



'Our Donations Make a World of Difference'

Items from Lord Byng teachers' Wish List of 2009-2010 which were funded through Parent/Guardian donations, a BC Gaming grant, & PAC fundraising activities:

- Safeteen presentation for all Grade 10s
- Yoga and music therapy sessions and required related equipment for Lifeskills students
- LCD projectors for English, social studies, and other departments
- Reach-for-the-Top school team related expenses
- Funding of math contests (e.g. Euclid Contest, Hypatia Contest, Gauss Contest and others)
- Jupiter baritone saxophone
- Colour printer for fine arts
- Two telescopes to help stimulate student interest in astronomy
- Camera and accessories for science department
- Compostable bags and other expenses for Sustainability Club & composting program
- Graduation activities, and in particular the dry-grad event which helps keep our grads safe
- Library books
- Accelerated integrated method language kits for French program
- 2 light projectors for auditorium
- 20 hurdles (polanik and scissor), starting blocks, exercise bands and other track and field equipment
- Lego mindstorms robotic construction sets for introduction to robotics for senior students

2008-2009 – included similar expenses as in 2009-2010, but in addition: refrigerator for science lab, student blood pressure kits for science classes, contrabass clarinet, home economics photography and cooking supplies for life skills program, sewing machine for drama department & costume making, portable sound system for gym department, jewellery making equipment to help make better and nicer products; and oscillating spindle sander for the wood working shop. In other years, major purchases have included the electronic timer set and scoreboard in the gym, a saxophone, two piccolo flutes, 15 microscopes (class set), and many more items.

PAC funded the purchase of some \$30,000 worth of goods in 2009-2010 and \$45,000 worth of goods in 2008-2009 (BC Gaming funds were cut in half in 2009-2010 from \$26,000 to \$13,000).

Thanks to all the parents who have donated to the Close-the-Gap campaign for 2009/2010, and to all the parents who participate in the Gift Card Program. This would not have been possible without you.

**PLEASE SUPPORT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES
& CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO THE
2010-2011 CLOSE-THE-GAP CAMPAIGN**