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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents, Students and Community Members,

With the occasional signs of sunshine breaking through, it is now clear that the Spring Term is now fully underway and brings with it all the excitement of numerous outdoor learning opportunities to come.

Wishing you all a very happy long holiday weekend!

Mr. Wilmann

School News

Thanks for an incredible start to the final stretch of the school year!!

The highlights of the week provided an opportunity for staff and students alike to look forward and plan for several exciting new projects as well as to build on our collective resources and skills.

With our School Planning process in full motion staff took time this week to finalize their input into developing the school plan based on the collective mission statement that was generated during the collaborative planning sessions that took place in January.

Thanks, you to all the staff that contributed to this process and provided input on the mission statements that were generated.

Here is a quick update:

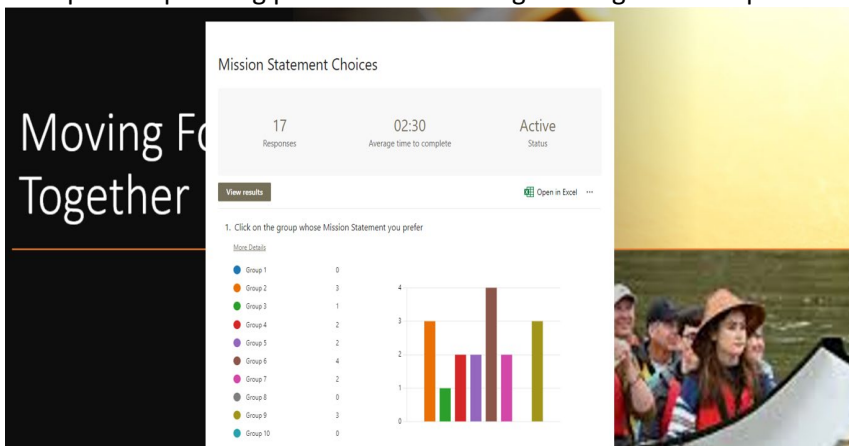
- **School Mission Statement for the School Plan takes shape.**
- **Reconciliation Through Indigenous Teaching and Learning, Our School Journey Continues:**
- **International Mindedness: Students continue fund raising efforts to support the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey**

School Mission Statement reflects our Four Pillars of Learning:

Working towards developing our school plan in alignment with the VSB's Ed. Plan 2026 this week staff spent time providing input into the draft mission statements to support our school plan for the next three years.

The process so far has involved staff working collaboratively both through departments and within interdisciplinary groups and collectively developed draft mission statements for revision and review.

Next steps for this important planning process will include gathering further input from parents and students.



Reconciliation Through Indigenous Teaching and Learning, Our School Journey Continues:

With Reconciliation Through Indigenous Teaching and Learning a major focus of our school and district plans, staff have continued to support this amazing transformative journey of learning through so many hands-on learning opportunities. This week's highlights included classroom visits by our elder in-residence Mr. Ray McKeown.

As well as teaching in classes Ray is also working alongside Mr. Chad Carpenter to develop a project for our National Indigenous Day celebration events which will be held on Wednesday June 21st:



Figure 1 Indigenous Knowledge Keeper Ray McKeown unveils a school wide art project that will be completed and displayed at the school as part of the school acknowledgement for National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada on June 21st.

Other highlights from the week included the arrival of an 18-foot-long yellow cedar log that will be on site in front of the school for the next two months. Staff and students will have the opportunity to participate in a hand on learning project led by Musqueam Indigenous Artists and Knowledge Keepers Martin Sparrow and Ramsay Louis.

The two artists will be working alongside students and staff throughout the months of May and June to complete the project that will be a Musqueam Welcome figure marking the land and territory as Musqueam land.

Another ongoing project that supports our learning journey is the work being led by four senior Grade 12 students that are working alongside our own vice principal Ms. Hughes and are creating a documentary telling the school's story of our school's reconciliation journey. With the help of our talented media arts staff members Mr. Nick Booker and Mr. Forman Howes the students are documenting the work of our school by interviewing staff at our school and are planning a major excursion to Ms. Hughes's ancestral homeland near Prince Rupert to interview chiefs and elders as part of this reconciliation project for the school and our district!!!



Figure 2 Ms. Hughes and the Reconciliation Film Team meet by the Reconciliation log at the front of the school.

International Mindedness: Students continue fund raising efforts to support the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey
Students and staff had an opportunity to hear about the recent success of the combined efforts of more than 13 school clubs reaching out fundraising to support the victims of the recent earthquakes in Syria and Turkey.

An update was given on Friday and the exciting raffle draw took place with the winners collecting their prizes in the office directly afterwards. The total fundraised was \$ 4, 696.45.

Special thanks for coordinating this great effort goes to Ms. Janet Chung our SWIS worker and Ms. Mary Smith from the Counselling Department as well as to Ms. Magdalena Chan our Accountant for organizing the direct appeal and online raffle ticket process!!!

All funds will go directly to the international humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders.



Figure 3 Student Leaders provide an update on the fundraising campaign before the raffle draw.

Figure 4 These lucky winners receive their prizes directly after the raffle draw on Friday!!

Thanks everyone for getting us off to a great start for the Spring!!!

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.

Thank you, Mr. Wilmann

Lord Byng Plant Sale Fundraiser 2023

Warmer weather, beautiful flowers, Mother's Day and Grad are around the corner. Buy hanging baskets or bedding plants for yourself or special someone. Competitively priced. Share the [LINK](#) if you know someone who is interested.

Please order via: <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Order through School Cash Online by April 26. Pick up will be at Byng in early May.

Immunization Consent Forms Due in Office – Tuesday, April 11th

If your son/daughter received an immunization consent form, please return the completed form to the school office by **Tuesday, April 11th**. The immunization clinic will be held on Wednesday, April 26th in the morning. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse Alana Krzeczowski at alana.krzeczowski@vch.ca.

Strings Concert – April 6th & LBSO Concert April 12th

Please join us for an enjoyable evening of strings ensemble and chamber music: **April 6th at 6:30pm**. Prior to that is a silent auction held in the foyer outside the gallery. All proceeds benefit the Lord Strings program.

If you would like to donate to the strings program, the information is attached. [STRINGS DONATION LINK](#)

Donate on: [School Cash Online](#)

Save the date: **LBSO concert, April 12th at 6:30pm** in the Lord Byng auditorium. Featuring soloists Mio Nakajo, Tegwen Sak,

Jielinna Lian, and Derek Li. We hope you can join us to help celebrate these talented musicians.



2022/2023 Lord Byng Calendars

Please click [HERE](#) to see a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 school calendar, including school opening day as well as a list of vacation days, professional development days and parent conference dates.

Collaborative Day – Thursday, April 13th

This is a reminder that Thursday, April 13th is a Collaborative Day. Students will leave at 1:45PM. Please see schedule below.

Collaborative Dates/ Schedule

AM Collaboration Dates: Students arrive at 10am: No F.I.T. Sept 20; Nov 8; Feb 9; May 11	
Staff Meeting	7:45-8:35
Collab	8:35-9:56
Period 1	10:00-10:40
Break	10:40-10:50
Period 2	10:50-11:32
Lunch	11:32-12:17
Period 3	12:17-1:38
Break	1:38-1:45
Period 4	1:45-3:06

PM Collaboration Dates: Students leave at 1:45pm: No F.I.T. Oct 13; Jan 12; Apr 13; Jun 8	
Period 1	8:40-10:01
Break	10:01-10:11
Period 2	10:11-11:32
Lunch	11:32-12:17
Period 3	12:17-12:59
Break	12:59-1:05
Period 4	1:05-1:45
Collab	1:45-3:06

Choir Spring Concert

Featuring our Lord Byng choirs on Friday, April 14, at Lord Byng Theater. Doors open at 6:30pm, concert begins at 7:00pm. Entrance by donation! Contact Ms Lan at llan@vsb.bc.ca to secure tickets!

Band Concert – Thursday, April 20th – 6:30pm – Main Gym

The band program is having a concert on April 20 at 6:30 pm. It will be held in the main gym. The Senior Winds, Senior Jazz, Intermediate Band, Intermediate Jazz and Junior Jazz will all be performing.

Literacy 10 Assessment

All Grade 10s, along with Grade 12s who are missing this Grad requirement will be signed up to write the assessment. Students will be notified when they are to write the assessment in the library during the week of **April 25-28**.

PAC NEWS

NEXT PAC MEETING – Please join us for our PAC meeting next Wednesday, April 19th on Zoom.

GRAD COMMITTEE – We need your help to ensure the Grad 2023 Celebrations are a success!

- **Donate!** Support our fundraising campaign with a tax receiptable donation through [School Cash on-line](#). More information on how to donate is [here](#).

- **Volunteer!** We have lots of volunteer roles we need to fill please see our volunteer sign-up sheet <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0944a5af28a7fd0-lord#/>
- For important information about all Grad events and to sign up to receive email updates or to help, please visit the lord byng PAC Grad page at: <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/grad-2023> or email: bynggradcommittee2023@gmail.com
- We have a facebook page "Lord Byng Grad Parents 2023" as an easy way to connect: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1860582331007695/>

请注意：与毕业班相关的一切重要信息，都可以通过登记您的电子邮件的信息来及时收到**更新通知**。请访问Lord Byng 毕业生家委会网页at: <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/grad-2023>

或发邮件到 bynggradcommittee2023@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY MORNING WALKS IN PACIFIC SPIRIT PARK. Wednesday walks will resume next week. For Parents who would like to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday walks. All are welcome. We will meet at the steps at the front of the school on Wed April 12th, 2023 at 9:00 am. Please RVSP to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.com

CHINESE PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION:

每周学校新闻的中文版和中文播报将更新在PAC 官网上

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

Thanks for your support!

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

Please click [here](#) for more information.

Procedure for Meeting Teachers /Counsellors/Staff

A reminder for parents, please do not come to the school without an appointment.

Please do not go directly to teachers' classrooms as this interrupts the class.

Please book an appointment via email.

All visitors must sign in at the office.

Lockers Update

Please do not store valuables in your lockers and ensure that lockers are locked.

If you don't need a locker, please do not take one as we do not have enough. If you signed up for a locker and didn't put a lock on before Oct 31st, we will reassign that locker to another student.

If you did not select a locker online but placed your lock on a locker, please remove it or it will be cut off.

2022/2023 School Fees

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

Students Not Returning to Byng 2023-24 School Year

If your child will not be returning to Byng in September 2023, please complete the form and return to Ms. Tichelman in the school office. [Students Not Returning to Byng Form](#) It's important that the school office knows as soon as possible.

Byng Athletics

Golf Team

The defending city champions and sea to sky zone champions Lord Byng golf team defeated U Hill on April 3rd. George Zhou, Liam Waddell and Michael Li had strong rounds and Elaine Liu had the low round of the day at 2 under par. Byng has not suffered a loss in league play since 2019. The VSSAA league would like to thank Shaughnessy Golf Club for donating times to support junior golf and hosting Byng, Kits, Churchill and U Hill.

For teachers and families that remember Byng graduate Victoria Liu here is an article that celebrates her success in NCAA Ivy League Golf and in the classroom at Princeton.

<https://lowermainlandgolfnews.com/index.php/default-content?view=article&id=327:vancouver-s-victoria-liu-an-ivy-league-star-at-princeton&catid=2:uncategorised>

Track and Field

There is still time to join the track and field team! **There will be very important track meetings every Monday at lunch in the main gym. If there is a no school on a Monday, we will meet on the Tuesday. Everyone wanting to do track and field must attend these meetings!** Our next meet (competition) will be on Thursday, April 13th afterschool at UBC. Practices next week will be Tuesday and Wednesday afterschool (Camosun Park) and Wednesday morning in the main gym at 7:45AM.

This year, sign up will be done on-line only. Please see the link below to register. Only once the student is registered can the payment be made. Payments will be done on School Cash Online. Payments will be accepted after all registration have been received. If this does not work, please arrange another form of payment with Mr. Jack. Please click link for form: [LB Track Consent Form & Fees](#)

For more information, please contact Mr. Jack at bjack@vsb.bc.ca or see him in the PE office.

University of Waterloo Sir Isaac Newton (SIN) Physics Exam

University of Waterloo Sir Isaac Newton (SIN) Physics Exam will be held on May 4th during Periods 1 and 2. Material will cover basic physics, mainly from the suggested Ontario Secondary School Physics Curriculum which is now aligned more with the rest of Canada.

Please see Mr. Lo after school in room 317 to register for a spot. Deadline for registering is Monday April 24th.

For more information and previous exams, visit [Exam information | Sir Isaac Newton Exam \(uwaterloo.ca\)](#)

Counselling Department Update

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M-Te Ms. Smith msmith@vsb.bc.ca
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Peer Counselling 12

PC 12 applications are now available and due by April 3. We look forward to seeing many of our grade 11s apply for this amazing and well-established program. The full write up on the application process has been posted on Grade 11 Counselling Teams channel. If students have any questions, they are welcome to come by and talk to Ms. Radic who is teaching this course currently.

Scholarship Channel on Grade 12 Counselling Teams

This is just a friendly reminder that we are in the final push for scholarship opportunities. Please know that all grade 12s have access to these advertisements and we hope to see many of them take advantage and apply.

Course Selection Presentations for Students and Parents

Student course requests entry into MyEd is now finished. For any changes, please see your counsellor asap. **All the info regarding course planning is on our school website: [Course Planning](#). (Course selection sheets, Course descriptions, Power point presentations, etc).**

Please take time to carefully select the courses you really want to be in so we can avoid September/February line ups and consequently disappointments.

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, scholarship, extra-curricular opportunities, mental health resources, to name a few.

ART INFO

Call For Art Submissions for Yearbook – Time is almost up!

Be Famous!!! Have your artwork in print in this year's student yearbook.

Let's make the art section the best ever. Use the link below to submit your image to the yearbook team for consideration. Time is almost up.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the submission form.

Canadian Art Inspiration Student Challenge – Deadline: APRIL 7, 2023

Open to students from Grade 7 through Grade 12, this opportunity invites submissions of artwork inspired by or responding to leaders in Canadian art history and major Canadian artworks.

Finalists' artworks will be showcased in an online exhibition, and prizes will be awarded in different age groups, with \$500 for first prizes and \$250 for honourable mentions.

Contest regulations and submission guidelines can be accessed by visiting our student challenge website: <https://www.aci-iac.ca/education/art-challenge/>

And you can explore last year's winning works in an online exhibition: <https://www.aci-iac.ca/online-exhibitions/the-2022-canadian-art-inspiration-student-challenge/>

Canada Youth Visual Art Contest

Theme: The World We Live In

Register at: www.aoma.ca/cyvac

Registration Fee: \$30

Deadline: April 30th

The contest is split into four age categories ranging from age 5 to 23. The submissions will be judged by top university art professors, admissions officers, and internationally esteemed artists. In the past two years, we received 1832 inspiring entries from 20 countries and regions. Through fundraising and a charity sale featuring winning pieces, \$32000 has been raised to benefit UNICEF and BC Children's Hospital Foundation! In 2023, CYVAC will raise funds for VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation

CYVAC is an inclusive platform aiming to discover outstanding art and design talents around the world. The contest will be offering awards, certificates and prizes for winners. Grand prize winners will receive a 500 CAD scholarship, gold prize winners will receive a 100 CAD scholarship, and silver prize winners will receive a 50 CAD scholarship.

Byng Arts

The House Cup Challenge has Started!!!

Our House Cup Challenge begins in April with the Hacker Challenge and Game Nights event.



For the Hacker Challenge, a unique visual puzzle was sent to each student in Byng Arts. The image hides a passport code that you must decipher to claim your prize. Use the House Common Rooms on Teams and the weekly hints that will be sent out to Crack the Hack before our next review of passports at the end of May.

“Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.” – Thomas A. Edison










If you manage to get everyone in your House in your Grade to solve the puzzle, everyone in that Grade will receive another passport achievement: "Strength In Numbers", so work as a House to solve the Cypher.

Good Luck.

Byng Arts Passport: passport.lordbyng.net

If you are having trouble with your passport account, make sure to contact Mr. Hartley-Folz (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca) to get things sorted. You will need to collect another seven achievements before the end of June.

Below are some of the latest:

<p>FAB Assembly - Green Thumb Theatre Events</p>  <p>Join us in the auditorium on Tuesday, March 28th for Green Thumbs Theatre's presentation of "For Now". Use the code to unlock the achievement.</p>	<p>The Hack is Back Events</p>  <p>Hey Grade 12s, help the other grades with their puzzles and try your skill with the final version of the Hacker Cypher - starting in April.</p>	<p>The Hacker 2.0 Events</p>  <p>Starting in April, the Hacker Returns with a new set of clues for students in Grades 10 and 11.</p>
<p>The Hacker Events</p>  <p>Can you solve the Cypher? - starting in April</p>	<p>GAIA (April) General</p>  <p>Continue your art involvement in the month of April. Go to a play, perform and concerto, visit a gallery, etc. You can't get smART without ART!</p>	<p>Teacher Dance Off 2023 Events</p>  <p>Thank you for your help raising funds for the Food Bank - we donated enough for more than 4000 meals and had fun doing it.</p>
<p>Muse General</p>  <p>We hope that you find opportunities for creative inspiration this March (we have doubled the number of badges that you can unlock, so make the most of Spring Break).</p>	<p>Music Feb/March/April Music</p>  <p>You performed or watched one of our music ensembles (Strings, Band, Choir) perform in the months of February, March or April.</p>	<p>CBC "The First Page" Writing Contest 2023 Academics</p>  <p>For entering the CBC "The First Page" Writing Contest</p>

Byng Arts Student Council Info

Student council meets every Thursday face to face in room A223. Everyone is welcome.

Use the link on Teams to go to the Student Council Channel to read the minutes from our meetings, ask questions, or contact council on Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/byngartstudentcouncil))

Highlights from this week's meeting:

GALA:

Helpers are needed to assist in creating murals for next year's gala! The theme is TOYS AND GAMES. Please email byngartstudentcouncil@gmail.com to sign up or come by the art room Monday's afterschool.

COFFEEHOUSE

Our next coffeehouse - the poeTREE - will take place on Wednesday, April 26th! More BINGO, more prizes!!!

Fill out this form to audition (Auditions are on the 17th and 18th):

- <https://forms.gle/btZBgvtS5hihJDMbA>

GAME NIGHTS

Our online game nights will take place from April 17th to 21st, 8-9:30pm! Games include of the following:

MONDAY: Skribblio

TUESDAY: Garticphone

WEDNESDAY: Children against Maturity (Cards against Humanity spin-off)

THURSDAY: Codenames

FRIDAY: UNO

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