



GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL

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APRIL

2009

Dear General Byng Families,

We thought that spring had finally sprung, but Mother Nature has a way of telling us that she is in control; hopefully, the snow will soon be gone and the grass will rise once again!

A hearty thank you to our Parent Advisory Council and all families for contributing to Staff Appreciation Week; your efforts made each day a little more special! Thanks also to the Early Years team of teachers and all the families who joined us for the Family Fun Math night. We enjoyed an evening of community, food, fun, and learning.

Congratulations to:

- our basketball teams and their coaches for another exciting and rewarding season of basketball
 - Rachel B., Ryan B., Kendra F., Grace G., and Alex P. for being selected to the PTSD Honour Band - a wonderful evening of music
- General Byng Improv for a great evening of Improv

Tri-Conferences are on April 16th and 17th. Registration will be done on-line. You will receive either an email or a notice with directions to schedule your appointments. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Fredette at 452-3040.

Following Spring Break, we will continue with our registration and transitioning process: orientating and welcoming next year's grade 7 students, registering all students, and working with our grade 9 students as they move into the high school buildings. Please return your registration forms as soon as possible to assist us with our planning for the 2009-2010 school year.

As the snow continues to melt, we will be reminding our students to be respectful with property and vehicles, to walk on sidewalks and to go directly home after school. Any support you can provide in this area would be greatly appreciated.

On behalf of all of us at General Byng, have a safe and healthy break.

Sincerely,

Mr. D. Juby
 Principal

Mrs. G. Walker
 Vice Principal

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Daily Routine—(K-Grade 4)

8:40am	Student entry
8:45am	Attendance
8:50am	Announcements/O Canada
10:10-10:25am	Recess
11:35-12:40pm	Lunch
1:55-2:10pm	Recess
3:20pm	Dismissal

Daily Routine—(Grade 5-9)

8:30am	Student entry
8:45am	Attendance
8:54-10:35am	Classes
10:35-10:45am	Locker Break
10:45-11:35am	Classes
11:35am Lunch/12:30pm	Entry
12:40-2:20pm	Classes
2:20-2:30pm	Locker Break
2:30-3:20pm	Classes
3:20pm	Dismissal



REMINDERS:

NO CLASSES

APRIL 10
 APRIL 13

TRI CONFERENCES

APRIL 16 (evening)
 APRIL 17 (p.m. only)

ATTENDANCE POLICY

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents/Guardians are asked to phone the school before 8:15 a.m. to report a student who will be absent for the morning or the full day and before 12:15 p.m. to report an afternoon absence. A note is required only when the office has not been informed by phone or when a student will be leaving early for an appointment. **The note must be signed by a parent/guardian and brought to the office before morning/afternoon attendance.**

LATE ARRIVALS

All students are expected to be on time and to be ready for the start of class. Students who are late either at 8:45 a.m. or 12:40 p.m. are to report to the office upon arrival.

ILLNESS

If your child becomes ill at school, you will be phoned. Your child will not be able to leave the school until we have contacted you; therefore it is very important that we have your current home and work phone numbers, as well as the numbers for an emergency back-up friend or relative. We **cannot** administer any medication unless we have a completed **Medication or Treatment Request** form signed by a Physician.

MESSAGES

Messages of an urgent or emergency nature will be delivered to students, however, **classes will not be interrupted for social arrangements or reminders.**

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please inform the office of any changes in address or phone numbers as soon as possible. Keeping this information updated helps to ensure the safety of your child. Please call the office at 452-3040.

Parents—Please send us your e-mail address.

OPERATION DONATION 2009

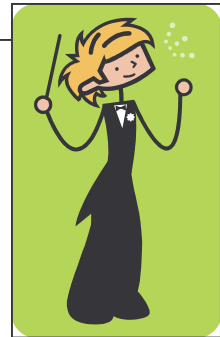
The student-led food drive occurred the first week of March. It was a success! The General Byng School community was generous with their donations. We were able to pack many boxes full of non-perishable food items for Winnipeg Harvest. Thank you for support!

Mme Renic
Teacher
PTSD Co-ordinator
of Operation Donation



BAND NEWS—Mrs. Canto

Congratulations to Grade 8 students, Alex P., Grace G., Rachel B., Kendra F., and Ryan B., for their hard work and excellent concert at Middle Years Honour Band. They rehearsed for 2 full days and performed in a concert at Immanuel Pentecostal Church. Rachel and Alex stood up to do solos during the concert. Great Job, all of you!



Applications for scholarships to summer music camps (International Peace Garden Camp, Junior Band Summer Camp at Vincent Massey or U of M Jazz Camp) can be picked up from Mrs. Canto in the second week of April. The deadline for scholarships by any band student in Grade 7, 8 or 9 is Friday, May 1, 2009. Please see or call Mrs. Canto if you require more information about the camps and the selection criteria.

The final concert of the year is set for Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. All students are required to attend and everyone is welcome.

A PAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

In keeping with the theme of spring (time to grow, Mary Mary Quite Contrary....etc.) the library continues to grow as we constantly add books to our collection. Now appearing at the General Byng library are *Inkheart*, *Inkspell* and *Inkdeath*, *Scaredy Squirrel At Night* (teeth glow in the dark....very scary), *My Friend is Sad* (an Elephant and Piggie book), *Bad Dog Marley*, *Max Counts His Chickens* (Max and Ruby), *Forever Princess* (the Princess Diaries), *Vampirates*, *Alex and the Ironic Gentleman*

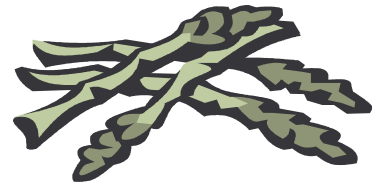
And the winner is.....?!?!?!? Voting for MYRCA (Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award) will take place on Monday, April 6. Grade 5 - 8 students who have read a minimum of three titles are encouraged to vote in the library for their personal favourite. Their votes will be sent in to determine the MYRCA winner for 2009. It'll be a difficult choicealways. Next year's MYRCA list will appear in next month's newsletter should anyone be looking for some good books to read.

Got a book? Check out the library.

Ms. J. Davies - Teacher Librarian
Mrs. P. Poirier - Library Technician



Food For Thought



News from the Foods Lab

Ms. B. McCann

Hot Cross Buns Hot Cross Buns...

Springtime is about welcoming back the flowers and birds; it's about a warmer sun on our backs and a renewed faith in all the good we want and believe in for everyone. Welcome to the new rotation of Grade seven and eight students to the last section of Foods and Nutrition. The *seasoned* grade nine students are preparing for the Divisional Cook Off in May. We will be holding our own competition soon. We will form a team of four students who will represent General Byng in a Cooking competition at Winnipeg Technical Center in May. As usual things are cooking in the foods lab.

Welcome the season by cooking fresh. The foods of the season are a refreshing reminder of spring flavor, color, and texture. Apples, asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries are so delicious this time of year.

If you are considering a traditional ham dinner for the Easter weekend why not try this easy delicious grilled Asparagus recipe.

Grilled Asparagus

Ingredients:

1 pound fresh asparagus

- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons of lemon zest
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 clove garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh dill
- salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Preparation:

Remove the bottom third of the asparagus (woody parts of the stalk) and discard. Place asparagus in casserole dish. Add remaining ingredients. Marinate at least 1 hour, turning frequently.

Place skewers through the middle of the asparagus spears, or place spears in a greased grill basket. Grill asparagus over hot coals until tender but still crunchy. Garnish with diced red bell peppers and lemon slices.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Our "Fun-Raiser" Spring Concert will be held this year at 7pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Special thanks to our co-ordinators this year: Shawn DeMoissac and Rhonda McDougall. !!

The grade 3-4 classes attended the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Elementary Concert on March 26. What a great concert !

The Grade 6's will be volunteering at Winnipeg Harvest on May 25th. It's such a great experience for the kids to have the opportunity to help in our community.



Do you love to sing? Would you love to sing with others who share your passion for choral music? Pembina Trails Voices, Pembina Trails School Division's honour choirs program for talented choristers in K-12 invite you to consider auditioning for the 2009 - 2010 season. Audition packages will be available from your school office or your school's music specialist April 6. All applications must be received at the Board Office by Friday April 24, 2009. For detailed information about PTV, check the website at <http://www.pembinatrails.ca/program/pembinatrailsvoces>.

DID YOU KNOW?

Neuro-biological research reveals that musical practices develop our human capacities. "Music must be pursued in education because it is inherent in our humanity".

Norman Weinberger, 2001

Mr. D. Carroll
Elementary Music



Art Party
A Celebration of
Creative Learning

Date: Thursday, May 21st

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Place: General Byng Art Room

Library and Gym

**Art Show Featuring the Talented
works of Art by Grade 8 Art Students.**

Guest Artist

Presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Live Music

Coffee House

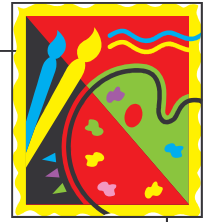
Free Run Performance

Art Work For Sale

Parkour

Come out and celebrate
Everyone is welcome

ART NEWS—Ms. Bates



Sight Unseen
Pembina Trails Divisional Art Show
May 25th—May 31st
Polo Park Shopping Mall
Central Courtyard

An event you do not want to miss!

WALKING TO SETAGAYA

Well I am happy to report that we have stepped up the pace a wee bit. Unfortunately we are still behind in meeting our goal. The goal is to "walk" to Setagaya. The total distance is 8987 km. As of March 19th, we have completed 3567.7 km. We are about 40% of the way there. The problem lies in the fact that there is only three months left in the school year! I am hoping that the warmer weather will inspire us to get out and walk! Some of the highlights this month was another 60 km added by the grade 1-4 students. As well, the grade 8 outdoor education students added 85 km by walking and skiing.

Mme Renic
Teacher

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Staff Appreciation was held at the school the week of March 9—12. We would like to thank all the parents who brought in snacks and baking throughout the week. A big thanks also to Heather and Starbucks who donated some much deserved coffee for our staff.

We held raffles every day during the week and our winners were: T. Fredette, T. Cowell, J. Gibb, K. Perlmutter, and P. Poirier. Most of the prizes were coffee cards but there was also a special prize donated by Howard and the Pembina Hwy. Safeway Store. Thank you Howard!

Last but not least a very special thank you to the teachers and staff; we appreciate all you do every day for our children.

Our next meeting is April 14th, 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Plant Sale

Spring is almost here; and that means so is our plant sale!! Forms will have gone home before Spring Break, if you did not receive one email us at byng_pc@mts.net to request one. The plants will arrive on May 26th. Thanks so much to Jodie who is organizing this wonderful fundraiser.

Alcohol, Other Drugs and Teenagers-- What parents need to know.

Pembina Trails School Division is presenting an evening of information for parents about alcohol and other drug use in teenagers. Issues such as how to talk to your child about substance use, what to do if you have concerns about your child's use of drugs or alcohol and strategies to help your teenager be safer will be discussed. Parents need to be informed about substance use among teenagers in order to help their son/daughter make good choices. This is an excellent opportunity to increase your knowledge and skills about this important issue. Recent statistics from AFM (Addictions Foundation of Manitoba) indicate an extremely high percentage of alcohol and drug use in Manitoba students. ALL private and public schools face these challenges. Please plan to attend one of these presentations so you may be better prepared to parent your teenagers through some difficult challenges and situations.

Due to the size of the school division, 4 opportunities to hear this informative presentation will be available.

When: April 21st, 2009 7:30 pm
Where: Vincent Massey Collegiate Upper Library
Presenter: Shannon Paterson, AFM Pembina Trails School Division

When: April 29th, 2009 7:00 pm
Where: Acadia Junior High School Library
Presenter: Nicki Humenchuk, AFM Pembina Trails School Division

When : April 30th , 2009 7:00 pm
Where: Westdale School Library
Presenter: Catarina Witt, AFM Pembina Trails School Division

When May 4th , 2009 7:00 pm
Where: Linden Meadows School Library
Presenter: Catarina Witt , AFM Pembina Trails School Division

Vincent Massey Collegiate will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary Reunion May 27-30, 2010. We are looking for over 12,000 alumni. All alumni, former and current teachers are asked to submit your (and alumni siblings, kids or parents!) full contact information (last year attended, name, maiden, address, phone, and email) ASAP to masseys50th@hotmail.com or 832-5599 to receive Reunion news. Website www.vmc50threunion.ca

Viscount Alexander Collegiate alumni 1950-1960 will reminisce on the Friday May 28th, 2010 during Reunion Weekend. Please send your contact information to normandee1@shaw.ca or through the shared website www.vmc50threunion.ca

The Fort Garry/ St. Norbert Healthy Child Coalition

Funded by Healthy Child MB

Currently the Coalition supports the following **FREE, DROP IN** programs that are for parents and children to attend together :

- Bonnycastle Family Centre: 1100 Chancellor Drive (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:15 -11:15 a.m.)
- Dalhousie Family Centre: 262 Dalhousie Drive (Wed. 9:15 -11:15am and Mon.1:30 -3:30 p.m.)
- North Fort Garry Family Centre: 1229 Windemere (Mon. 9:15 -11:15am)
- Parc La Salle Family Centre: 190 Houde Drive, St. Norbert (Tues, Thurs. 9:15 -11:15 a.m. and Wed.1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Ryerson Family Centre: 10 Ryerson Avenue (Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:15 -11:15 a.m. and Wed, Thurs.1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Wiggle Giggle and Munch (3 - 10 week programs starting January 2009) at Ryerson School, South Winnipeg Family Information Centre, and Whyte Ridge Community Centre
- Triple P programming: South Winnipeg Family Information Centre at 800 Point Road, 284-9311 (parent only program).

For more info and a calendar of events E-mail Robyn Chase, Initiative Coordinator: coalition@swfic.org or call 299-1600

All programs follow a parent child centered approach. This means that programs are supported that have activities for children and caregivers/families. Our Coalition focuses on the 0 to 6 years.

The core activities of our Coalition are positive parenting, nutrition and physical health, learning and literacy, and community capacity building.



Friends Together Pre-School

830 North Drive (Fort Garry)
Accepting Registrations

for the 2009/2010 school year

The following programs are offered:
Mon / Wed 9:15 am - 11:15 am
Tues/Thurs 9:15 am - 11:15 am
Friday 9:15 am - 11:15 am

Call Tanya at 452-8619

*32 years of learning through
imaginative play and socialization*

ADVANTAGE TENNIS & SPORTS CAMP

July & August

Ages 4-16 yrs old

Camp is offered half day 9-12:00 p.m. or full day 9-4:00 p.m.

Session 1 July 6-17
Session 2 July 20-31
Session 3 Aug. 4-14
Session 4 Aug. 17-28

Tiny Tots (ages 4-6)
Session 1 July 13-17
Session 2 July 27-31
Session 3 Aug. 10-14

Early drop off and late pick up are available.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MARCIE
489-1152



Victoria Community Karate Club
 80 Derek St (Fort Gary)
 Contact Info: Sensei Eugene Vincent
 253-8064
 victoriakarateclub@mts.net

Karate Classes

Tuesday 6:30 - 7:15 pm
 Saturday 9:30 - 10:15 am
 Spring session begins Saturday April 4 -
 June 30, 2009

Spring Session Rates

Kids & Juniors (up to 12 yrs) - Rate
 \$90.00
 Teenagers & Adults - Rate \$120.00

Swimming Lessons: The Wildewood Club is currently taking registrations from members and non-members for all levels of Red Cross swimming lessons. The 10-week session will begin the week of April 13. The options are Tuesdays 5-8, Thursdays 5-8, Saturdays 9 - noon and Sundays 9 - noon. For more information or to register, contact the Club office at 474-1389. Registration forms may also be downloaded from our website at www.wildewoodclub.ca.

The Little Years School Inc. is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. We are located at 20 Donnelly Street, close to Pembina, McGillivray, and Waverley. We are an early education program for children ages 3 and 4. Subsidies are available. For more information please contact Olga at 489-0303. Thank you for your time.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 30—April 3, 2009	SPRING BREAK—NO CLASSES
Monday, April 6, 2009	Classes Resume
Tuesday, April 7, 2009	A.M.—Gr. 9—Booster Shot
Friday, April 10, 2009	NO CLASSES (K—Gr. 9) - Good Friday
Monday, April 13, 2009	NO CLASSES (K—Gr. 9) Divisional P.D.
Tuesday, April 14, 2009	7:00 p.m.—Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2009	Evening—Tri-Conferences
Friday, April 17, 2009	P.M.—Tri-Conferences NO CLASSES (Gr. 1—9)
Wednesday, April 22, 2009	7:00 p.m.—K—Gr. 6 Spring "Fun-Raiser" Concert
Tuesday, May 5, 2009	P.M.—Gr. 4 HEP B and Gr. 6 Girls HPV Innoculation
Friday, May 15, 2009	P.M.—NO CLASSES (Gr. 1—9)
Thursday, May 21, 2009	7:00—9:00 p.m.—Art Party
Tuesday, May 26, 2009	7:00 p.m.—Gr. 7—9 Band Concert
Friday, May 29, 2009	Rooftop Photo
Friday, June 12, 2009	NO CLASSES (K—Gr. 9)
Tuesday, June 23, 2009	Grade 9 Farewell
June 24—26, 2009	Gr. 7—9 June Activity Days
Monday, June 29, 2009	Gr. 1—4 Awards Day
Tuesday, June 30, 2009	Gr. 5—9 Awards Day
Tuesday, June 30, 2009	Last Day of School



APRIL 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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SPRING BREAK CLASSES RESUME April 5, 2009				
6—DAY 5	7—DAY 6	8—DAY 1	9—DAY 2	10 NO CLASSES GOOD FRIDAY
13—DAY 3 NO CLASSES K—Grade 9 DIVISIONAL P.D.	14—DAY 4 7:00 p.m.—Parent Council Meeting	15—DAY 5	16—DAY 6 Evening— Tri-Conferences	17—DAY 1 NO CLASSES P.M. Grade 1—9 TRI- CONFERENCES
20—DAY 2	21—DAY 3	22—DAY 4 7:00 P.M.—K—Gr. 6 Spring "Fun-raiser" Concert	23—DAY 5	24—DAY 6
27—DAY 1	28—DAY 2	29—DAY 3	30—DAY 4	

