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Newsletter

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Dear General Byng Families,

Spring has finally sprung and everyone now has a chance get out and enjoy the sunshine.

Tri-Conferences are on April 15th and 16th. 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. Sullivan at 452-3040.

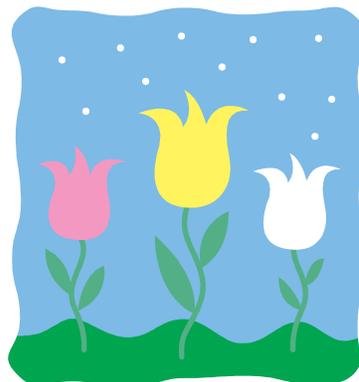
Following Spring Break, we will continue with our registration and transitioning process:, registering all students, and working with our grade 9 students as they move into the high school buildings. Please return your registration forms as soon as possible to assist us with our planning for the 2010-2011 school year.

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



MUSIC

Our "Fun-Raiser" Spring Concert will be held this year at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Special thanks to our co-ordinators this year: **Shawn DeMoissac** and **Rhonda McDougall!**



We urge you to "Bring a Tin for the Bin" for Winnipeg Harvest that evening to officially kick off our community Food Drive that will go until May 7.



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 2010 - 2011 season. Audition packages will be available from your school office or your school's music specialist in April. For detailed information about PTV, check the website at <http://www.pembinatrails.ca/program/pembinatrailsvoices>.

DID YOU KNOW?

The use of music technology (computers, keyboards, music workstations and other digital devices) shows evidence of accelerated learning for all students. Music teachers who implemented music facilities...all report higher levels of student interest and creativity than before they and their students gained access to the technology.

G. David Peters, Indiana University School of Music. September 2003

Mr. D. Carroll
Elementary Music

BAND NEWS - Mrs. Canto

Congratulations to Grade 8 students Amanda C., Sajjad G., Nadia L., and Max O. for their hard work and excellent concert at Middle Years Honour Band. They rehearsed for 2 full days and performed in a concert at Westwood Community Church. Great job, all of you!



The grade 9 Jazz Band took part in a workshop at Vincent Massey, where they learned a lot from some professionals and the Vincent Massey Senior Jazz Band. They also heard a concert performed by the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Richard Gillis. On March 19th, the Jazz Band travelled to Brandon to perform at the Brandon Jazz Festival. Congratulations on a very good performance!

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 May 3, 2010. 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 Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. All students are required to attend and everyone is welcome.

MORDEN'S CHOCOLATE BUNNY RAFFLE

Bring a food item for Winnipeg Harvest the night of the Spring Concert and get a free raffle ticket for a giant Morden's chocolate bunny. The draw for the bunny will be the night of the concert.

You can also make a monetary donation for a raffle ticket.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

News from the Foods Lab

Ms. B.McCann



The Foods Lab is a HOT place to be at General Byng School. The varied menu this last month has encouraged beggars at the door. From the beautiful Lime Bavarians desserts by grade sevens, to the fancy Dutch Apple cake with brown sugar sauce by the grade eight class, to the varied menus from the grade nine Iron Chef teams, there has been something for every taste.

The three student grade nine Iron Chef team will compete in the 2ND Annual Mini skills Competition at the Winnipeg Technical College in May. The General Byng team will have two hours to prepare a chicken entree, a vegetable dish with a side of rice, pasta or potatoes and a dessert using instant pudding. They are judged on presentation, taste, sanitation, safety, and nutritional knowledge from the Canada Food Guide. Watch the next Newsletter to find out who will represent General Byng this year.

The Elementary Cooking Club will start after Spring Break. A Grade nine team will spend lunch hours cooking with the grades five and six students.

There soon will be new potatoes at the market. Try this easy recipe to enjoy the spring harvest.

New Potatoes with Lemon

serves 4

1 pound new potatoes, ideally no bigger than your thumb

3 to 4 tablespoons olive oil

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 lemon, zested and juiced

Heat the oven to 450°F. Clean the potatoes and pat them dry. Toss them with enough olive oil to coat, and with salt and pepper. Spread them on a large baking sheet and roast for 20 minutes, or until they are tender enough to be pierced with a fork, and their jackets are wrinkled and crispy-golden.

Toss immediately with the lemon juice and zest, and serve.

Options: After roasting, toss with a bit of fresh chopped mint, rosemary, or thyme. Toss with chopped cooked bacon, or pesto.

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 *Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice*, *Batter up Wombat*, *100th Day Worries*, *the Mealworm Diaries*, *Bunnicula Meets Edgar Allan Crow Mafiaboy*, *Doomwyite*, *Darklights*, *the Mother Daughter Book Club*, *Fade*, *This Lullaby* to name but a few....



If you can't find the book just for you.....come to the Book Fair! Once again the Book Fair is being held in conjunction with tri-conferences. The Fair will be complete with prizes and draws. Elementary classes will preview the Book Fair the afternoon of Wednesday, April 13. The Book Fair (open to all) will be open every day at 8:30. On Wednesday it will be open until 4:00; Thursday evening until 8:30 and Friday until 2:30.

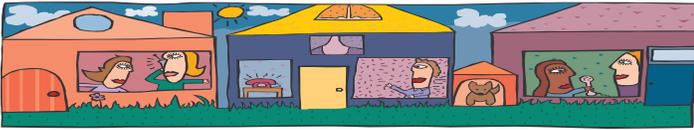
And the winner is.....?!?!?!? Voting for MYRCA (Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award) will take place on Tuesday, April 6. Grade 5 – 8 students who have read a minimum of three titles are encouraged to vote in the library for their personal favourite. Their votes will be sent in to determine the MYRCA 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 Book Fair

Ms. J. Davies – Teacher Librarian
Ms. Rondeau – Library Technician

IMPORTANT DATES

April 5	First Day of Classes
April 15	Tri-Conferences K-9 (evening) - register online
April 16	Tri-Conferences (morning) - No Classes School In-Service (afternoon) - No Classes
April 19	PTSD In-Service - No Classes
April 21	K-6 Spring Concert (Fun-Raiser)
May 24	Victoria Day - No Classes
June 14	School Administrative Day - No Classes
June 18-24	Grade 7-9 Exams
June 22	EY Reports sent home
June 25	K-6 Awards
June 25	Grade 9 Awards and Reception, Grade 9 Farewell
June 28-30	Grade 7-9 Reports Distributed
June 30	Grade 7-9 Activity Days Report Card Verification and Textbook/Material Return



Community News

Vincent Massey Collegiate will be celebrating its **50th Anniversary Reunion May 27-30, 2010**. Cost is \$100 per person to register, \$195 for couples until April 15, after that its \$115 single and \$225 per couple!

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. For more information visit the website www.vmc50threunion.ca

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

SOUTH WINNIPEG



Presents:

FACILITATOR TRAINING

Facilitation is a fundamental skill for anyone who: leads a group or team, coordinates a committee, or manages a project. In fact, it's difficult to create cohesiveness, set group goals, or solve complex problems, without well-developed facilitation skills. This fast-paced, experiential, two-evening workshop, co-facilitated by Barb Gemmell of Gemmell Training & Consulting and Karen Velthuys, Executive Director of South Winnipeg Family Information Centre, will provide an overview of facilitation. Topics will include: your role as a facilitator, the importance of and understanding group dynamics and tools and techniques.

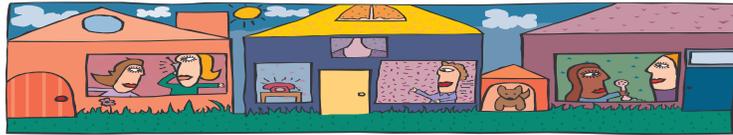
Date: Monday April 12th & Wednesday April 14th, 2010

Time: 7:00pm- 9:00pm

Fee: \$65.00

To register please call 284-9311

To check out all our other programs please go to www.swfic.org



Community News



THE MANITOBA BAR ASSOCIATION
L'ASSOCIATION DU BARREAU DU MANITOBA
A Branch of the Canadian Bar Association
Une division de l'Association du Barreau canadien

LAW DAY

Sunday, April 18, 2010
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Winnipeg Law Courts, 408 York Avenue

Lots to see and do including:

- Guided Tours of the Law Courts and Lock-Up
- Interactive Exhibits and Displays
- Student Mock Trials (in English & French)
- Student Debates (in English & French)
- Legal Information Panel Discussions
- Special Sitting of Citizenship Court

Free admission and refreshments!

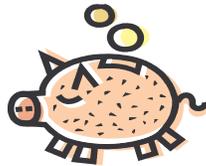
Come out and learn about the Law!

LINDEN WOODS / WHYTE RIDGE
Y- NEIGHBOURS presents...

KIDS' USED TOY & CLOTHING SALE!!

SATURDAY MAY 29, 2010
9:00 am – 12 noon
Crescentwood Community Center
1170 Corydon Avenue
\$2.00 Admission
(Children under 12, admission is free)

To reserve a table (early bird rentals in effect) or
For additional information please call,



Paula @ 261-3175 or
Email: dpbecker@shaw.ca

St. Norbert Y-Neighbours Used Toy & Clothing Sale
Saturday, April 24, 2010
9:00 – 12:00 at the Eagles Club 3459 Pembina Hwy
Admission \$1.00
Under 12 free
Contact Nicole @ 204-261-5737 or stnyneighbours@hotmail.com

Victoria Karate Club
Victoria Community Club
80 Derek St – Fort Gary

Sensei Eugene Vincent
253-8064
victoriakarateclub@mts.net

Karate Classes
Tuesday 6:30 - 7:15 pm
Saturday 9:30 - 10:15 am

Rates
Kids & Juniors (up to 12 yrs) - Rate \$100.00
Teenagers & Adults - Rate \$130.00 Cad



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break
5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4
12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 1	15 Day 2 Tri-Conferences— evening	16 Day 3 Tri-Conferences a.m. School PD p.m. No Classes
19 Day 4 Divisional PD No School	20 Day 5	21 Day 6 7:00 p.m. Fun- Raiser Concert	22 Day 1	23 Day 2
26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30 Day 1