maximum.

The public is encouraged to take note of all EasyPark signage to avoid tickets and towing.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, you can contact Liam Coughlan, who manages Public Paid Parking Lots for the VSB at 604-713-5712.

Water Bottle Refilling Stations

The school has several water bottle refilling stations in the school, and we would like to remind students to bring their water bottles to school.

GRAD BABY PICTURES

GRAD BABY PICTURES - if you would like a baby/toddler picture of your child to appear in this year's annual please submit the image using this link:

[BABY PHOTO](#)

This link can only be accessed by students. The deadline for accepting the photos is Wednesday January 24th.

Literacy 12 Assessment

Grade 12 Literacy Assessment is a graduation requirement, and must be completed by gr. 12 students to graduate in June.

When: Monday January 22nd to Friday January 26th (morning and afternoon sessions)

What: a 2 hour online assessment (students may take up to 3 hours) in 3 parts: Part A - critical thinking, Part B - analyze and interpret, Part C - self reflection.

Where: Library Computer Lab

Who: Schedule is posted on the Grade 12 Teams, as well as hard copies are posted outside the main office. (if you cannot make your scheduled time you will be rescheduled to write later this year)

For more information and practice tests go to <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

Byng Athletics

Lord Byng Ultimate Team

There will be an informational meeting on Monday January 22 at the start of lunch in room 103 (Ms. Chen's room). Please attend to learn more about the team. If you are unable to attend, speak to Ms. L. Anderson, Ms. Chen or Ms. Gretchko.

Upcoming Choir & Strings Concerts

Wednesday, January 24th

6:30pm

Choir & Strings Concert #1*

Groups involved: Concert Strings, Junior Honour, Junior Symphony

Friday, January 26th

6:30pm

District Festival at Vancouver Technical Secondary

Groups involved: Junior Honour, Senior Honour

Friday, January 26th

6:30pm

Choir & Strings Concert #2*

Groups involved: Intermediate Strings, Senior Honour, and a chamber Strings group

*Information about tickets will come out next week.

PAC News

NEXT PAC MEETING – Please join us for our next PAC Meeting, Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 on zoom.

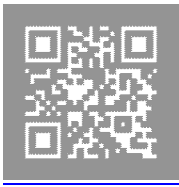
WEDNESDAY MORNING WALKS IN PACIFIC SPIRIT PARK. For Parents who would like to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday walks. All are welcome. We will meet at the steps at the front of the school on Wed January 24h at 9:00 am. Please RVSP to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.com

SUPPORT LORD BYNG WHILE YOU BUY GROCERIES

The Lord Byng PAC has partnered with Sungiven and Stongs grocery stores. When you shop at either store, Byng receives a rebate (at no extra cost to you) and these funds are used to support clubs, activities, new programs, and new equipment at Byng.

- **Sungiven (Yuanchu)** – Purchase a pre-paid grocery card using this order form and Byng receives a percentage of the value of your purchase. Instructions: fill out the order form, pay for your pre-paid grocery card, and pick up your grocery card between 9-10am on the last day of the month at the Byng entrance facing Crown Street. Orders are due by the 25th of each month. The first 30 participants receive additional gifts from Sungiven. Orders can be paid by **etransfer**, **Wechat Pay** and **Union Pay** now. + [ORDER FORM](#)
- **Stongs Market** - Shop on-line at www.stongs.com and they will donate 4% back to Lord Byng PAC as part of their rebate program. Items can be purchased online and delivered to your home or picked up in-store. Select Lord Byng Secondary under “Choose a School for Our Rebate Program” during check-out (not available in-store). Any questions please email lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com.

PLEASE JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST – The PAC has created its own email list to communicate directly with parents. **Please sign-up now using the QR code below or by visiting the PAC website and clicking subscribe** <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/>



GRAD 2024 – To join the Parent Grad Committee Distribution list click here: <https://forms.gle/N7jgxoJs7w4LAUNe6>. For any questions about Grad Committee please email bynggradcommittee2024@gmail.com.

BYNG ARTS PARENT GROUP MEETING: Several parents have started a Byng Arts parent group for families with Byng Arts students. Any questions please email byngartsparents@gmail.com

CHINESE PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION:

每周学校新闻的中文版和中文播报将更新在PAC 官网上

PAC 邮箱接受中文邮件，中国家长可以将他们的问题或者疑虑发中文邮件到 lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

2023/24 PAC Meeting Dates:

- February 7th, 2024
- February 21, 2024 (Cancelled)
- April 17, 2024
- May 15, 2024

For any PAC related questions or concerns please email us at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com or visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/>. We look forward to connecting with you!

Lord Byng PAC

Collaboration Day Schedule

Collaboration Dates: Students arrive at 10am No F.I.T. Sept 20; Oct 18; Nov 15; Jan 17; Feb 21; April 24; May 15; June 19	
Period 1	10:00-10:40
Break	10:40-10:50
Period 2	10:50-11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:15
Period 3	12:15-1:35
Break	1:35-1:40
Period 4	1:40-3:00

Byng Calendars

Please visit the Lord Byng School website. <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/lord-byng/ci/p/65391>

Lord Byng Daily Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT 8:40 - 9:20				FIT 8:40 - 9:20
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2023/2024 School Fees

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

Vancouver Coastal Health – When Should I Keep My Sick Child Home from School?

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

You can refer to the Vancouver Coastal Health resource:

<https://www.vch.ca/en/when-should-i-keep-my-sick-child-home-school>

Elevator Use for Students with Mobility Issues

We need to provide the safest means of transport for our community when they have mobility issues: currently our **elevators** work with a **key**.

Therefore, students experiencing mobility issues should be guided by staff to:

- Go to or send a student runner:
 - Basement - A006
 - 1st floor- A100
 - 2nd floor– School Office
 - 3rd floor –Rm A316 to obtain key/help

If any other difficulties, please contact the school office.

Medical Care Plan Forms / Medication

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 is important that the school is informed of any medical condition that may require emergency care at school and have updated information on file.

It is strongly recommended that students who carry emergency medications such as inhalers, epi-pens or diabetic emergency kits keep these medications or supplies with them at all times in a fanny pack, purse or backpack which travels to class and on field trips with them.

FORMS

Online forms: Please visit <http://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> and fill out the following forms online.

- 1) VSB Media Consent 2023 – 2024
- 2) External Media Consent Form – 2023 – 2024

- 3) Grade 4-12 AUP Form (Acceptable Use of Technology Policy) - very important, read through this carefully with your child.
- 4) Adobe CC Consent Form (for parents/guardians)
- 5) Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)
- 6) CASL Consent Form 2023 -2024 (Communicating for parents and guardians)

When logging into <http://myforms.vsb.bc.ca> please make sure you are entering your child's PEN and not their student number. Students can find their PEN number on their report card.

Thank you for your cooperation, it is important that we have all families return/submit all of the forms posted here.

Counselling Update

A-Gr Ms. Milinazzo kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca
 Gs-L Ms. Radic jradic@vsb.bc.ca
 M-Te Ms. Tanner/Ms. Davies ktanner@vsb.bc.ca cdavies@vsb.bc.ca
 Tf-Z Ms. VanderKlippe mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca

Semester 2

Semester 2 timetable adjustments will occur as follows:

February 1 Thursday morning 9- 11am for Grade 12s; afternoon 1-3 pm for Grade 11s

February 2 Friday morning 9-11am for Grade 10s; afternoon for 1-3 pm Grade 9s and 8s.

Counsellors will see students in the counselling suite.

Graduation Letter

Counsellors have finished meeting with all students who have any outstanding requirements towards their graduation. We will be emailing letters home, and also giving a copy to your student only if they have some outstanding courses needed for graduation. Please note that we will be working closely with these students and helping them plan a way to complete all of their high school grad requirements. Here is a blank form of our letter:

[Grade 12 Graduation Letter](#)

[Grad Requirement Letter](#)

Counselling Teams

Any new Byng students? Please let your counsellor know and ask them to add you to our Counselling Teams group. This is where we post a lot of information regarding: **post-secondary school options, scholarships**, extra-curricular opportunities, mental health resources, work opportunities, to name a few. Each grade has their own Counselling teams eg. Grade 12, 11, 10, 9 and 8 (Counselling 2023/24).

Art Info

Upcoming Calendar of Art Events @ BYNG

Join us and see what the Fine Art students are doing...

JANUARY

17 & 18	Drama 9 Performances <i>"The Witch's Princess"</i> – 7pm Theatre
24 Wed.	Strings/Choir Winter Concert – 6:30p.m. Theatre
26 Fri.	Strings/Choir Winter Concert – 6:30p.m. Theatre
30 Tues.	Band Concert – 6:30p.m. Theatre
Ongoing	Colour Show – Byng Gallery

You can't get smART without Art!

Call For Yearbook Art Submissions

Get your artwork into this year's annual!!! [CLICK HERE](#) to submit. Do this today, without delay.



Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program – Thank you to everyone who submitted their applications and online forms on time. We sent email confirmations on Monday, January 8th to everyone who had completed the requirements. We are reviewing the contents of your packages and will send out audition invitations by the end of the day on January 25th to shortlisted candidates.

Auditions take place on February 1st and 2nd during the semester turnaround days.

Audition formats for each area of focus is available by clicking: [Selection Process section](#).

Email: byngarts@vsb.bc.ca with your questions.


Byng Arts Passport: passport.lordbyng.net

Passport will be reviewed at the end of the semester. You should have a minimum of seven (7) events by that point.

All successful accounts that have unlocked seven or more badges will be entered into a draw prize in the new year, so get your art on everyone!


Potential Badges to unlock:

Winter Music Performance Music




Winter Music at Byng. Be part of the performance or attend as an audience member between January and March Break.

Drama 9 Presents Drama



Attend a performance of the Witch's Princess by our drama students on January 17th or 18th in the Auditorium (7pm curtain).

Janus General



Did you make a New Year's Resolution to see more art? Post your art events for the month of January by sending in images of your activities! Passport will be checked at the end of the month!

Byng Arts Student Council Info

Student council meets every Thursdays in room A223. Everyone is welcome. We will post updates on TEAMS and Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/byngartstudentcouncil))

Meeting Notes

Byng Arts Auditions Feb 1st and 2nd. Volunteer Sign Up starts next meeting.

Coffee House Monday February 12, Auditions January 22-24, afterschool.

Teacher Fundraiser (Can you Sing, Can You Dance) – March 13
Foodbank Donations as target

Byng Arts T-Shirts in process – stay tuned.

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