

LORD BYNG SECONDARY

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Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Students and Families,

Special thanks to our staff and teachers for working so hard to complete reporting in advance of next week's parent teacher online interviews.

Have a safe, restful weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

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3	4 McMaster Visit afterschool Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment Lib	5 Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment Lib SFU visit @lunch	6 Lockdown Drill @9:30am Take Our Kids to Work Day Band Concert 6:30pm	7 U. of Calgary Visit -FIT AUD	8 Remembrance Day Assemblies	12	
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School News

Highlights this week:

- Mr. Andy Johnston (Social Studies & Indigenous Teaching Department Head)
- Ms. Pauline Lo (Orchestra & Band)
- Ms. Lisa Lan (Choir)
- Mr. Jon Hartley- Folz (Byng Arts/Fine Arts)
- Mr. Matt Thiessen (Byng Arts/Fine Arts)

Friday November 8th is acknowledged as National Indigenous Veterans Day in Canada, and it was a great honor this year to hear words from Indigenous Afghan war veteran Mr. Mckenzie Robinson. Mckenzie was accompanied by his brother, Indigenous Artist and Cultural Educator Mr. Dave Robinson.

Special thanks also to all staff for acknowledging this important time of year through your curricula teachings and areas of instruction.

One very moving project this year involved students from the Visual Arts classes who visited a veteran war grave sites in Vancouver and made visual representations of their experience.











Here are just a few of the incredible pieces of artwork that were created by the student with the guidance of their teacher Mr. Jon Hartley-Folz:





Figure 1 A tribute to fallen was on display in the Crown Street entrance hall for students to view as they entered the assembly (above).



Here is a quick visual summary of the assemblies:







Figure 2 Indigenous Afghan war veteran Mr. McKenzie Robinson accompanied by brother Mr. Dave Robinson addressing Byng students at the Remembrance Day assemblies (above left). The last post is played during the ceremony (above right).



Figure 3 Byng Choir led by Musical Director Ms. Lisa Lan sing a tribute to the victims of war in a beautiful performance piece calling for peace, unity and an end to war.



Figure 4 Ms. Pauline Lo's band played a variety of solemn musical pieces as students entered the assemblies.







Figure 5 The Byng Library book display honoring the fallen

Thank you to all our staff for using this time of remembrance to support our students in so many ways. Reflecting on conflict and war particularly during the current global situation is very difficult and requires strength and skill on your part as educators to support our learner using all Four of the Pillars of Learning to help them to understand the tragedy of war, the sacrifice of so many and the hope that we all have for a better future.

Other Recent School Highlights Included:

- Experiential Learners Headed to the Cypress Mountain for two incredible days of hands-on learning
- Modern Languages Students visit the Vancouver Art Gallery to make a comparative compare the works of Emily Carr with the French Impressionist artists of the 19th Century
- Grade 10 English Students Present their book reviews for peers and teachers
- The Helping Hands Club steps up to support our local community
- Cultural space takes shape with student led leadership and staff support

Cypress Mountain Hands on Learning Excursion



It was a very full three days and two nights of learning for a very active experiential Learning team of students and staff that took to Cypress Mountain to have a full learning opportunity through doing.

Student Engagement

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

Figure 6 Grade 10 & 11 students headed out on an excursion to Cypress Mountain for three action filled days of learning!

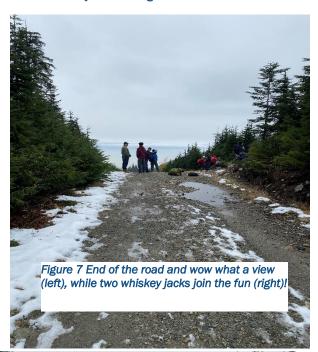


Figure 8 Learning through doing! A great way to build relationships and to discover the world around you!







Figure 9: Land Based Pedagogy in action, learning looks quite different when the class is our natural environment!

During the excursion students were able to explore the landscape on Cypress Mountain, learn about the physical environment with Mr. Vladimir Koscal their Science Teacher as well as the history of Indigenous communities and how they had engaged with the land over thousands of years.

As well as these students were able to learn about how to engage safely in the beautiful natural environment with the assistance of Mr. Nick Boulding from the Physical Education Department, an experienced guide and back country specialist who was able to connect the importance of safety in the environment and how to safely engage with the wilderness. As well as focusing on several curricula learning objectives, this opportunity to learn in a hands-on way and to address all four of the Pillars of Learning provides a chance for students to learn about their strengths as learners as well as developing resiliency and strength in the process. One of the tasks that the students were required to complete before leaving was budgeting for the trip, shopping for food and planning the menu for the trip!

Special thanks for making this all possible to Mr. Koscal, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Boulding and to Ms. Schnieder from the Business Ed. Department who volunteered to be a chaperon for the excursion!

English Book Review Showcases Critical and Creative Thinking



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Grade 10 students in Ms. Zhu's English class just wrapped up their first independent novel study, focusing on text-to-self connections. Through an exploration of identity, they crafted deep, personal connections to novel characters, each symbolized by a unique and meaningful visual. Their work was showcased in a gallery walk, with each symbol telling a story of self-discovery, growth, and overcoming challenges.

Wasting no time, they are now preparing for their next novel study, which will involve creating a 3D model centered around the theme of adversity!

Creating a Cultural Space

Supporting our school mission of Truth and Reconciliation our school counsellor Ms. Kathleen Milinazzo has been working to create a cultural space for Indigenous Teaching and Learning.

The space, located on the ground floor of the building is home to some incredible Indigenous artwork including the Kwakwaka'wakw Welcome Figure on the internal door of the classroom. This student learning initiative is led by two senior students who hope to have the project completed before the start of the Winter break.

Truth and Reconciliation Through Indigenous Teaching and Learning

How do we authentically promote, embrace, and engage with the First Peoples Principles of Learning in our classrooms?



Figure 10 Indigenous artist Dave Robinson hears an update from students about plans for the school's cultural space.

Thanks, Ms. Milinazzo, for supporting our student leaders!

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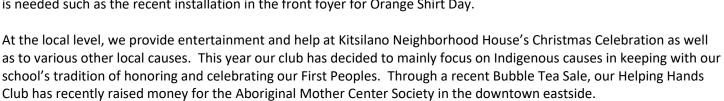
Student Leadership: The Helping Hands Club

One very exciting student club that has done some incredible work to support our local community is the Helping Hands

Club. Here is an update from the Club sponsor Ms. Mary Smith on just some of the initiatives that have been taken by the Club including a recent fund-raising initiative to support members of the community:

"Our Helping Hands Service Club has existed at Byng since the late 1990's and is Lord Byng's longest running service club. Our club has three goalsto provide help in our school, in our local community, and on a global level.

At the school level, we help various Departments with whatever assistance is needed such as the recent installation in the front foyer for Orange Shirt Day.



The Aboriginal Mother Center Society (AMCS) is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to supporting at risk Aboriginal women and children by providing them shelter, support, and programs in a healing community that nurtures them to become vital members of their communities. Participants are embraced in a healthy self-sustaining village that is culturally sensitive to their past traumas and to their future needs.

At the global level our club's executive has continued helping Indigenous Peoples in Canada through a charitable organization called True North."

Along with Ms. Smith, student leader Bert provides an update on recent club activities:



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"Recently, the Helping Hands Club held a bubble tea sale to raise funds for the Aboriginal Mother Center Society, supporting shelter and providing meals for local aboriginal women and children.

We are dedicated to support Indigenous communities and are very appreciative of our school Indigenous Elder in Residence Mr. McKeown for his guidance and continued support for our club's initiatives."

Thanks, Ms. Smith and Bert for the updates on the Club's

contribution to creating a positive school climate and culture and supporting our community so well!

Special thanks also to our Incredible Elder in Residence for your continued support for our school. As well as his frequent visits to classes Ray attended the Grade 8 camp and has been a transformative leader at our school.

Thank you Ray your incredible generosity, kindness and support for our school your work has helped to support all Four of our school's Four Pillars of Learning which at a time of great division in the World has brought a deep unity and belonging for all of students and staff at our school!

Thanks everyone for another incredible week of teaching and learning. Your continued work for all our students exceeds all expectations and shows your deep professional commitment to teaching that represents hundreds of volunteer hours of engagement to support our school community.

What you do makes a great difference for our students; we see it each day and it is very much valued!



Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday, November 21st

Please follow this <u>link</u> for information regarding Parent Teacher Conferences. This information was also emailed directly to all Byng Parents/Guardians.

Byng Athletics

Senior Girls Volleyball Team

The senior girls volleyball team had a very successful season. They played in the Semi-finals in the Vancouver City Playoffs last week, and also made it to the Semi-finals in the Sea to Sky Zone Playoffs this week. During the zone playoffs, they had an exciting win against West Vancouver High School. Byng was down 2 sets to 1, but battled back winning three sets in a row. The fifth set was a nail biter, but Byng was victorious, winning 17-15 in the final set, clinching a spot in the zone semi-finals against Handsworth.

Grey Cup Game and Festival

Sports and Culture (the 111th Grey Cup)

The 111th Grey Cup game is the championship for the professional football league in Canada, which is called the Canadian Football League, or the CFL. The Grey Cup Game takes place this Sunday at BC Place Stadium. Unfortunately, the home-town BC Lions did not make it to the big game. The teams that will play are the Toronto Argonauts and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. There are many events that will take place in downtown Vancouver this weekend. This event is a slice of Canadian culture, as fans from all over the country will be visiting our city. So, click on the link below to check out some events for Canada's biggest annual festival!

2024 Grey Cup Festival | Vancouver, BC

Tree Lot Open November 29th!

Our traditional fundraiser for Athletics opens for business on Friday November 29th!

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.

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			
l on school website			

<u>VSB Consent Forms – Please complete ALL FORMS</u>

Consent forms are now online https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca; enter your child's PEN and birthdate; accept the consent for each of the forms; not accepting or completing implies decline.

Please complete ALL forms:

Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for
students)
Adobe CC Consent (for parents/guardians)
Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent
External Media Consent
G4-12 Student AUP
Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent
VSB Media Consent
Yearbook Media Consent

Student Go Cards

Please come to the school office to pick up your card.

School Cash Online

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

Strings Concert - Tuesday November 19th

We are pleased to formally invite you to the **Strings Benefit Concert** on **Tuesday, November 19th**.

Dinner: 5:30 PMConcert: 7:00 PM

Join us for an evening filled with beautiful music as our talented strings musicians take the stage to delight and inspire you. Your presence will help support a great cause and enjoy an unforgettable performance.

The concert poster with ticketing information is attached. We look forward to seeing you there! Please see link: Benefit Concert Poster



Byng Arts Theatre 10 Presents: PROOF

Byng Arts Theatre 10 Presents: PROOF, by David Auburn.

December 5th and 10th, 6:30pm. Byng Auditorium. \$5 Students, \$10 adults.

Catherine is a math genius, struggling to prove herself to those who don't believe that she - or any female - could be so talented.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found table on the second floor for lost clothing items, shoes, lunchboxes, waterbottles and backpacks, etc. For smaller items, please come to the school office. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity over the winter break.

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

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

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

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

Collaboration Dates and Schedule

Collaboration Dates					
Sept. 18 • Oct. 16 • Nov. 13 • Jan. 15 • Feb. 19 • Apr. 16 • May 14 • Jun. 18					
Block 1 (Students Start)	10:00 - 10:40				
Break	10:40 - 10:50				
Block 2	10:50 - 11:30				
Lunch	11:30 - 12:15				
Block 3	12:15 - 1:35				
Break	1:35 - 1:40				
Block 4	1:40 - 3:00				

Medical Conditions / Care Plan Forms

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.

<u>School Calendar / Bell Schedules / Collaborative Days</u>

2024-2025 School Calendar
Bell Schedule/Collaborative Day

How to Sign Up for Flexible Instruction Time "FIT"

Please see link: **HERE** for instructions.

Daily, FIT (Flexible Instructional Time)

FIT time is a period of instructional time built into the Lord Byng schedule that gives our students the opportunity to have choice in their learning time. Examples of some ways to use FIT time include:

- Meeting with teachers for support in subject learning or completing assignments
- Connecting with counsellors
- Individual study time
- Work Experience 11 and 12

- Attending tutorial sessions
- Collaborating with peers on projects
- Career Education lessons and meetings
- Enrichment passion projects

Ultimately, FIT time empowers our students to take ownership of their own learning and gives them the opportunity to develop core competencies such as personal responsibility, self-regulation, goal setting, wellbeing, and communication.

Lord Byng Daily, FIT Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FIT				FIT
8:40 - 9:20				8:40 - 9:20
BLOCK 1				
9:20 - 10:20	8:40 - 10:00	8:40 - 10:00	8:40 - 10:00	9:20 - 10:20
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:20 - 10:30	10:00 - 10:10	10:00 - 10:10	10:00 - 10:10	10:20 -10:30
BLOCK 2				
10:30 - 11:30	10:10 - 11:30	10:10 - 11:30	10:10-11:30	10:30 - 11:30
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15	11:30 - 12:15
BLOCK 3				
12:15 - 1:35	12:15 - 1:15	12:15 - 1:35	12:15 - 1:15	12:15 - 1:35
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
1:35 - 1:40	1:15 - 1:20	1:35 - 1:40	1:15 - 1:20	1:35 - 1:40
	FIT		FIT	
	1:20 -2:00		1:20 - 2:00	
BLOCK 4				
1:40 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00	1:40 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00	1:40 - 3:00

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff - Upcoming Changes

Here is our counselling. Please feel free to email us or send your children to see us.

A-G Ms. K. Milinazzo kmilinazzo@vsb.bc.ca
H - L Ms. J. Radic jradic@vsb.bc.ca
M-T Ms. S. Schumacher sschumacher@vsb.bc.ca
U-Z Ms. M. VanderKlippe mvanderklippe@vsb.bc.ca

Trades Opportunities

Students and families interested in learning more about how training and apprenticeship in a construction trade could be part of a graduation pathway are invited to join us and a number of employers and training providers on November 19th at 6:30pm in the Tupper Auditorium.

Student who pre-register will get a BONUS entry in the draw for door prizes. Please pre-register using this link - https://forms.office.com/r/0cc6kb02xD.

University Visits

University visits are now completed. We encourage all grade 11s and 12s to keep checking Counselling Teams under Post secondary channel and see any updates/information.

Scholarships

Here is some scholarship info: Where Can I Look for Scholarships. This document was shared with grade 11s and 12 on Counselling Teams. Please see link.

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 Nov 15th, 2024

~~ GENERAL PAC NEWS ~~

November PAC meeting:

The next PAC meeting is scheduled to take place on November 20 at 7:00 pm online via Zoom. See Zoom link below.

Topic: Byng PAC meeting (Time: Nov 20, 2024 07:00 PM Vancouver)

https://ubc.zoom.us/j/69310893558?pwd=ufbYVzGyLbGpIVIzQYUkeQmaphbC18.1

Meeting ID: 693 1089 3558; Passcode: 528961

Direct Appeal letter:

Dear Parents and Guardians of Lord Byng Students,

Today marks the launch of our *Lord Byng PAC Annual Fundraising Campaign*, and we need your support more than ever! Thanks to your incredible generosity last year, we raised over **\$29,281.68 from the Direct Appeal** — an amount that made a *tangible difference* in the lives of our students. With your help, we were able to fund all or partial of crucial projects such as:

- Cardio Equipment for the Fitness Center: Hundreds of students use this space during and after school.
- Important equipment for ADST learning including metal workshop, photography, and foods
- Program support for numerous clubs including Science, Math, Debate, Robotics, Model UN, and many others
- Support for Byng's Indigenous education & Community partnership
- Funding to support Byng youth at risk program
- Anti-racism, inclusion and diversity initiatives
- Multi-purpose learning space (partial)

Every dollar raised was put to use, and nearly every student at Lord Byng benefited directly from these investments. *Thank you* for making that possible!

This year, our funding goals have grown, with an anticipated need of over \$158,000 to continue improving the educational experience for our students. Some of the key areas that need your support include:

- Outdoor Learning Space for STEM+ Art
- Adding Auditorium Stage Lightening
- Computer upgrade for Multi-purpose space of Fine Art & Applied Skills Department
- 2025 Byng 100th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony

Many of these requests come from dedicated staff members who generously volunteer their time and expertise to make these programs and initiatives successful. Your contributions enable us to equip them with the resources they need to continue their great work. For more details, please refer to Principal Letter Direct Appeal 2024.pdf

We are asking families who are able, to consider making a \$150 donation, which will be tax-receipted. Please visit SchoolCashOnline to donate.

Be sure to select "Lord Byng Secondary PAC" (NOT Lord Byng Secondary) as the fund destination. In the "Message" field under the section "Message to School Board", please make sure that you write "Lord Byng PAC Direct Appeal". Please see a step-by-step instruction here 2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf.

Or visit the Lord Byng PAC website at www.lordbyngpac.com and click the "DONATE NOW!" button.

Every donation—large or small—makes a *real impact* on your child's education and experience at Lord Byng. Your investment directly supports the programs that enrich their lives, both inside and outside the classroom.

Together, we can make Lord Byng an even better place for our children to grow, learn, and succeed. Thank you for your continued support!

Any questions please email lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

Sincerely, The Lord Byng PAC

亲爱的Lord Byng学生的家长和监护人们:

今天,我们正式启动了Lord Byng家长委员会(PAC)年度筹款活动,我们比以往任何时候都更加需要您的支持!感谢您去年慷慨解囊,我们通过直接捐赠筹集了超过29,281.68加元,这笔资金在学生们的生活中发挥了重要作用。得益于您的帮助,我们能够资助一些关键项目的全额或部分费用,具体包括:

- 健身中心的心肺设备:成百上千的学生在课后和放学后使用这个空间。
- ADST(艺术、设计、技术与科学)课程所需的设备,包括金属工作坊、摄影及食品课程等。
- 对多个俱乐部的支持,包括科学、数学、辩论、机器人、模拟联合国等。
- 支持Byng的原住民教育与社区合作。
- 支持Byng的青少年风险项目。
- 反种族主义、包容性和多样性倡议。
- 多功能学习空间(部分资助)。

每一笔捐款都得到了充分利用,几乎所有Lord Byng的学生都直接受益于这些投资。感谢您让这一切成为可能!

今年,我们的筹款目标有所增加,预计需要超过**158,000**加元,以继续改善学生们的教育体验。一些关键领域需要您的支持,包括:

- STEM+艺术的户外学习空间。
- 增设礼堂舞台照明。
- 为美术与应用技能部门的多功能空间进行计算机升级。
- 2025年学校百年庆典活动。

许多这些请求来自于我们敬业的教职员工,他们慷慨地志愿奉献时间和专业知识,以确保这些项目和倡议的成功。您的捐款使我们能够为他们提供所需的资源,继续他们的伟大工作。更多详情,请参阅 校长信-直接捐赠 2024Principal Letter Direct Appeal 2024.pdf。

我们请求有能力的家庭考虑捐赠150加元,这笔款项将会获得税收回执。请访问<u>SchoolCashOnline</u>进行捐款,并确保选择"Lord Byng Secondary PAC"作为捐款目的地 (请注意不要错选成Lord Byng Secondary)。在"Message to School Board"部分的"留言"栏中,您需要填写"Lord Byng PAC Direct Appeal"。如果需要,您也可以参阅这份直接捐款网上操作指南2024-25 Online Donation to PAC Direct Appeal Guide.pdf.

您也可以访问Lord Byng PAC网站: www.lordbyngpac.com,点击"立即捐赠!"按钮进行捐款。

每一笔捐款—无论大小—都对您孩子在Lord Byng的教育和成长产生了真实的影响。您的投资直接支持了丰富他们课堂内外生活的各类项目。

让我们共同努力,使Lord Byng成为一个更好的地方,让我们的孩子在这里茁壮成长、学习并取得成功。感谢您一直以来的支持!

如有任何问题,请通过电子邮件联系: lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com。

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敬礼!

Lord Byng PAC

JOIN THE PAC EMAIL LIST



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 subscribe. We look forward to connecting with you.

New PAC Team Announcements

- Thank you for a great turnout at the October PAC meeting/AGM. We voted in the new Exec, added new Members at Large. For more details, please refer to the AGM slides Oct 23th PAC AGM meeting
- Parents who might be interested in becoming a Member At Large, pls email lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

Gaming Grant Fund

The 2024-2025 Gaming Grant allocation was approved at the AGM. For more details, please refer to the AGM slides Oct 23th PAC AGM meeting

Fundraising Initiatives:

*Byng Student Handmade Greeting Card Sale

Our students will launch a crafted **handmade Greeting Cards Program** from this week to raise funds for their clubs and the school, while celebrating the holiday spirit. Each card reflects their hopes for society, nature, and the season, charged for 10\$ each. While they may not be perfect or the best price, these cards are a heartfelt expression of the students' creativity. As you share them with friends and family, you can proudly say, "These are the works of our

talented students, you supported and contributed." Your support means a lot to us and will contribute to our school community. Feel free to **place an order** <u>here</u>.

Card delivery will be between 9:00 -10:00 AM on December 14th at the school entrance on Crown Street. Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, feel free to contact lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com.

Grocery Gift Cards

The PAC can get rebate on gift cards purchases from the following vendors.

- SunGiven (元初) Please fill out the <u>ORDER FORM</u> and follow the instruction and make your payment for the gift card and get to know how to receive the card.
- Stongs Market- shop online at www.stongs.com, 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

NEW PAC Inclusion and Diversity Committee - PAC would like to create 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).

*NEW*Fundraising & Event Organization Committee: - PAC established this committee primarily to collaboratively ensure sufficient funding for more enriched programs for school students. Please contact PAC Co-chair May Lee Maylca808@gmail.com or Text message to 236-990-9228(Same as Whatsapp) or Wechat: Maylee2023.

Wednesday Morning Walks - For parents/guardians who want to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday 9 am walks.. Meet near the front entrance (W. 16th Ave). Please email to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.com

~~ DPAC INFO ~~

Next DPAC GENERAL MEETING: NOV 28th, THU 7 – 9pm Zoom Meeting

See DPAC news updates on DPAC Info.

DPAC representatives: Cindy cgroner18@gmail.com Nora noradyng@hotmail.com

~~ GRAD 2025 PARENT INFO ~~

Grade 12 Parents List

- Join the Grad Parents Registration form to get updates of Grad info.
- If you would like to be part of the Grad Committee, please send an email directly to the grad committee bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com

IMPORTANT UPCOMING GRAD FUNDRAISERS

- 1. Bottle Drive NEW Date!! Keep saving your bottles/cans.
- NEW DATE: Saturday, November 24, 2024
- TIME: 9am 3pm

- LOCATION: Lord Byng Parking Lot (next to tennis courts)
- WHAT TO DROP: All BEVERAGE containers PLASTIC, GLASS, ALUMINUM AND METAL.
- Alcoholic: beer cans/beer bottles/liquor bottles/wine/wine boxes
- Non-alcoholic: all jugs and cartons of milk/plant-based milk substitutes and all sizes of juice
- boxes/pouches.
- 2. **GRAD 2025 Purdy's Fundraiser** <u>Order Form</u>.Order deadline is November 25th. Pick up date is December 7th. Contact janinekobylka@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks for your support!
- 3. **Growing Smile Fundraiser** Purchase poinsettias, wreaths and indoor plants for the holiday season and help raise money for the 2025 Grad. Orders due by November 14, 2024. Pick up dates November 27 and November 28. Please find the link to order here. Thanks for all your support for the class of 2025!

~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

Weekly updates Byng Arts hosted a parents meeting on Nov 13th in Byng Library. It's a very productive meeting discussing how to support Byng art in a positive way.

BYNG ARTS PARENTS SURVEY Mr. Hartley-Folz invites all Byng Arts parents to fill out this <u>short survey</u> to get to know all the parents better.

BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP – Byng has a Byng Arts Parents Group 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.

~~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

Upcoming PAC meetings (all at 7pm): Nov 20, 2024; Jan 22, 2025, Feb 19, 2025, April 23, 2025, May 21, 2025. 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

Art News

ART NEWS

Upcoming Performances at Byng

- Friday, November 15: Choir Concert, 6:30pm in the Theatre
- Tuesday, November 19: Strings Benefit Concert, 7pm in the Theatre (see message above about registering for the dinner and silent auction beforehand)
- December 5th & 10th: Drama Performance in the Theatre

Call for Artists

The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at the University of British Columbia is thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for young, emerging visual and digital artists.

The Chan Centre invites talented visual artists between the ages of 15 and 22 to collaborate with us at our upcoming concert, **GET CLASSICAL! With Ian Parker**, part of the *Inspired at the Chan* family series. This unique project will allow

selected artists to have their work projected onstage during a live music performance by Vancouver's acclaimed pianist, Ian Parker, on **Sunday, March 9, 2025**.

This collaboration is designed to let young artists contribute their vision and creativity to a live performance for an audience of 1,000. We're seeking artists who can create visual content—such as animations, film, photography, or sequential images—that will complement and enhance the music, providing an immersive experience for our audience.

Key Details:

- **Who**: Young visual and digital artists (ages 15–22)
- What: Visual art to complement live music on stage
- Event: GET CLASSICAL! With Ian Parker, March 9, 2025, at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts
- How to Apply: Interested artists should submit the attached application form by December 6, 2024.

APPLICATION FORM

Art School Visits at Byng

We are pleased to welcome the following art schools on the following dates:

- MICA: Maryland Institute College of Art: Monday, November 18th
- OCAD: Ontario College of Art and Design University: Wednesday, November 20th

All presentations take place during last period (1-3) in room A223, Mr. Hartley-Folz's art room.

Find out more about the specific programs, portfolio requirements, and the opportunities for careers in the arts. All senior students are welcome, but you must speak to your classroom teacher and let Mr. Hartley-Folz know that you plan to attend.

Art for Earth Event – November 30th

The Art for Earth Environmental Art Youth Club's *Green Circling* exhibition is happening on **November 30**—a great chance to showcase your art and talent while earning volunteer hours! \checkmark The theme is recycling and forest conservation, and we welcome all young artists to join.

Important Details:

- Submission Deadline: November 25, 12:00 PM
- Exhibition Dates: November 30 December 15
- Opening Ceremony: November 30, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
- Location: Dunbar Community Centre, Vancouver

Scan the QR code on the poster to register, and we'll be in touch with more details soon! Let's come together to inspire climate action through art.



Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program – APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE Online Portal Now Open (Make sure to pick up the paper application first) https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/

The Byng Arts Mini School has a long history at Lord Byng. Established in 1999 to acknowledge the creative energy and strong programs in our senior Strings and Drama departments it has grown to encompass all grades and offer opportunities not only in Strings and Drama but also Visual Art, Band, Choir, and Media Arts, with further opportunities available in Literary Arts in Grade 11 and 12.

Byng Arts, has all the benefits of a large high-school, while also maintaining a strong sense of community. In addition to an enriched curriculum in their fine art focus, all students in Byng Arts participate in events that feature community artists, musicians, and performers, thereby strengthening the collaboration between Byng and the professional arts community.

If you are interested in joining the Byng Arts program, please visit our website for the most up to date information on the application process: http://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/

Application envelopes are now available and can be picked up from our office. Online registration starts November 12th (pick up an application envelope before going online). The deadline for submitting both your paper application AND your online submission is December 19th.

Email the coordinator, Jon Hartley-Folz at byngarts@vsb.bc.ca if you have additional questions.

BYNG ARTS GALA - November 27th



Each year the Byng Arts program holds an art celebration at the **Roundhouse Community Center**. This is a highlight of our year, and we are excited to return to the Roundhouse on **Wednesday November 27**th.

The event will begin with a series of student performances followed by a sit-down dinner with all the healthy food choices of pizza, chips, and soda. We will conclude with a costume contest, dance, and games area for those who don't feel like dancing. Doors open at 5pm and the event begins formally at 5:30. The evening ends at 9pm. The theme is **Once Upon a Winter**. We will have a costume contest so time to start planning your ideas —

snowman, Christmas Tree, or perhaps the North Wind – the possibilities are limitless.

We will send out an **RSVP** form to all Byng Arts students and post a link on Teams, so check your Inboxes and Junk folders or look for details on Teams: <u>Byng Arts Info Site (2024-25) | General | Microsoft Teams</u>. Deadline to sign up is November 15th!!!



We also have opportunities for parents to help volunteer. We will send out further details in the email to let you know how to get involved.

Byng Arts TEAM Page

We hope that you are staying connected with all things Byng Arts related by checking out our TEAMS page for news and updates. Use this link to see what is going on: Byng Arts Info Site (2024-25) | General | Microsoft Teams

Byng Arts Passport

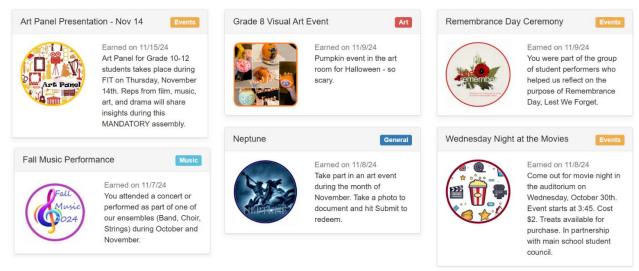
http://passport.lordbyng.net/

How Many Events Have You Unlocked?!

Everyone should have signed in to their passport account by now. Please reach out to Mr. Hartley-Folz (ihartley@vsb.bc.ca) if you are having difficulties or review the instructions on TEAMS. You can sign up during FIT on Friday's and see Mr. Hartley-Folz in the Gallery - https://byng.myweeklyplanner.net/

The passport is a fun, but mandatory part of our program at Byng Arts. Byng Arts Passports are reviewed every January and May and students are **expected to have recorded seven or more events** by January.

Here are some of the most recent options:



Get out there and start recording your interactions with the arts!

BYNG ARTS Parent Group - Link: Byng Arts Parents Group

Byng Arts has a strong parent group and they are reaching out to connect with other Byng Arts Parents. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already.

If you haven't done so, please use this <u>link</u> to join the Byng Arts email list OR see the Byng Arts section of the PAC website for information on how to join and get involved.

Career Panel Presentation (Action Required – please read)

As part of your Byng Arts Career Cohort and in response to student requests in the recent Career Survey, we organized a panel of fine art school reps to talk about career paths in the arts. We spent FIT as a group in the auditorium exploring the question:

"Should we put our trust in the arts?" Each panelist shared personal stories regarding their own paths and outlined how their individual programs offered potential pathways for future pursuits.

The panel was made up of:



This is a mandatory part of your child's Career Program. ALL students in Byng Arts in Grades 10 to 12 were expected to attend. Regretfully, not everyone did. Please ask your child about their insights from the presentation. If they indicate that they did not attend, please speak to them about their choices and help them make a commitment plan for future assemblies. Thank you, Mr. Hartley-Folz

Student Council Info

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

Gala is ONE MONTH away on November 27th!!! The theme is Once Upon a Winter!!! Mural volunteers meet every Monday and Wednesday in the Art Rooms. Plans are starting to take form. Get going on your costume ideas. Contact Mr. Hartley-Folz if you have any Byng Arts questions (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)