



# May Newsletter

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*With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam).*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TRANSLATE

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Información importante - Por favor traducir

重要な情報-翻訳してください

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## Musical May

If April was brought to you by music concerts, then May is musical theatre month. Tickets for *We Will Rock You* go on sale today (details below), and the area in and around the auditorium and drama rooms are abuzz. A two-week run is such a boon—lots of opportunity for families to enjoy the show.

Spring sports are also moving into playoff season. We wish all participating student athletes well on the court or on the field or on the track or on the pitch or on the course. And our outdoor sports are looking at two weeks of beautiful weather. Ideal conditions for spectators. Sunscreen required.

The end of the month and the beginning of June bring the graduation dinner dance, the senior art show, and the Capstone fair. Speaking of graduation, we will be sharing a graduation-specific newsletter with families on Monday with all the details (we hope we haven't missed anything).

Happy weekend. Looks to be our first true taste of summer.

Albert, Diane, and Krista  
(Lord Byng Administration Team)

## Gr 8-11 Students Not Returning to Byng for 26-27

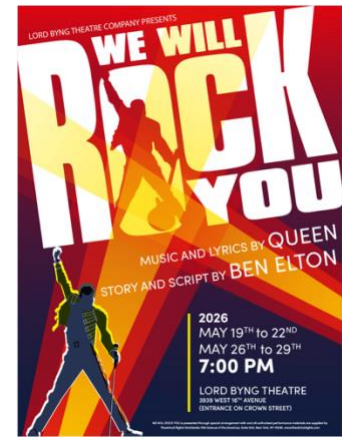
Please complete [this form](#) and hand it in to the office if you know that your child will not be returning to Byng this September, 2026. We really appreciate your taking the time to let us know. Thank you. We also have some paper copies in the office if that's helpful.

## Theatre Company Presents *We Will Rock You*

Are you ready to rock?! Lord Byng Theatre Company is proud to present *We Will Rock You*, the smash-hit musical by Ben Elton, featuring the legendary music of Queen. It's a high-energy celebration of individuality, rebellion, and the power of live rock. Packed with iconic Queen anthems, this electrifying show will have you dancing and singing along in your seats! May 19-22 and May 26-29.

Tickets go on sale May 1st! [Click here for the link](#). Don't miss your chance to join the music revolution!

*\*Seating is first come first served. \*Cash concession for snacks and beverages.*



## Spring Bicycle Donation Request

Do you have a bicycle collecting dust or in need of a new home? Lord Byng would love to have it!

For the past six years, our Bike Mechanics Club has repaired and maintained dozens of bikes. These are used for class rides in Pacific Spirit Park—encouraging outdoor learning, environmental awareness, and physical activity. We also donate bikes to Our Community Bikes, a non-profit that supports people facing financial hardship.

Bikes in need of repair are welcome—our dedicated student mechanics can handle most fixes. We do ask that donated bikes be suitable for high school students (no children's bikes, please).



If you have a bike to donate, please contact Alain Raoul at [araoul@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:araoul@vsb.bc.ca) to arrange a convenient pickup from the staff parking lot. Thank you for supporting the Byng community! And...stay tuned for Byng's first-ever Bike to School Week in June!

## E-Bikes and E-Scooters

Please do not use these anywhere on the grounds adjacent to Jules Quesnel Elementary and Byng Pool - this is a concern specifically between Jules Quesnel Elementary and the Byng Pool, between the pool and the Byng gym and around the playground behind the pool. Enter through the main parking lot on your way to the bike locks by the tennis courts. Byng students please do not park by the Byng Pool - only use the racks by the tennis courts for e-bikes, scooters or pedal bikes. Thank you.

## Mental Health Week in Canada

[Mental Health Week in Canada](#) takes place May 4–10, 2026, led by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), with the national theme “Come Together, Canada: Stronger Connections. Better Mental Health.”

### Parent and Community Support:

- [Child and Youth Mental Health Wellness Resources and Supports](#) **brochure** was made for youth and/or parents and care providers and highlights some information, supports, and resources to support mental health.
- Family Smart is celebrating National Child and Youth Mental Health Day on May 7<sup>th</sup> with [videos and activities](#) for children and youth.
- [Confident Parents, Thriving Kids](#) Confident Parents: Thriving Kids helps parents support their children ages 3-12 to manage anxiety and behaviour challenges.
- [Kelty Mental Health](#) is a resource centre that helps families across the province navigate the mental health system, listen and offer peer support.
- The Vancouver Local Action Team has a comprehensive website hub of [Health Resources For Youth](#)

## Career Life Education News: Mock Job Interviews

On April 9th, students in Career Life Education 10 participated in our annual Mock Job Interview event. This valuable experience gave all CLE 10 students the opportunity to put their learning into action by practicing their interview techniques, showcasing their resumes, and demonstrating essential employability skills in a real-world setting.

Students engaged in one-on-one interviews with supportive parent volunteers and representatives from local community organizations, gaining meaningful feedback and building confidence in a professional environment. The event was an important step in helping students prepare for future employment opportunities and develop lifelong career skills.

### A special thank you to our dedicated parent volunteers:

- *Paul Mann (Grandview Law)*
- *Mark Belletrutti*
- *Marko Sarunac*
- *Connie Bird*
- *Sandy Abley*
- *Neema Ejercito*

### Another big thank you to our local organization’s volunteers:

- *Anna Bondartchouk (Vancouver Maritime Museum)*
- *Becky Tinsley (VanDusen Gardens)*
- *Rahim Rahemtulla (Shoppers Drug Mart)*
- *Carrie Olson (Stongs Market)*
- *Nicola Clougher (Big Brothers)*
- *Vanna Nguyen (Dunbar Community Centre)*
- *Adam Peterson (UBC Aquatic Centre)*
- *Gurdeep Birdi (City of Vancouver)*
- *Hannie Chia (University Neighbourhood Association)*

- *Bernard Lee (West Point Grey Community Centre)*

We sincerely thank you for generously giving your time and expertise to support our students. Your involvement made this experience both authentic and impactful. We appreciate your contribution to our school community.

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## PHE News: Rugby

Earlier this month, Lord Byng PHE 8–10 classes participated in two introductory rugby sessions thanks to a generous coaching donation from the Ravens Rugby Club. Students learned the fundamentals of rugby, including safe physical play and the importance of teamwork.

The PHE department would like to extend a sincere thank you to Ravens Rugby for the continued free programming they have offered to Lord Byng Students the last few years. For students interested in continuing to play, Ravens Rugby offers a variety of programs. Their coaches are currently working with the Lord Byng boys' team and are hoping to start a girls team next year.

Students interested in getting involved are invited to join practices at Camosun Field on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. This is a great opportunity to build skills and become part of the school and Ravens Rugby community. Thank you again to the Ravens Rugby Club for continuing to give back to our school community.

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## New VSB Snack Program (Secondary Schools)

The BC Government and the Government of Canada signed an agreement in March 2025 to provide access to the [National School Food Program \(NSFP\)](#) by BC School Districts to expand and enhance their food programs. One of the initiatives included in the spending plan is the pilot snack program for secondary schools.

### Program Overview

The pilot introduces an accessible **snack fridge and pantry** in secondary schools, offering fruit, vegetables, and healthy snacks available **throughout the school day**. The program is designed with an “**access for all**” approach, aiming to normalize access to nutritious food and reduce stigma. By making healthy snacks readily available, the program supports students in maintaining energy, focus, and readiness to learn throughout the day.

### Key Features

- **Accessibility:** All students may access the snack fridge and pantry.
- **All-day availability:** Snacks are available beyond scheduled meals or nutrition break times.
- **Barrier-free design:** Students can grab a snack without needing to ask an adult, reducing social or emotional barriers.
- **Nutritious offerings:** Focus on fruit, vegetables, and other healthy snack options.

### Community Partnerships

The district will work closely with the **Greater Vancouver Food Bank (GVFB)** and other community donors to support sustainable sourcing of food for the program.

### Pilot Intent

This pilot will inform future planning for secondary school nutrition programs by:

- Assessing student usage and access patterns

- Evaluating operational needs of all-day snack availability
- Exploring long-term partnerships and funding sustainability

## Photography Award



Congratulations to Eden Chen who won a Gold Medal for Photography in the National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

The artwork relates to the idea that time and decay are inseparable. Rather than preserving a moment in time, this work subverts the conventional role of photography in freezing time. It emphasizes irreversibility and accumulation. As the object becomes increasingly unrecognizable, the work reflects on how time destabilizes form, identity, and permanence.

The photograph documents the decomposition of a lemon over a month-long period of time. The photographs were all shot at various times of day with similar framing and light conditions, thus allowing the development of mold, the surface breaking down, and the colors changing to take on more significance. In addition, the work also features mold interacting with the surface around it, making the subject not only include the fruit itself.

## School Service Hours

School Service hours are due on Thursday, May 14th in the school office. Please fill out page 33 in the school agenda book. This is only for volunteer hours for in-school related activities. Late submissions will not be accepted. Any questions, please see Ms. Chow in the office.

## Update from the City of Vancouver’s Engineering Services Transportation Division

### Update on Crown Street one-way proposal

In March 2026, the City of Vancouver notified residents that we would convert the 3000-3100 blocks of Crown Street, between W 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and W 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, into a one-way northbound street. After careful consideration, we **will not proceed with the one-way street and parking changes.**

Numerous residents and families shared feedback about navigating around Jules Quesnel Elementary and Lord Byng Secondary during school pick-up and drop-off times. Based on this input, we will not be proceeding with the

proposed one-way street at this time. Concerns raised included potential impacts on traffic congestion, access, and increased traffic on the laneways immediately west of Crown Street between W 14th Avenue and W 16th Avenue.

As such, two-way traffic and the existing parking regulations on the 3000-3100 blocks of Crown Street will remain in place. The City will continue to work with the school communities, however, to implement new safety measures next to the schools as needed.

Finally, our parking enforcement team will visit the area again this school year to help enforce safe parking behaviour. You can learn about the different parking signs around Vancouver schools [here](#).

If you have questions about school travel next to Jules Quesnel Elementary and Lord Byng Secondary, you can email [schoolactivetravel@vancouver.ca](mailto:schoolactivetravel@vancouver.ca). You can also learn more about the School Active Travel Program by visiting [vancouver.ca/school-active-travel](http://vancouver.ca/school-active-travel).

## Art News

### Congratulations to our Talented Teachers

As part of our effort to put the FUN into FUNdraising, Ms. Tarnowsky, Ms. Sawka, Mr. Booker, Mr. Thiessen, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Sundvick, Mr. Pelletier, and Mr. Kan all stepped up to show off their talents as part this lunch time talent show. Slam poetry, the Charleston, soulful singing, and more than one teacher doing the worm entertained the full auditorium.







A big thank you to all the brave teachers, our panel of judges, the emcees, and to Byng Arts Student Council for a great afternoon. All the proceeds will go to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

## Byng Arts News

**Byng Arts Passport:** [passport.lordbyng.net](http://passport.lordbyng.net)

Passports are a fun, but mandatory part of your program at Byng Arts. We will review the passport again at the end of May and want everyone to unlock another 7 events for that review for a total of 14 or more total.

Here are some available events to unlock:

<p>Gaia <span>General</span></p>  <p>Earned on 4/2/26 Record your April interactions with the Arts!</p>	<p>Spring Music Performance <span>Music</span></p>  <p>Earned on 4/2/26 Enjoy or join in on a school music performance during the months of April and May.</p>	<p>Teacher Talent Show <span>Events</span></p>  <p>Earned on 4/2/26 April 2, at lunch in the Auditorium.</p>
<p>Green Thumb Theatre Presents <span>Events</span></p>  <p>Our next FAB Assembly is Friday, February 27th just after lunch. Green Thumb Theatre returns to perform Caged.</p>	<p>Love @ First Sip - Coffee House <span>Events</span></p>  <p>Come to the Gallery Foyer on February 17th for the next coffee house - treats, games, and performances - what' not to love?</p>	<p>Eros <span>General</span></p>  <p>Unlock up to 3 art related events in February! Show your &lt;3 for the Arts!</p>

A trip to an art gallery, a music performance, a film fest event or a drama performance can all contribute to a student’s artistic development. Involvement in a performance is also a great way to grow as an artist. Get out there and get involved because you can’t get smart without ART.

If you are having trouble, come and see Mr. Hartley-Folz, mornings in the Gallery or email him at [jhartley@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jhartley@vsb.bc.ca).

**Questions about Byng Arts?**

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

## PAC News

**LORD BYNG PAC ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

Thanks to your incredible generosity last year, we raised over \$24,355.00 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:

- Equipment for ADST learning including metal workshop, textiles, and media arts!
- Program support for clubs including Science, Math, Debate, Robotics, and many others!
- Laptops for student coursework!

This year, our funding goals have grown, to continue improving the educational experience for our students. We need support for key areas of **Technology, Arts, and Sports!**

Funding 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. Any donation amount will be appreciated and used to support the school and our students.

We are asking families who are able, to consider making a donation, which will be tax-receipted. [Please visit this link to donate.](#) The Fund Destination has been pre-set to Lord Byng Secondary PAC. In the message field under the section “Message to School Board” please write “Lord Byng PAC Direct Appeal”. If you have any questions, or if you have a problem paying the donation online, please contact Maggie Chan, School Accountant at the office by phone, 604-713-8171 or email [mchan@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:mchan@vsb.bc.ca)

## Week at a Glance May 4-8

Mon, May 4	Tues, May 5	Wed, May 6	Thurs, May 7	Fri, May 8
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## Looking Ahead (Calendar Highlights)

May 13	Collaboration Day for Teachers: Classes start at 10am
May 15	ProD Day – No school for students
May 18	Victoria Day – No school
May 19	Theatre Company Performance @7pm Tues-Fri this week
May 25	Theatre Company Performance @7pm Mon-Fri this week
May 30	Grad Family Dinner Dance @7pm at the Westin Bayshore
May 30	Senior Art Show 11am-5pm
June 1	Capstone Fair
June 2	Athletic Banquet @5:30pm
June 4	Choir Concert @6:30pm
June 5	Graduation @4pm Chan Centre – Early dismissal @2pm for students
June 9	Strings Concert @6:30pm
June 12	LBSO Concert @6:30pm
June 16	Byng Arts Year End Fit and last period
June 17	Collaboration Day for Teachers: Classes start at 10am
June 17	Student Film Fest @6pm
June 18	Gr 8 Sports Day with Peer Counsellors in the afternoon
June 18	Band Concert @6:30pm
June 23	Carnival and Yearbook Distribution in the afternoon
June 24&25	Semester Turn-around Days – no classes, but teachers available
June 25	Report Cards Published
June 26	Administrative Day – no school for students
June 29-Sept 4	Summer Vacation