

## LORD BYNG SECONDARY



## Newsletter

#### **Message from the Principal**

#### Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

Today is National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada and we would like to wish all Indigenous members of our community and throughout Canada the very best on this important day of celebration.

School will be in session next week with the Carnival planned for the afternoon of Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> are designated as "I" days for students to catch up on missing assignments, tests, quizzes or final assignments. Students should check with their individual teachers to arrange meeting times for catch up.

#### Have a restful weekend!

#### Mr. Wilmann

JUNE 2024							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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2	3	4 Athletics Banquet 5:30pm Strings Concert 6:30pm Auditorium	5	6 Band Concert 6:30pm Auditorium	7 Grad Ceremony Chan Centre Early Dismissal 2pm	8	
9	10	11 Provincial Assessments Library@ noon Band Concert 6:30pm	12	13 LBSO Concert 6:30pm	14	15	
16	17	18 Byng Arts Grad P2 & 3 & FIT - Auditorium	19 Collaborative Day PM Capstone Fair 2:45 – 4:15pm	20 FIT AM Capstone Fair during FIT Choir Concert 7pm	21 FIT AM National Indigenous Peoples Day Gr. 8 Sports Day PM Only	22	
26	24 Locker Clean-Up	25 Last Day of Classes Year End Carnival	26 Instructional Day	27 Instructional Day Semester 2 Ends Semester 2 Final Reports Published	28 Administrative Day	29/30	

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#### **School News**

#### **Highlights Included:**

- A very active and exciting week of musical talent showcased for the school community with a Band Concert and final LBSO Concert of the year taking place.
- The Grad Dinner and Dance celebrates the Class of 2024.
- VSB Funded Student Leadership Projects Showcase Byng Student Creativity

## Student Engagement

How do we build student curiosity and imagination in the process of lifelong learning? It was a very full week for the Music Team this week with performances on Tuesday led by Mr. Hannes Kan and the final LBSO Concert of the year conducted by Ms. Ruth Anderson.

A Week of Musical Celebration and Accomplishment

Highlights from the LBSO concert included four incredible performances.

This week Ms. Lan will host the final Choir concert of the year on Thursday night.

### Parents, Students and Staff Celebrate the Graduating Class of 2024

Special thanks for making this a spectacular evening go to:

- The Parent Grad PAC Committee headed by Ms. Kirstin McAllister
- The Student Grad Committee headed by Mr. Andy Johnston

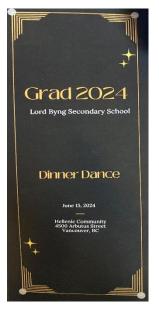




Figure 2 Lakota Metis, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper Mr. Ray McKeown shares teachings and toasts the Grads of 2024 during the Dinner Dance.





Figure 4 A night to remember for the Grads of 2024 at the Hellenic Centre Dinner and Dance



and their families to celebrate once again during the dinner and Dance held at the Hellenic Centre on Saturday evening.

Figure 3 Mr. Joshua Sundvick toasts the Grads of 2024

Amongst the highlights of the evening were speeches by the MC Mr. Andy Johnston, as well as staff toasts to the Grads by Mr. Ray McKeown and Mr. Joshua Sundvick.

After an incredible evening at the Chan Centre recognizing the accomplishments of the Class of 2024, it was another memorable evening for the Grads of 2024

#### Other speakers included the:

- Parent Toast to the Grads: Nyal Wilcox
- Grad Toast to Parents: Isabella Bast
- Grad Toast to Staff: Heeva Nourbakhsh





*Figure 5 Mr. Johnston multitasking at the 2024 Grad Dinner and Dance at the Hellenic Centre-Great job Mr. Johnston.* 

## **Student Leadership**

This year Byng Clubs received funding support for five leadership initiatives that support all four of the schools Four Pillars of Learning. The Clubs and initiatives that received funding include:

- Student Council: Teacher Sponsors Ms. Katrina Schnieder & Mr. Sandher
- Girls Up Club: Teacher Sponsor Celina Guadagni
- Garden Club: Teacher Sponsor Mr. Vladimir Koscal, Mr. McKeen
- LB Film Club: Teacher/Staff Sponsors Mr. Nicholas Booker, Mr. Ray McKeown, Mr. Scott McKeen
- First Aid Response Club: Teacher Sponsor Ms. Rupinder Sahdra

#### The selection criteria for these projects required the following attributes to be met:

## Student Engagement

How do we build student curiosity and imagination in the process of lifelong learning? • Projects should uphold the principles of the <u>VSB Education Plan</u> and the <u>student code of conduct</u>, with attention to the District's commitment to diversity and inclusion as well as student safety and wellbeing.

• Projects can be oriented towards community-building. Such initiatives can be based on any student leadership initiative/idea including but not limited to student engagement events, volunteer-based initiatives, fundraising endeavors, curricular enhancements, philanthropic pursuits, coaching, art, design, and student wellness.

The list is endless – harness your creativity!

• To foster student to student leadership, projects are ideally led by student groups rather than

individuals. Aiming to connect students, the leadership fund strives to support initiatives that are purposeful, achievable, and accessible. Projects

initiatives that are purposeful, achievable, and accessible. Projects applying for funds should be approached with a feasible timeline



and clear plan of action.

Special thanks to all the staff that are supporting our students with these incredible learning opportunities!

Mr. Erickson and student Garden Club leader TJ assemble cedar boxes in the LB garden site.

Projects will be invited to present at the student leadership project showcase, hosted by VDSC in June 2024, to connect student leaders and to facilitate continued discussion and student lead led initiatives both within schools and between schools throughout the district.

## Student Engagement

How do we build student curiosity and imagination in the process of lifelong learning?



### Last Week of School Schedule June 24- 27th

Day	Schedule					
Monday June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Regular schedule is in place for project completion and other opportunities for students to complete outstanding S2 assignment (see chart below)					
	Time	Monday				
	8:40 – 9:20 am	FIT				
	9:20 – 10:20 am	Block 1				
	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				
Tuesday June 25 <sup>th</sup>	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				
Wednesday June 26 <sup>th</sup>	"I" Day: Students should plan to complete work with individual teachers to complete outstanding assignments and schedule times to meet.					
	Time	Wednesday				
	8:40 – 10:00 am	Block 1				
	10:10 – 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				
Thursday June 27 <sup>th</sup>	"I" Day: Students should plan to complete work with individual teachers to complete outstanding assignments and schedule times to meet.					
	Time	Thursday				
			4			
	8:40 – 10:00 am	Block 1				
	8:40 – 10:00 am	Block 1				
	8:40 – 10:00 am 10:10 – 11:30 am	Block 1 Block 2				
	8:40 – 10:00 am 10:10 – 11:30 am 11:30 – 12:15 pm	Block 1 Block 2 LUNCH				
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#### **Byng Athletics**

#### **Track and Field**

Congratulations to the track team which competed at the BC Championships from Thursday to Saturday in Nanaimo. The team performed very well, with many gritty performances and lots of personal bests. The team also came away with 4 medals: Two Golds and Two Silvers!



The Senior Boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall behind Vancouver College and Oak Bay. The squad was led by Roman Yeterian who won GOLD in the discus, GOLD in the shot put and 5<sup>th</sup> in the hammer throw with a 12 meter personal best! He scored 24 points for the Team. Roman also ran on both the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 meter relay teams to round out a very busy weekend. He was a nominee for both the top athlete and most inspirational athlete. Other points were scored by Sloan Davison, who made finals in the 100 and 200 meters, placing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively against very strong fields, scoring 3 more points for Byng. Honorable mention goes to Gavin Irvine, Otis Chan, and Maclean Carlson.

The Senior Girls placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall. The team was led by Chloe Symon who had to run heats and finals in for the 400 meters on Friday and heats and finals for the 800 meters on Saturday in very hot conditions. She won SILVER in both the 400

meters and in the 800 meters in two very close

finishes, against extremely strong competition, to score 16 points for Byng! Danielle Chu also braved the hot conditions to place 8<sup>th</sup> in the grueling 1500-meter race walk, to score another point for Byng.

For a combined score, the Senior Boys and Senior Girls placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall! Our 44 points give us the most points that we have scored as a school in at least 25 years, and our best placing too!





In the Junior Division, Jeevut Sajjan was in the top 10 in both of her events, placing 10<sup>th</sup> in the 1500 meters and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 3000 meters! Honorable mention goes to Stephanie Wehnert, Sylvia Park, Macey Pearce and Henna Eisses, as well as Maddie Young. Maddie had a 10 cm personal best in the high jump!

The Grade 8 Girls had strong performances by Cara Yu in the 100 and 200 meters. Honorable mention goes to the grade 8 girls 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 meter relay teams of Hazel Bartlett-Siaz, Kaera ("Kyra") Thrift, Ariel Liu, and Cara Yu who had personal bests in both races.





#### **Congratulations to Otis Chan**

Congratulations to our Grade 12 student Otis Chan, who has qualified for the Men's National Team to compete at the 2024 Lifesaving World Championships Australia's Gold Coast!

#### **Chess Club**



As the school year ends, the Chess Club reflects on a year filled with strategic brilliance. Our members, ranging from novices to seasoned players, have worked on creating a vibrant chess community within the school. This year we also worked closely with the British Columbia Junior Chess Association, a student led organization seeking to connect schools across BC through chess. A special shoutout to player Ryan Yang, who placed first individually at the provincial championships. As we look forward to another year, we remain committed to fostering a love for chess and nurturing the talents of our dedicated players. Next year we will be trying to connect to a more active competitive scene through PlayVS. Here's to another year of checkmates and unforgettable moves!

#### **OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS**

Please return all Lord Byng Library books as soon as possible. Look under your bed and on your books helves and make sure you get your book(s) back before June 10th. If you have lost the book, please see or email Ms. Rezler. Thank you so much and have a wonderful summer.

KEEP READING! Ms Rezler

#### Locker Clean-Up - Monday, June 24th

Locker clean-up will be on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> during break time. 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.

#### Lost and Found - Last Chance!

Please check the lost and found table located outside the school office for any lost items. For smaller items, please come to the school office. All items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

#### 2024-2025 Calendar and Bell Schedules

Please click here for next year's calendar and bell schedules. 2024-2025 Lord Byng School Calendar 2024-2025 Bell Schedules

#### 2023/2024 School Fees

Please pay your school fees. Payment for school fees via SchoolCash Online .

#### **Correct Mailing Address**

Please note that any mail from the school will be sent to the address on file. Please ensure that your correct address is in MyEd BC.

#### Not Returning to Byng 2024-2025

If your child will not be returning to Byng in September, please complete and return the form to the school office. Please click <u>HERE</u>.

#### PAC NEWS

As this school year draws to a close, we wanted to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Wilmann, all teachers, staff and administration for their efforts this past year in support of our PAC activities as well as the many many volunteer hours staff donate annually to provide the many extracurricular opportunities and programs which greatly enhance our school – Thank-you so much!

A big big thank-you to our parent community for their incredible support of our annual fundraising campaign which allowed us to fund some major projects and to all the parents who also donated their time and resources – it really does make a big difference.

A round of applause to Grad Committee for their incredible efforts to organize and support a number of fabulous celebratory grad events. We wish the Byng 2024 graduating great success on your future pursuits!

Immense thanks to our amazing PAC executive for generously volunteering their time to support our school community.

Co-Chair: May Lee and Michelle Tseng Treasurer: Jerry Zhang Secretary: Bilge Ataca MacDonald Chinese Secretary: Jackie Wang DPAC Reps: Nora Ng and Karrie Bogart Member at Large: Jacqueline Crummey, Rachel Chen, Jessica Huang and Ning Sun Past Chair: Kristin McAllister

Special thanks to May Lee for coordinating the Staff Appreciation Event, organizing the Winter Fair which was very a big success and for continuing to run the gift card program. Thanks also to Nora, Bilge, and Jacqueline for being the most amazing helpers and for also running the weekly walks and coffee time.

Kudos to Karrie Bogart for assembling and leading the Byng PAC Safety Committee shortly after the devastating accident on West 16<sup>th</sup>. Their committee which broadened to include QE and Jules Quesnel and other community supporters has been very successful in working with the City of Vancouver to quickly implement much needed improvements.

Immense gratitude to Jackie Wang, our Chinese Secretary, who has been translating all the PAC communications for many years as well as overseeing the translation group which translates the school newsletter weekly. She is leaving the school as her daughter graduated and we wish her all the very best!

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our Past Chair, Kristin McAllister as her son has graduated this year. On behalf of the PAC Executive and the entire Byng community, we wanted to say a very heartfelt thank you for all the time and energy she has given to our school. Kristin joined the Byng five years ago when the PAC was struggling to fill key executive positions. Since then, she has given hundreds of hours building the capacity of the Byng PAC, enhancing our school community and raising significant funds to support critical school needs, and most recently chairing the 2024 Grad Committee. Many thanks again to Kristin for her immense contribution and we wish her the very best on her future endeavors!

The PAC relies on parent volunteers and we are looking to add some new executive members next year. If you are interested in learning more please email <u>lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com</u>

Have a fabulous summer everyone and thank you for your support!

Lord Byng PAC

# VSB SWIS Byng Project 3B fundraised \$8,000 to support Indigenous Children in Strathcona Elementary, our East Vancouver Sister School!

On Tuesday (June 18) at lunch time, the Byng Foyer was buzzing with excitement in the air. Close to 200 youth leaders, parents, school admins, teachers, staff, and guests from Strathcona Elementary, as well as the Newcomer Welcome Center, gathered at the **Strathcona Leadership Recognition & Raffle Draw** event. They were there to celebrate the incredible team efforts to have successfully fundraised \$8,000 to purchase much needed learning supplies to support the Indigenous Youth Program at Strathcona Elementary, our Vancouver Eastside sister school!!



Figure 1 Byng Project 3B Leadership Teams celebrating the success of the fundraising initiative in supporting Indigenous Children in Strathcona Elementary!

Amongst our VIPs and speakers are Mr. D. Wilmann, Byng Principal, Ms. J. Sehmbi, Byng Vice Principal, Mr. J.C Wu, Manager of SWIS Program, Ms. J. Schmidt, Principal of Strathcona Elementary, Mr. C. Carpenter, Indigenous Education Worker of Strathcona Elementary and Mr. Ray McKeown, Byng Knowledge-keeper.

In celebration of the Canada National Indigenous Peoples Day in June, the Strathcona Fundraiser is a cultural bridging initiative that allows newcomers to put thoughts into actions on the journey towards truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples on this land. Also, this is a collaboration by Lord Byng Secondary, Strathcona Elementary and VSB SWIS Byng Project 3B, with the main objectives to promote cross-cultural understanding, as well as to strengthen relations between the Indigenous community and newcomers in schools, and in Canada.



Figure 2 Ms J Schmidt, principal and Mr. Chad Carpenter, Indigenous Education Worker of Strathcona Elementary showing appreciation to the Byng community for its outstanding fundraising efforts, generosity and great support to the Indigenous Children at Strathcona Elementary!



The Strathcona Fundraiser consisted of 3 activities: a general donation that received \$1,800 donations, a special goods sale that fundraised \$1,900, as well as a Raffle Draw spearheaded by Byng Project 3B youth leaders that collected \$4,300 in ticket sales! Together, the project fundraised a grand total of \$8,000 towards this meaningful endeavor!

#### There are 3 grand prizes for the Raffle Draw:

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winning no. is 1635832 for a \$100 Amazon gift card, won by Rose Liu Grade 10 The 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winning no. is 1635362 for a \$50 Tim Hortons gift card, won by Ms. Katherine Xu The 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winning no. is 1834240 for a \$30 Dairy Queens gift card and is waiting for the winner to claim it!!



Figure 3 (right )The Raffle Draw Prize 1st prize winner, Rose Liu (grade 10) Figure 4 (left) The Reffle Draw 2nd prize winner Ms Katherine Xu & Principal Wilmann

For prize pick up, please contact Parents: Belinda Bai at 778 882 8677 Students: Nicole Zhang at Instagram\_nxcolezhang

All inquiries: Janet Chung, Byng Settlement Worker, 778 772 2084 or jlchung@vsb.bc.ca



On behalf of the Byng Project 3B Strathcona Fundraiser Organizing Committee, we would like to show our deepest appreciation for your immense kindness and amazing generosity to support the Indigenous Children in Strathcona Elementary, our sister school on Vancouver Eastside!! We did it thanks to all of you!

The end------

### **Counselling Update**

#### **University Visits**

Counsellors are planning University visits for all of our grade 11s and 12s for Fall 2024. Please stay tuned.

#### **Course Planning**

All of the information regarding Course planning can be found on our <u>Course Planning Page</u> Students are encouraged to log into MyEd and review their course requests at this time. If they wish to make any changes, we are strongly encouraging them to that asap by seeing their counsellor.

#### **Summer Learning with VSB**

#### Here is the summer school information: <u>VSB Summer School</u>

Please see your counsellor if you need to adjust your course requests according to your summer school plans.

#### **Youth Train in Trades**

Counsellors are calling all grade 10s, 11s, and 12s who might be interested in pursuing a trade like electrical, plumbing, construction/carpentry, and even hairdressing to come and talk to us about these opportunities. VSB has an amazing program, and if this is the right fit for you, then we can help you with the next steps: <u>Career Programs</u>

#### **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.

#### Art Info

#### **Get Involved**

Art for Earth is a community art club dedicated to environmental change and artistic expression. After two successful exhibitions showcasing youth artists' concerns about earth and ocean crises, we're preparing for another major

exhibition this October at Robson Square, Vancouver Art Gallery. The theme is "Nature, Earth, and Climate Change," featuring painting, photography, multimedia, fashion design, and installations.

Registration Form: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/RbbEBcCCzC</u> Call for Artists: <u>https://forms.office.com/r/TqjCPK6zZE</u>



Lord Byng 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 may have noticed the many inspiring legacy pieces that make up our growing collection of student artwork hanging around the school. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate this year's artist, Elaine Zhuo. Her painting, Bubble is pictured below.



Thank you to all the artists who submitted their work and to the staff who offered their feedback and helped select the winning piece.

#### **Byng Arts**

#### **Byng Arts House Cup Winner**

Final Tally is complete, and the winning House is DaVinci!!!



#### You Scream, I Scream, Hepburn Screams for Ice Cream!

The Passport Strength in Numbers Ice Cream Treat Party will be held on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for the House with the most members who completed the required number of events.

**Congratulations to Hepburn House** for winning this year's Strength In Numbers Passport Prize!!! Everyone in Hepburn House who earned the required number of events (7+ in January and another 7+ in May) are invited to the **Art Room (223) on Monday** for a cool treat to celebrate your involvement.

#### **Congratulations to our Graduates**

Grade 12's were recognized for their dedication to the arts during our ceremony on Tuesday. They received an Honours, Major, or Minor certificate and a cupcake of course.



A farewell message from all of us to the graduates:

"They say that when you love someone you should set them free. We have kept you locked up here for the last five years to our mutual benefit, you for the friendships, new discoveries, and time to mature and grow, and for us – well clearly it

was your energy, your creativity, your drive to be better and by extension force us to mature and grow as well – it's been a good five years but now it's time to let you go. When you love someone, set them free – it is time for us to throw open the doors and share you with the world – and what an incredible group you'll be. You have already made us proud; I can't wait to see what you will do next.

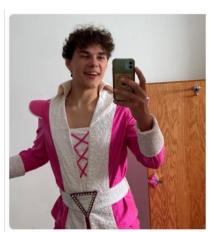
And remember, you can't get smART without ART! So stay creative!"

#### **Student Council Elections**

Byng Arts Student Council Elections - Congratulations to our new Student Council Executive







Secretary/Treasurer: Tracy Wang

Vice President: Emma Pearson

President: Maclean Carlson

We will have an additional call for Grade and Department Reps in September, and everyone is invited to attend our weekly meeting as a member at large.

#### **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)

Gala is November 27th Theme Winter Yule Ball!!!

Thank you to our outgoing executive and all the members of council for organizing such an amazing year of events. Thank you for your energy and enthusiasm. Enjoy the summer break.

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