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December  
2010  
Newsletter



Dear Families:

We held two assemblies in November - our Remembrance Day Assembly and a Byng is Awesome Day assembly. The Remembrance Day Assembly was exceptionally well done. During the Byng is Awesome Day, we celebrated our efforts on behalf of the United Way as well as recognizing all students who had perfect attendance during the months of September and October. Thank you to all who organized and participated in the assemblies.

Congratulations to all volleyball players and coaches for their efforts during the volleyball season. Our Grade 8 Boys and Grade 9 Girls were finalists in the Divisional Playoffs. Well done! We wish our basketball teams well as they begin their practices.

Tri-Conferences will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for all students. We ask that you make every effort to attend these conferences with your child; your voice and input are important! Please stay in contact with your child(ren)'s teachers, (email, wiki, phone) regarding your child(ren)'s academic progress as the mid-year report card will be sent home on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. We have also sent home a survey with every student that we would like to have returned to the school by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank-you to those parents who use the back lane to drop off your child(ren). Just a reminder that in the morning we implement a one-way (East to West) traffic flow down the back lane. This ensures that parents dropping children off can do so safely and we minimize the traffic congestion. Being patient with others, and starting the day with a positive attitude, appropriately models and supports all students in learning to be responsible and respectful individuals.

We look forward to seeing you at the conferences, the K-6 Concert on Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, and other events prior to the winter break. On behalf of the entire General Byng staff, we thank you for your ongoing support and wish all of you the very best during the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mr. D. Juby  
Principal

Mrs. G. Walker  
Vice Principal

## DAILY ROUTINE – EARLY YEARS

<u>GRADES K- 4</u>	8:35	ENTRY	12:30	ENTRY
	8:45	ATTENDANCE	12:35	ATTENDANCE
	10:05-10:20	RECESS	1:55 – 2:10	RECESS
	11:30 -	<u>LUNCH</u>	3:20	<u>DISMISSAL</u>

## DAILY ROUTINE - MIDDLE YEARS

<u>GRADES 5-9</u>	8:30	Student Entry		
	8:45	Students must be <u>in class</u> for attendance.		
	8:50 – 9:40	Period 1	12:30	Student Entry ( <b>attendance</b> at start of Period 4)
	9:40 – 10:30	Period 2	12:35 – 1:25	Period 4
	10:30 – 10:40	Break	1:25 – 2:15	Period 5
	10:40 – 11:30	Period 3	2:15 – 2:25	Break
	11:35	<u>Lunch</u>	2:25 - 3:20	Period 6
		3:20	<u>Dismissal</u>	

## ENTRANCE PROCEDURES

K- 4 students enter the school through the parking lot door. (Parents please note that from 8:20-8:50 am and from 3:20-3:50 the back lane is ONE WAY (east-west), entering from Daniel St. and exiting out, onto Beaumont St.)

Grades 5 – 9 students enter through the front doors.

Please note that all doors, except the front door, are locked throughout the day.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are asked to phone the school before **8:30 A.M.** to report a student who will be absent for the morning or the full day and before **12:30 P.M.** to report an afternoon absence. Please notify the school office if a child is attending an appointment. Messages can be left regarding attendance 24 hours a day. Please include the reason for the absence and the time your child will be picked up in the message or note.

All students will be called from their class by the office staff for appointments. All Grade 5-9 students are responsible to sign themselves out. They are expected to report to the office to sign in upon their return. Parent(s)/guardian(s) of K-4 students who are picking up their child for an appointment must report to the school office and sign their child out of the building.

## STUDENT LATES

It is important for students to be in on time. A late arrival disrupts classes and students miss important information. Students arriving after 8:50 am in the morning and 12:40 pm in the afternoon must report to the office for a late slip to gain entrance to the class. Please check the daily routine schedule to ensure your child comes to school on time .

## CALL BACK SYSTEM

Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted if their child is unaccounted for (child is absence without reason/ notification).

## VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All parents/guardians/visitors need to report to the school office. Students will be called to the office if they are being picked up and parents/guardians must sign them out. If you are volunteering in the school, you will need to sign in at the office and obtain an identification pass.

## MESSAGES

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

## MUSIC

Greetings!



Our **Christmas Season Concert** will be held this year on **Tuesday December 21 at 7pm** in the gym. . Please note that this concert is part of the regular school music curriculum, and all students are required to attend.

Our Elementary Grade 3-4 Choir will be doing a 'gig' at Lion's Manor Seniors Home along with some Junior High Band students on Tuesday, December 14 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Our next PERFORMANCE DAY of the year will be on **Tuesday, February 8 Day 3**. Students are encouraged to play an instrument, dance, or sing in front of their class.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Music is an essential resource because music:  
expresses feelings and ideas words cannot convey  
expands knowledge and creativity in other domains  
helps to integrate knowledge and discover how things are connected  
helps children who are emotionally or physically restricted  
builds community both in and out of school  
Dr. Frances Rauscher (Music/Brain researcher) OMEA conference November 8, 2002

## A Page from the Library

Snowed in....snuggled up.....looking for a good book? The General Byng Library continues to be a place to find favourite blasts from the past as well as freshly catalogued destined to be favourites. Ever popular for the older crowd are *Gossip Girl*, anything by Nicholas Sparks, *Pretty Little Liars*, *Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging*, the *Private* series, *Wake*, *Son of the Mob* and a number of other titles by Gordon Korman, Lemony Snicket's *Series of Unfortunate Events* and anything by Meg Cabot, Eric Walters, Iain Lawrence and Kenneth Oppel. For those who still wear snowboots and mittens we have *Batman*, *Geronimo Stilton*, *Babymouse*, Usborne non-fiction for early readers covering many topics such as rainforests, knights, dangerous animals, sharks, cowboys, bears and firefighters to name but a few. Mo Willems continues to be a popular author with many.....there's always a new Elephant and Piggie book around the corner.



Books may be signed out over the Christmas break by the grade 5 – 9's. Because it is a rather long period of time with much going on, we will be collecting the books from K – grade 4.

Got a book? Talk to Santa.

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

## Silent Auction Items Requested

The Grade 6 students will be holding a Silent Auction at the Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 21/10, to raise money for their outdoor camp experience in June, 2011. Any families wishing to donate items towards the Gift Baskets are requested to drop off donations to Rooms 4 or 16. If you could please attach a note to the item, with your child's name and homeroom, that would be appreciated.

Thank you for your support,

The Grade 6 students

## Food for Thought

### News from the Foods Lab

Ms. B. McCann



As the holiday season approaches, thoughts of holiday baking dance in our heads. The Grade nine students have begun the process of building Gingerbread houses from scratch. The smell of gingerbread drifts throughout the school. Soon the Grade eight students will be creating holiday treats.

During this festive season, take time to bake with your family. If you play traditional songs while you are working you build lifelong associations between the music and smells. To this day I cannot cook with cloves without thinking of ribbon candy or candied ham. This recipe makes a wonderful batch of dough that improves the more it is worked with and rolled. It makes a whole lot of cookies that taste great with hot chocolate. Just be careful not to overcook them, they come out of the oven soft but harden as they cool! Enjoy and Happy Holidays.

# Gingerbread Cookies

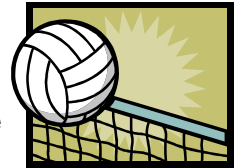
250 ml shortening (Crisco)	10 ml allspice
250 ml white sugar	15 ml ginger
375 ml fancy molasses	15 ml cinnamon
125 ml warm water	10 ml ground cloves
2 ml salt	10 ml baking soda

250 to 1500 ml white flour

- 1) Preheat Oven 350 F
- 2) Grease cookie sheets with shortening and sugar. Add molasses slowly.
- 3) Add spices; ginger, cloves, cinnamon, allspice and salt. Cream the mixture.
- 4) In a measuring cup mix baking soda and warm water until dissolved; add to mixture.
- 5) Add flour 250 ml at a time.
- 6) Knead dough until pliable and roll onto a floured surface.
- 7) Cut with favourite cookie cutters and place on greased cookie sheet.
- 8) Decorate with chocolate chips.
- 9) Bake 6 to 7 minutes. Cookie will be soft at first. Allow to cool.

**From the Gym** – Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Pescitelli

Congratulations to all the grade 5-9 volleyball team members. All teams were very successful this season. We would like to thank all the athletes and coaches for their hard work and dedication this season. Congratulations to both the Grade 8 boys and the Grade 9 girls teams for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in their leagues!!



Basketball is just around the corner! Practices for the grades 7-9 basketball teams are starting soon. Please check the website for a December schedule. Please be reminded that it is subject to change. Athletes should always check the white board outside the office for the most current schedule.

The track team is in full swing and working hard in practice. The team is working toward a great season with highlights that include some indoor and outdoor competitions.

**Parent Advisory Council News**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that it's already December and Christmas holidays are right around the corner!

Our first two fundraisers for the year are now wrapping up. The items ordered through the Innisbrook fundraiser have been delivered, and ordering for Shelmerdines is now completed. The proceeds from the Innisbrook fundraiser will be going towards the purchase of a new audio system for the gym, and the funds generated through Shelmerdines will go towards replenishing funds for our patrols and for Mr. Bernick's Bistro. The poinsettias and door swags will be available for pick up during tri-conferences on the evening of Thursday, December 9th, outside the gym doors. Thank you to all who participated in these fundraisers!

On the night of tri-conferences, we will also have the General Byng water bottles for sale at the table where you may pick up your Shelmerdines order. For \$12.00, these water bottles would make a great stocking stuffer for your General Byng student!

We had the opportunity of having Mr. Bernick speak at our November meeting. We wanted to get a better sense as to how PAC and our community can support Mr. Bernick and his efforts of providing food and a welcoming environment within the school to those students in need. If you are able to, we encourage people to make donations of Superstore gift cards to Mr. Bernick's Bistro so that he is able to purchase the supplies he needs to provide nutritious lunches and snacks.

If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us via email at [gbparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:gbparentcouncil@gmail.com). Your feedback is valuable to us.

Take care and have a happy and safe holiday season!

General Byng Parent Advisory Council

# IMPORTANT DATES

December	9	Tri-Conferences K-9 (evening) register online	
	10	Tri-Conferences K-9 (morning)	No Classes
		School in-service (afternoon)	No Classes
	21	K-6 Concert	
	22	Last Day of Classes	
January	6	First Day of Classes	
	21	School Administrative Day	No Classes
February	4	Reports sent home (1/2 way day)	
	9	Band Concert (Grade 7-9)	
	11	Winter Activity Day (eligible students only)	
	16	VMC Orientation (Gr 9) VMC Open House	
	18	School In-Service Day	No Classes
	21	Louis Riel Day	No Classes
	24	Grade 7 Open House	
March	25	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break	
April	4	Classes Resume	
	14	Tri-Conferences K-9 (evenings) - register online	
	15	Tri-Conferences K-9 (morning)	No Classes
		School In-Service (afternoon)	No Classes
	20	K-6 Spring Concert (Fun-raiser)	
	22	Good Friday	No Classes
	25	PTSD In-Service	No Classes
May	23	Victoria Day	No Classes
	25	Band Concert (Grade 7-9)	
June	10	School Administrative Day	No Classes
	29	Last Day of Classes	
	30	School In-Service Day	No Classes



## Community News



### City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide

The City of Winnipeg is proud to provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure opportunities to contribute to the overall well-being of our community. The Leisure Guide is published three times per year and is filled with fun and exciting programs for everyone, including paid registered programming as well as free drop-in programming for children and youth.

For more information on Leisure Guide programs, please pick up a copy of the Leisure Guide, call 311 or log on to [Winnipeg.ca/leisureonline](http://Winnipeg.ca/leisureonline). Guides are available for pick up at civic pools, libraries, arenas, and leisure centres and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's. Registration for winter programs begins on Monday, December 13, 2010.

**Watch for the new Winter Leisure Guide out December 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**Donations of gently-used winter outdoorwear** can be brought to any Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Station, Perth's Drycleaners location, or AMJ Campbell Van Lines on Niakwa Road.

**Volunteers are welcome** to help ready coats for distribution at the Koats for Kids Volunteer Centre - 3172 Portage Ave. For more information call Donna Albak at 586-KOAT (5628) or email [Koats\[at\]UnitedWayWinnipeg.mb.ca](mailto:Koats[at]UnitedWayWinnipeg.mb.ca).

Since **1989**, Koats for Kids has collected and distributed more than **145 000** coats, ski pants, hats, scarves, mittens and boots to thousands of families throughout the city. Koats for Kids is a partnership between United Way of Winnipeg,



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Day 6	2 Day 1	3 Day 2
6 Day 3	7 Day 4 Gr 1-4 Craft Club	8 Day 5	9 Day 6 Tri-Conferences— evening	10 Day 1 Tri-Conferences - a.m.  In-Service - p.m.  No classes
13 Day 2	14 Day 3 Gr 1-4 Craft Club	15 Day 4	16 Day 5	17 Day 6
20 Day 1	21 Day 2 Gr 1-4 Craft Club K-6 Concert	22 Day 3 Last Day of School	23 24 ← Christmas Break No School →	
27	28	29 30 31 ← Christmas Break No school →		