Newsletter

Friday June 20, 2025

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

Today our school held our National Indigenous Day School Wide Assembly that included the viewing of two incredible works of art. The two film productions were both created by our Media Arts Department. The first The Porcupine is a fictional work inspired by the life and storytelling of Lakota Metis Indigenous Elder and Knowledge Keeper Mr. Ray McKeown, the second was a short documentary that records the unveiling of the Musqueam House post that was raised on Byng grounds as part of our centennial celebrations.

Special thanks to the inspirational leadership of our staff, students and parents for continuously supporting our school's Reconciliation Journey.

Have a great weekend and happy National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada!

Mr. Wilmann

			JUNE 20	25		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Compulsory Grad Rehearsal @FIT Auditorium Athletic Banquet 5:30-7:30pm All Gym	4 Capstone Fair Band Concert 6:30pm Theatre	5 Gr. 7 Visit to Byng 9:30-11:20am Gym	6 Grade 12 Grad Rehearsal 9:30AM Early Dismissal 2pm Grad Ceremony – Chan Centre 4pm	7
8	9	Strings Concert 6:30pm Theatre	11	PAC Teacher Appreciation Lunch LBSO Concert @6:30	13 Byng Arts Breakfast @FIT Foyer	Grad Dinner Dance UBC Nest 5:30- 10:30pm
15	16	17 Byng Arts Grad Auditorium 1:20- 3pm	18 Collaborative Day AM – Students Start 10AM	19 FIT for Learning – FIT Freeze	Gr. 8 Sports Day Choir Concert 6:30pm Theatre	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
22	23	24 Last Day of Classes – AM Carnival – PM	25 Turnaround Day Locker Cleanup	26 Turnaround Day Locker Cleanup	27 Administrative Day	28
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School News

Here is a quick look at the week just passed:

- Staff Appreciation Lunch: Thank You So Much Byng Parents!!!
- LBSO Year End Concert: A Night to Remember With the LBSO
- Many Nations Room: Welcome To the Many Nations Room
- Grad Dinner & Dance: Byng Parents, Students and Staff Celebrate the Byng Graduating Class of 2025

Thank You So Much Byng Parents!!!!

Special thanks to the Byng Parent community for their hard work and support throughout the school year and especially for this week's delicious staff appreciation lunch. Thanks especially to the Byng PAC Executive for their continued support throughout the year and the many fundraising efforts that have been undertaken over many years to support the school's ability to fund so many important school projects that align with our Four Pillars of Learning.





Figure 1 Thank you to all the members of the Byng PAC community for the incredible Staff Appreciation Lunch held on Thursday!!!

Figure 2 Staff enjoy the beautiful staff appreciation lunch prepared by the Byng parent community.



Welcome to the Many Nations Room

Another special moment this week with the formal opening of the Many Nations Room.

The Many Nations Room was the vision of former Byng Indigenous Education Worker Mr. Chad Carpenter who inspired students to work to create a safe inclusive space for all students in the school and especially Indigenous Youth.

Leading the work on completing the design and development of the space was Indigenous Youth Leader Grade 12 student Prairie Anderson. With the help and leadership support of members of the Counselling Team Ms. Kathleen Milinazzo and Ms. Sarah Schumacher, Prairie and a group of youth worked to create a beautiful space filled with Indigenous artwork from across Canada.

Figure 3 Mission Accomplished!!! Anderson is recognized for her leadership and vision for the

completion of the Byng Many Nations Room by mentor and counsellor Ms. Milinazzo.

Prairie

Kathleen

day!!!

Figure 4 Indigenous Artist, Educator and Cultural Knowledge Keeper Mr. Dave Robinson shares teachings with students in the Many Nations Room on opening

A Night to Remember with the LBSO!!!

It was a night to remember with the final concert of the LBSO on Thursday night. After an action-packed year including a musical tour to Italy and Whistler and much, much more.

Great job Ms. Ruth Anderson for another amazing year of Byng Strings!!!





Figure 5 The year end LBSO concert opens with acknowledgements and introductions by LBSO Orchestra members.

Figure 6 Conductor and LBSO Teacher Ms. Ruth Anderson introduces Lincoln St. John as he begins his solo violin performance

Byng Parents, Students and Staff Celebrate the Byng Graduating Class of 2025

It was a very special evening on Saturday night with the recognition of the Centennial Byng Graduating Class of 2025 at the Nest at UBC.

The event was organized by the Grad PAC for the Byng parent community. Special thanks this year go to:

- Grad Parent PAC Committee, Volunteers & Contributors: Sasha Chambers: Michelle Porter, Lori Matick, Hilary Marsh, Dan Meyers, Meredith Venter, Katriina Laslo, Julia Rudd, Janine Kobylka, Karen Mcneil, Aaron Want & Xing, Galina Gong & Hazel, David Zhu, Lisa Song, Michael Zhang, Belinda Bai, Andy and Barry Yu, Aileen Liu, Hannah Venter, Lara Osen
- Grad Committee Student Sponsor & Event DJ: Mr. Andy Johnston (aka Rasputin)
- Byng Office Staff: Ms. Svetlana Lambrinoudis, Ms. Magdelena Chan, Ms. Nicole Tichelman, Ms. Vicki Chow
- Student Volunteers: Lucas Zhao (Photography)

Two very important Grad Gifts from the Class of 2025 were introduced one being a beautiful Musqueam Blanket designed by internationally renowned Musqueam artist Ms. Deborah Sparrow as well as a new scholarship in the name of the Graduating Class of 2025.







Figure 7 Grads to parents-Lincoln St. John and Sadie Chambers make a heartfelt toast to the parents for all their support.

Figure 8 Mr. Johnston addresses staff, students and parents before the music begins!!

Figure 9 No one can keep up with him-great job Mr. Johnston you rocked it for everyone again this year!!

Thanks everyone for an amazing celebration for our Centennial Class of Graduates-the LB Graduating Class of 2025-a special class and moment in our school's history!!

Final School Week Schedule

Next Week's Schedule. There will be FIT on Monday June 23, 2025.

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	10:30 – 11:30 am	Block 2						
	11:30 – 12:15 pm	LUNCH						
	12:15 – 1:35 pm	Block 3						
	1:40 – 3:00 pm	Block 4						
June 24 th	Modified Schedule below:							
	Time	Tuesday						
	8:40 – 9:20 am	Block 1						
	9:25 – 10:05 am	Block 2						
	10:10 – 10:50 am	Block 3						
	10:55 – 11:32 pm	Block 4						
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Locker Clean-Up - June 25th & June 26th

Locker clean-up will be on Wednesday, June 25th and Thursday, June 26th. Please remove all personal items and locks from your locker. All locks will be cut off at the end of June and all items left behind will be donated to charity.

Notice of Late Return

If your child will not be attending school during the first week Sept 2-5th, please click <u>here</u> and return the completed form to the school office.

Not Returning to Lord Byng 2025-2026

If you are not planning to return to Lord Byng in September, please complete the required form and return to the office. Please click here.

Lord Byng Choir - Friday, June 20th 6:30pm

"The Lord Byng Choir is proud to present Horizon: a year-end concert that celebrates four choral ensembles on *Friday, June 20th, 2025, in the Lord Byng Theatre!* This special concert will also feature members of the Lord Byng strings orchestra and Wind Ensemble. Please contact *llan@vsb.bc.ca* for tickets! Entrance by donation!"

<u>Lost and Found – Last Chance!</u>

Please check the lost and found table located on the second floor for lost items. For smaller items, please inquire at the school office. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

School Cash Online

Please pay all school fees via School Cash Online. https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/

Elevator Use for Students with Mobility Issues

Students experiencing mobility issues should come to the office for an elevator key.

School Parking Lot

Dear Parents and Students,

Parents and students should not be in the parking lot during school hours. This pertains to both in and out of the car. Also, reminder below:

Due to a serious safety issue, we are asking all parents to:

- please do not park on Wallace Street
- please do not drive through the staff parking lot
- please do not use the drive through at the Lord Byng front entrance

If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance to us.

Student Verification Forms – Important UPDATE

We have updated the information from the verification forms that we have received. Please confirm that the information in MyEd BC is accurate (home address, emails, emergency contacts and numbers).

We have also encountered difficulty reaching parent guardians when a student has been ill. Please ensure that we have a contact number for emergency situations. The school needs current up to date information.

Grade 12's will be mailed their dogwood certificate in the summer so it's very important that their home address is current on MyEd BC. If an address needs to be updated, please let the school office know.

Student Excused Absences Procedure -Update

When a student is ill, or away for an excused reason, a parent/guardian must email the school at byngabsences@vsb.bc.ca Cutoff for each day is 2pm. If we receive your email after 2pm we will record your child's absence the next day.

To avoid confusion due to the block flip, when reporting a partial day absence please report for what period of time your child will be away instead of which period they will be missing.

IMPORTANT: We can only excuse students' absences in MyEd from emails received from the parents' email address not the student's email address.

Please state your child's:

Full Name (first and last name)
Student Number
Grade
Date(s) of Absence
Reason of Absence
Duration of Absence: please indicate if this is a full day
absence or for what period of time your child will be away
Copy to teachers so they are aware – email addresses located
on school website

Esports Summer Camp

Adamas Esports and Lord Byng Esports are proud to present Vancouver's first ever Esports Summer Camp! The camp will be held from July 7th-11th (Monday-Friday) at room A006, from 9AM to 12PM each day.

The camp will be open to all gamers from ages 10-16, for both students of Lord Byng as well as other schools. All necessary equipment will be provided, feel free to bring your own peripherals as you wish!

So why should you join us? Our camp offers not only specific in-game benefits for gamers to hone their skills, but more importantly, we focus on skills that will help grow your child into well-rounded individuals:

- The program is designed by a global team of coaches and professionals with experience from the highest level of sport and esports, ensuring a holistic experience for each gamer.
- Your child will receive individualized coaching focusing on building self-awareness, with a heavy emphasis on developing transferable skills such as communication, leadership, and confidence.
- Your child will learn science-backed, out-of-game routines and skills around their sleep, diet and exercise.
- Your child will experience a fun and social learning environment where gamers can share their passion and engage in healthy, friendly competition with a chance to win prizes!

Sound exciting? Register now and level up your child's summer experience below! https://activitymessenger.com/p/cwSOEuX

More information can be found here: https://academy.adamasesports.gg/summer

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff

A-G Ms. K. Milinazzo H - L Ms. J. Radic

M-T Ms. S. Schumacher

U-Z Ms. C. Davies & Ms. M. VanderKlippe

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STS/BCeID

Grade 11s and 12s students need to register for BCeID Register for BCeID. Once they have their BCeID, they can log into sts website, and access their transcript, see their provincial exam results, etc. All grade 12 students have been instructed to use STS for sending their transcript to in province and out of province post-secondary institutions (STS login).

Scholarships

Here is some scholarship info: Where Can I Look for Scholarships. This document was shared with grade 11s and 12s on Counselling Teams. Please see <u>link</u>. Also, our Counselling Teams continues to advertise many scholarships on Grade 12 teams page.

Counselling Teams

Counselling teams are now up and running. Please if you are a new student, 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, and work opportunities, to name a few. Each grade has their own Counselling Teams, eg. Grade 12 2024/25 (Counselling), Grade 11 2024/25 (Counselling), and so on...

PAC News

PAC News June 20th, 2025

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

Year-end Coffee & Farewell Gathering: June 20th, Friday 9:30am

Our year-end Parents & Caregivers Coffee Meet-Up on Friday, June 20, 2025, was a warm and meaningful celebration of community and connection.

Held in front of the school under fair skies, the event brought together families to share coffee, homemade treats, and heartfelt conversations. It was a wonderful chance to reflect on the past year, build new connections, and send warm wishes to those moving on.

A special part of the gathering was the chance to recognize and **thank Principal Wilmann** as he steps into retirement, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and leadership that has shaped our school in countless positive ways. Thanks to the Martin family, members of our Indigenous community, whose presence and contributions have deeply enriched our school.

As if nature had joined in the timing, the rain began to fall gently just as the event came to a close.a poetic end to a heartfelt morning.

Thank you to **Jacqueline**, **Nora**, **Bilge**, **Cindy**, **Hilary**, **May**, **and all the PAC and community parents** who attended, brought food to share, and helped make the gathering such a memorable way to close the school year.



















-Fundraising & Event Organization Committee-

Fundraising & Event Organization Committee: all PAC members are in this committee.

We encourage **long-term volunteers** to join our committee, please register to join us with this form: https://forms.gle/aodKd111ka4jM4k9A.

Please contact PAC Co-chair **May Lee** at Maylca808@gmail.com for more detail.

Grocery GiftCard Fundraising Initiatives: The PAC gets rebates on parents gift cards purchases from the following vendors to donate to school.

- **SunGiven**(元初) Please fill out the <u>ORDER FORM</u> and follow the instruction and make your payment for the gift card.
- **Stongs Market** shop online at <u>www.stongs.com</u>,and **select Lord Byng Secondary At checkout** under "Select the school for our rebate program".

If you have any questions or if you have any other Grocery Card rebate program, feel free to send us email at lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com

~~ Inclusion and Diversity Committee ~~

PAC Inclusion and Diversity Committee - PAC has a space for discussing issues related to inclusion and diversity at Byng. Please contact PAC Co Chair Jacqueline Crummey <u>j.crummey@icloud.com</u> (Email and WhatsApp group) or by message 778-788-25~**-DPAC Committee INFO**~~

Vancouver DPAC AGM: In person only.

Date & Time: Thursday, June 19, 2025 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm)

Location: Vancouver School Board Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC

Registration Deadline: Pre-registration is required Register by Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Click

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdc2jQg7xPXOen5_ckDmO5-zU2VT5FE3dTYhaFVk7SRwVTuTg/viewform to register. Late registration will be permitted only if space allows.

Please see details here. https://www.vancouverdpac.org/vancouver-dpac-agm-june-19-2025/

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətal (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Please see other important updated DPAC information shared by DPAC chair here <u>DPAC News Update</u> Document.docx

DPAC representatives: Cindy <u>cgroner18@gmail.com</u> Nora <u>noradyng@hotmail.com</u>

~~GRAD 2025 Committee INFO~~

Thank you to all the parents/guardians, volunteers, staff, teachers, students, Mr. Wilmann and committee for all their support making this a special time for the Grad class of 2025! We couldn't have done it without all the wonderful support!! Thank you all!All Grad 2025 event information can also be found on the **Lord Byng PAC website**.

Feel Free to reach out to the grad committee at bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com

~~ PAC greetings for Byng Grads~~

Dear Byng Parents of the Class of 2025,

Congratulations on reaching this milestone! Guiding your children throughout the highs and lows of high school is a serious achievement —it has taken strength, patience, late nights, unwavering love, and (if you are anything like me) a lot of gritted teeth.

As your kids step into this next chapter of their lives, we take this moment to honour the journey you've travelled beside them. Your support has been essential to help them get ready for their next adventure.

Wishing you a few more nights of much-needed rest, peace, and a well-deserved exhale.

Congratulations parents & caregivers, one more finish line crossed!

Wishing you, and your family, a wonderful graduation season! 🛣 🛣 🦜

~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP – Byng has a <u>Byng Arts Parents Group</u> and a Byng Arts PAC subcommittee. Please join! https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents. Stay connected on WhatsApp. Join the "All Parents" and the subgroup you belong to https://chat.whatsapp.com/LebbGtqRocv31UU10A0w38.

1. Byng Strings Concert was held on Tuesday, June 10th @ 6:30 pm and LBSO Concert was held on Jun 12th @ 6:30 PM.

A special Rose Ceremony was held for the String Grads and their Parents during the Tuesday concert.

2. End of Year Choral Concert will be held on June 20th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.

~~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,说中文的家长可以将他们的问题或者疑虑发中文邮件到lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

For any PAC-related questions or concerns please email us at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com or visit https://www.lordbyngpac.com/



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The PAC sends out monthly PAC newsletters with important information for the parents and guardians. Please use this QR code to sign up for our newsletter or *visit our website* https://www.lordbyngpac.com/ to the subscribe link: https://lordbyngpac.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=af85d7bc4fcc7ac2d125c476c&id=df1ad1ae5c

We look forward to connecting with you! - Lord Byng PAC

Arts Info

Upcoming Performances at Byng

June 20th – Choir Concert, 6:30pm in the Theatre

Byng Arts

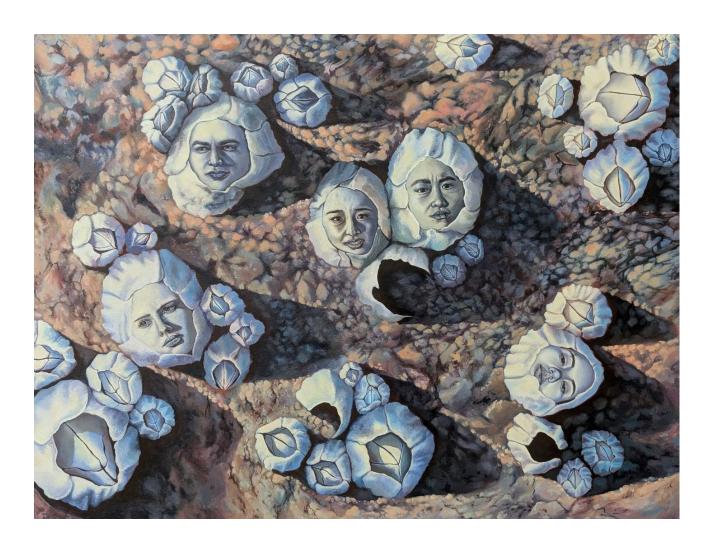
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Congratulations to Winston Li - Winner of this year's art prize!

The Lord Byng Art Prize is an annual opportunity for a graduating student to have their art purchased and put on permanent display in our school. You likely have noticed the many inspiring legacy pieces that make up our growing collection of student artwork. We are very pleased to add Winston's work to the collection. Well done, Winston!



Byng Arts Passport



Congratulations to Hepburn House, winner of this year's House Cup Challenge and the Strength in Numbers Award.

In addition, a big shout out goes out to all the individual winners, we hope that you enjoyed your prize packages given out at this week's assembly.

Well done to everyone who participated and engaged with the arts community and school this year.

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətal (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

Byng Arts Trip to London & Paris - March 2026

Attention Byng Arts Visual Arts Students going into Grades 12, 11, and 10

The Byng Arts Visual Arts Department is planning a trip to London and Paris for March 2026. This trip is available for Visual Art students in Grades 10 to 12 in the Byng Arts Visual Arts stream. Enrollment is limited to 40 students and priority will be given to students in Grades 11 and 12.

The Louvre in Paris, the British Museum and Tate Gallery in London, Notre Dame on the Île de la Cité and the Tower of London on the banks of Thames; truly extending our artistic understandings beyond the walls of the classroom. This will be an educational and inspiring opportunity for all those involved.

Duration: Friday, March 6, 2026 - Friday, March 13, 2026

Estimated Cost: \$5,700

Registration Form: https://forms.office.com/r/jwrP82jHvG

A few spaces remain open but don't delay.

CREWNECKS - Have you paid for your Byng Arts Merch?

Crewnecks have arrived, come by the art room to pick up your anniversary merch! If you haven't paid for yours yet, payment is on School Cash Online.



Final Assembly: Tuesday, June 17th

Congratulations to our passport winners, new student council executive, and our graduates of 2025!!! Tuesday's assembly was packed with info and events as we celebrated the end of our 25th year! Brave student leaders stepped up to give their speeches for positions on the executive council, individuals and Hepburn House were recognized for their interactions with the arts community with the House Cup and individual awards, and we finished the assembly with Grade 12 Superlatives, certificates, cupcakes, Grade 7 application packages, and beautiful performance from our choir, as we said goodbye to our graduates.

Final group photo celebrating the end of another year:



Student Council Info

Congratulations to our newly elected student council executive:

Angelina Sunwoo -President



Viola Abley - Vice President



Joanne Shou -Secretary/Treasurer



Student council meets every Thursdays in room A223. Everyone is welcome. We will post updates on TEAMS and Instagram (@byngartstudentcouncil)

Elections for Grade Reps and Department Reps will be held in September.

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