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February
2010
Newsletter

Dear General Byng Families,

February is shaping up to be a busy month for the General Byng community:

Reports go home on February 5th
Band Concert on February 9th
Gr. 1-4 to Pre-Olympic Game February 11th
Kindergarten Info Evening February 11th
Ski Trip to Assissippi Feb. 10-12th
Winter Activity Day February 12th
Gr. 5/6 to Festival du Voyageur February 12th
VMC Orientation February 16th
Gr. 8 to Winnipeg Art Gallery February 23rd
Optimist Band Festival February 24 and 26th
Gr. 3/4 to Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
I Love to Read Month

We encourage all of our students do their best during their events and activities when representing themselves and our school. Thanks to all families for their ongoing support of student activities.

As you receive your child(ren)'s report card, please have conversations with them about their learning and contact the appropriate teacher for any further information. Our next conference time for families and teachers is April 15th and 16th. Having regular conversations with your child will support them in their learning and assist them in preparing for their conference in April.

If you have been in the building recently you will see the school wide respect agreement posted near the front entrance and in the Early Years hallway. Thank you to the students for their efforts in living our agreement. It makes General Byng a very positive place to live and learn.

Mr. D. Juby
Principal

Mrs. G. Walker
Vice Principal

General Byng School is the Best in Show

More than 1100 organizations and thousands of employees support a United Way workplace campaign each year. The General Byng School staff has participated in such campaigns for many years. This year, as you may recall, the GB United Way Committee decided to involve the students. Our key fundraising event, directed at the students, was **TATTOO Mr. TAMBLYN**. We had hoped the event would raise \$300, but astoundingly the event raised twice as much. The event was hugely popular with the students!

The United Way of Winnipeg acknowledged our very creative fundraising event. The Tattoo Tamblyn event was nominated for the Best in Show Spirit Award. Let it be known that General Byng School is the first school EVER to be nominated. Our competitors were two big firms. One was the BDO Accounting firm and the other was Manitoba Public Insurance.

On January 14th five staff members attended the gala wind-up. The gala attendees would choose the winner of the Best in Show. All three nominees for the Best in Show award were given 5 minutes to highlight what their workplace had done to raise money for the United Way. Mr. Tamblyn, with his terrific way with the microphone and his professional PowerPoint, wowed the audience. We won 81% of the vote! Ace Burpee, from HOT 103, was the Master of Ceremony for the evening. After Mr. Tamblyn's presentation Ace said he wanted to work at General Byng School! Further to that, the next morning on the radio, Ace Burpee spoke about Mr. Tamblyn's enthusiasm and energy.

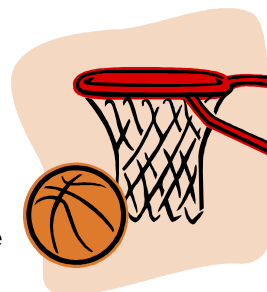


We took the award back to school. It is proudly displayed in the showcase.

The General Byng United Way Committee

From the Gym

Basketball season is in full swing now! Please check the wiki for all teams' schedules for practices and games. The Grade 8 girls and boys will be playing in the Charleswood tournament the weekend of February 5 and 6. The Grade 9 girls and boys will be playing in the Charleswood tournament on the weekend of February 26 and 27. The Grade 8 boys will be in the Westdale tournament the weekend of February 26 and 27. Grade 5/6 basketball will start the 2nd week in February. Their tournament will be in mid March.



The indoor track season has started! Although our first Track attack was cancelled we are looking forward to the next three. The dates are February 10, February 22 and March 10. All meets will take place at the University of Manitoba.

Mrs. Wolfe

Mrs. Pescitelli

MUSIC

It's nice to be back in the wonderful Byng community of kids, parent/guardian(s) and staff. I missed you !

I got a chance to see a DVD of the *Christmas Season Concert*. Congratulations to Ms. Panchyshyn for a great job in preparing everyone, and kudos to all of the students who performed so successfully!



Our next PERFORMANCE DAY will be held on Friday February 5, Day 1. All students are encouraged to prepare a performance for their class either singing, dancing, reciting a poem, or playing an instrument. The kids are really encouraged to 'create' something for their performance and practice to get it ready for their classroom audience.

Our "Fun-Raiser" Spring Concert will be held this year at 7pm on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. We will be having our first "FUN-RAISER" meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 3:20 pm in the MUSIC Room. All are welcome. Special thanks to our co-ordinators this year: **Shawn DeMoissac** and **Rhonda McDougall. !!**

Our Silent Auction with individual classes is very successful. We hope to be doing that again this year. We will be asking the K-6 classes to be responsible to create 2 baskets each for the Silent Auction table. We will be looking for a parent from each classroom who would be willing to coordinate the items that parents donate for the baskets in your child's classroom. The items collected are not intended to be expensive. Each class will operate on a 'theme' for their baskets. More on this later. Our goal is to have a community involvement in gathering items for the Auction.

The grade 3-4 classes will be attending the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Elementary Concert on Thursday, February 25 in the AM. As we will not be back to Byng until approximately 12 noon, all students will be required to bring a lunch for that day. More information will be on the permission form to be sent home later this month.

DID YOU KNOW?

"The interaction of the senses enriches meaning. The arts are not mere diversions from the important business of education; they are essential resources"

Dr. Elliot Eisner "The Role of the Arts in Cognition and Curriculum"

Mr. D. Carroll
Elementary Music

BASIC FRENCH

For updates in Middle Years Basic French please visit Monsieur Falvo's website:

www.protopage.com/monsieurfalvo

Patrol News

Congratulations to the following Patrols of the Week: Steven Webster, Brittney Croker, Vladislav Nevgodovsky and Emily Hopps. Well done folks!

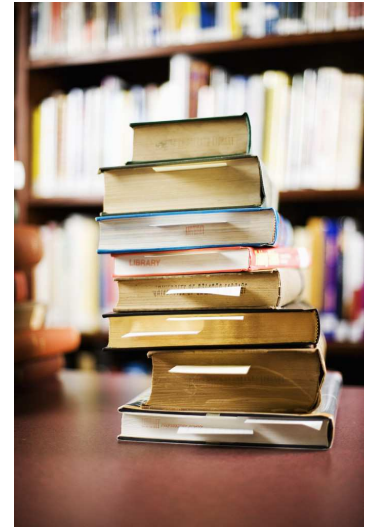
Just a reminder that if the temperature with or without windchill is -27 or colder, patrols will not be on post.



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 April 5. For detailed information about PTV,

A Page From the Library

With a hop, skip and a ski jump we're off to the Olympics! The Olympics is this year's I Love to Read theme.....whereby we will be combining Olympicish activities with reading.....In keeping with our theme, we will be jumping into "just read" where all the students and teachers will stop what they're doing and read.....the signal to jump into reading will be Van Halen's "Jump" and the signal to stop will tie in to the Olympic believe theme with Glee's rendition of Journey's "Don't stop believing". We will also be continuing with our ever popular snippet segment with Mr. Tamblyn reading favourites during morning announcements. All classes will have the opportunity to guess from which book the snippet comes and a winner will be drawn daily. Do you know your significant other's favourite picture book from when they were young(er than they are now)?



Once again we are pleased to be welcoming our MLA Kerri Irvin-Ross who will be reading to the K-4 classes on February 5. A fun time is had by all as we share favourite books....hers and ours. Last year she especially liked Chip wants a Dog by William Wegman. A variety of activities will be going on in individual classrooms such as reading our way to Vancouver, dressing up as a favourite story character, wearing a t-shirt with writing on it..... To help you celebrate at home, a calendar has been included with ideas to celebrate reading. If children...

- See you read
- Are given the time to read
- Are encouraged to talk about books
- Discover a book that they love
 - they will read
 - and look for more books to love.

Got a book? Jump!

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

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. The grade Nine cooks have been researching and implementing their own chicken or vegetarian recipes. Each team group choose a recipe to prepare, converted the imperial measurements to metric, organized a grocery list, prepared their entrée along with rice and a dessert, served it, ate it and then evaluated the meal.

The students explored different tastes and cooking techniques. It was another delicious project in the Foods lab. Later this month these students are to visit the Winnipeg Technical College Culinary arts program for a tour and demonstration. Who knows who will be inspired to train in this field come high school?

February marks the beginning of another section of grade seven and eight students to their course in Foods and Nutrition. Familiar smells like banned chocolate chip muffins or Death by Chocolate brownies will soon be drifting down the hallways. Please encourage your child to prepare these recipes at home. The following Quesadilla recipe was an alternative to using chicken and was enjoyed by both meat lovers and vegetarians. Try it at home.

Vegetarian Quesadilla

Ingredients:

- ½ diced onion
- ½ chopped red pepper
- 175 ml frozen corn
- 50 ml drained black beans
- 50 ml drained chick peas
- 25-50 ml chopped cilantro
- 25 ml lime juice
- ½ tsp cumin
- dash salt and pepper, to taste
- 250 ml cheese, grated
- 4 tortillas

Preparation:

1. Chop onions, peppers, and cilantro. Grate cheese
2. Cook the peppers and onion in oil over medium heat in a large skillet. Add cumin, salt and pepper and lime juice and cook until they are just soft, about 5 minutes.
3. Add black beans, chick peas and corn. Heat for 3 minutes
4. Divide the filling into four. (Each team member can make their own quesadillas now)
5. Place a tortilla flat on the frying pan. Place a large spoonful or a thin layer of peppers on ½ of the tortilla. Add a thick layer of cheese and fold the tortilla. Brown on one side then flip the tortilla.
6. Place on pan in oven to keep warm.
7. Top with salsa if desired.

ENRICHMENT NEWS

Artist Bud Gillies worked with our K-6 students to create individual ceramic tiles that had the theme of "friendship". These tiles are being finished in a kiln this week off-site and will be installed in the building over the next few weeks. The students did some great work and this permanent art will be a colourful keepsake that will be displayed in the Early Years hallway.

Band News - Mrs. Canto



Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who will attend the band concert on Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym! We really appreciate your support! Of course, a big bouquet to all the band students for their hard work in band.

The grade 8 and 9 bands will be performing in the 35th annual Optimist Clubs of Winnipeg Band Festival to be held in the Winnipeg Convention Centre from February 23-26, 2010. This is a non-competitive festival which features over two hundred bands from across Manitoba, Ontario, Saskatchewan and the United States. The grade 8 band will perform Friday, February 26th at 1:40 p.m. The grade 9 band will perform Wednesday, February 24th at 1:40 p.m. Students will need to return a permission slip in order to attend the festival and wear the General Byng band concert shirts. All performances are free and we would like to have as many parents as possible attend the festival to support General Byng's band students.

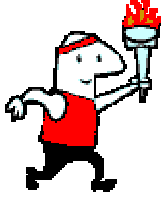










Several students in grades 8 and 9 are in the process of preparing tapes for the 2010 Provincial Junior Honour Band. All tapes must be recorded no later than Monday, February 22nd and submitted to the Manitoba Band Association by Monday, March 1st.

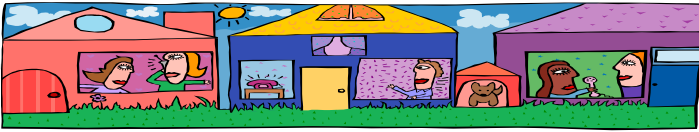
Good luck General Byng students!

IMPORTANT DATES

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| February 5 | Reports sent home |
| February 9 | Band Concert (Grade 7-9) |
| February 11 | Kindergarten Information Night |
| February 12 | Winter Activity Day |
| February 15 | Louis Riel Day—No Classes |
| February 16 | Vincent Massey Grade 9 Orientation and Open House |
| February 17 | Grade 7 Open House |
| March 6-12 | Japan Exchange Students in Japan |
| March 26 | Last Day of Classes |
| March 29 - April 2 | Spring Break - No Classes |
| 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 29 | Grade 9 Awards and Reception, Grade 9 Farewell |
| | Grade 7-9 Reports Distributed |
| June 30 | Report Card Verification and Textbook/Material Return |

I Love to Read February 2010: Believe in Reading

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|  | <p>1 Reading Marathon begins: Start Reading to Win at the Ex. See the library for details.</p> | <p>2 Groundhog Day! Check the latest news online to learn if he saw his shadow. Brrrr? Or yesssss!!</p> | <p>3 Think active! Keep a “running record” of your physical activities this month.</p> | <p>4 How many countries are participating in the Olympics this year? List them.</p> | <p>5 MLA Kerri Irvin Ross reads to the students.</p>  | <p>6 Read an article from the sports section of the Free Press. Remember, we get it online!</p> |
| <p>7 Go online to read the bio of a favourite athlete.</p>  | <p>8 Write an Olympics ABC book with your class. Use digital cameras to take pictures.</p> | <p>9 Make a bookmark of your favourite sport.</p>  | <p>10 Torch flashlight reading! Shhhhhh...</p>  | <p>11 List 10 books you would want to have with you on the trip to Vancouver.</p> | <p>12 Make a Y chart (sights, sounds, feelings) of the Olympic Opening Ceremonies.</p> | <p>13 Read the colour comics in today’s Free Press.</p>  |
| <p>14 Make a valentine for your favourite Olympic athlete.</p>  | <p>15 Norman Bridwell’s birthday: Celebrate by reading a Clifford book.</p> | <p>16 Wear red and white to support our Canadian athletes.</p> | <p>17 Festival du Voyageur: Go online to learn about the Voyageurs.</p> | <p>18 Read The Hockey Sweater and wear your favourite jersey to school.</p> | <p>19 It’s Friday! Recommend a good book to a friend for the weekend.</p> | <p>20 Find a recipe from a country in the Olympics. Prepare it for your family.</p> |
| <p>21 Check out the “Books” section of the Free Press Weekend Edition.</p>  | <p>22 Support the Underdog: Sign out a book that hasn’t been read in awhile.</p> | <p>23 Who were the first Olympians? Go online to learn the history of the Olympics.</p> | <p>24 Write the name of your favourite book on a paper Olympic mitten.</p> | <p>25 Help a younger student become a reading champion by reading a book with them.</p> | <p>26 Book Awards: Of all the books you’ve ever read, which would you award gold, silver, and bronze?</p> | <p>27 Team Reading: Read a book at home with your family.</p>  |
| <p>28 Final day: What’s your favourite book ending? ... THE END</p>  |  | | | | | |



Community News

Friends Together Pre-School

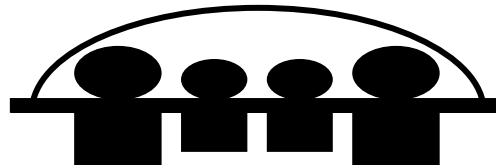
OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 24th
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
830 NORTH DRIVE

For parents considering
Pre-School for their 3, 4 & 5 year olds for 2010/2011

Call Amber 944-0858

Over 30 years of learning through imaginative play and socialization

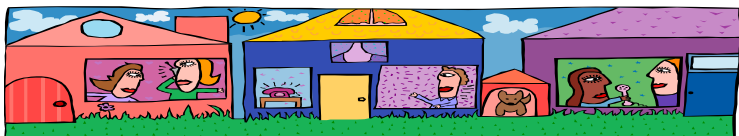


The Little Years School Inc., a nursery school program for 3 and 4 year old children, will begin accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year at the annual OPEN HOUSE scheduled for February 10th at 6:30 to 8:00 pm., located in rooms 23, 28, and 29 of Ralph Maybank Elementary School at 20 Donnelly Street in Fort Garry.

The two day/week program for 3 year olds runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings or afternoons at a cost of \$75/month. The three day/week program for 4 year olds runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings or afternoons at a cost of \$112/month. Morning class times are from 8:50 am to 11:20 am and our afternoon class times are from 12:45 pm to 3:15 pm. Our programs run from September to June. Please note that subsidies are available.

Our dedicated teachers and well equipped classrooms provide quality preschool education in a safe, fun, spacious, clean, and stimulating atmosphere. All teachers have a minimum of Early Childhood Educator II accreditation. Our Director is an Early Childhood Educator III, with a Bachelor of Education Degree. Children participated in free play, printing practice, crafts, music and movement, learning circles, and story time. A large school gymnasium is available which enhances our physical education program. Each child brings their own healthy snack for snack time. Please note that we are a nut free facility.

We invite you and your child(ren) to come visit our school. The teachers and Board will be available to meet you and answer any questions you may have. A registration fee of \$50 (cheque only) is required at the time of the open house to register and to hold a space in the preferred session. This fee is non-refundable. For more information on the school or to start the application process contact Olga Wiebe, director, at 489-0303 or at littleyearsschool@yahoo.ca. You can also check out our website at www.littleyearsschool.com.



Community News

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



**FORT GARRY WOMEN'S
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Body Image & Weight Preoccupation – *In support of Eating Disorder Awareness Week* this presentation will challenge the current ideal of a thin body for women and explore the social and cultural factors that perpetuate this image. The goal is to promote the development of a healthy self-image and encourage a friendly relationship with one's body and with food. The presentation will promote eating and exercising for energy, pleasure and wellness; dieting is discouraged. Thursday February 4th, 2010 7:00-8:30 pm at 1150A Waverley Street. Space is limited – pre registration is required by calling 477-1123. This is a women only event. Workshop is free – non perishable food items or monetary donations towards FGWRC are gladly accepted. Working in partnership with Women's Health Clinic.

Women and the Law: Workshop for Community Women –The workshop will be presented by Melissa Serbin & Raegan Rankin of the Manitoba Prosecutions Service and will provide basic legal information and resources. Legal Issues Regarding : Child and Family Services – What are your rights? What Happens if CFS takes your children? Information on CFS placements and; How to get in touch with CFS if you need help/support. Wednesday, February 17th 2010 6:00-8:00 pm at 1150A Waverley Street. Space is limited – Pre registration is required by calling 477-1123. This is a women only event. Childcare, healthy snacks and bus tickets are provided. Workshop is free – please consider donating a non perishable food item to FGWRC for women and children in need. Funded by The Manitoba Law Foundation.

Introduction to Chakras – A workshop for women who are seeking balance, harmony and inner peace. Chakras are energy centres in our body that can be activated and harmonized using various techniques. Chakra work is a subtle method of helping us find balance in our lives. Wednesday February 24th, 2010 7:00-9:00 pm at 1150A Waverley Street. Space is limited – pre registration is required by calling 477-1123. This is a women only event. Workshop is free – non perishable food items or monetary donations towards FGWRC are gladly accepted.

Tools for Change – a fun and participatory workshop for women – this workshop gives women the tools to take action on important issues. Wednesday February 17th, 2010 9:30 am – 12:30 am at #104-3100 Pembina Hwy. Buzz Code 1003. Free! Snack, Bus Tickets and Childcare provided. For more information and to register please call 477-1123.

Various Locations in Winnipeg:

Free Self Defense Courses for Women – Using the technique of Wen-Do, a certified instructor will offer discussion and physical skills in a supportive and non-competitive atmosphere, regardless of age or ability. Saturday, February 27th and Saturday March 6th 9 am – 4 pm each day at St. Andrew's United Church 255 Oak Street. Must call 477-1123 to register.

Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre Women's Night of Culture Fundraiser

Thursday February 11th, 2010 7pm (Doors open at 6:30) at The Park Theatre (698 Osborne Street)

Featuring: Strong Singing Turtle Women (Aboriginal Drumming Group), Moto Moto (African dance group), Emma Maendel speaking about her spiritual journey, and musical guest Cara Luft.

All Welcome for entertainment, refreshments, silent auction, and cash bar. Tickets \$20.00-For Ticket Info please call 477-1123.



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| 1 <i>Day 3</i> | 2 <i>Day 4</i> | 3 <i>Day 5</i> | 4 <i>Day 6</i> | 5 <i>Day 1</i> Reports Sent Home |
| 8 <i>Day 2</i> | 9 <i>Day 3</i> 7:00 p.m. - Band Concert | 10 <i>Day 4</i> | 11 <i>Day 5</i> 10:30 - Gr 1-4 to MTS Centre - pre-Olympic Hockey 7:00 - Kindergarten Info night | 12 <i>Day 6</i> Gr 5-9 Winter Activity Day |
| 15 Louis Riel Day NO CLASSES | 16 <i>Day 1</i> 9:30 - Gr 9 VMC orientation 7:00 - VMC Open House | 17 <i>Day 2</i> | 18 <i>Day 3</i> | 19 <i>Day 4</i> |
| 22 <i>Day 5</i> | 23 <i>Day 6</i> 12:30—Gr 8 Art Students to Art Gallery | 24 <i>Day 1</i> 12:30 - Gr 9 Band to Optimist Festival | 25 <i>Day 2</i> 9:45 - Gr 3-4 to WSO | 26 <i>Day 3</i> 12:30—Gr 8 Band to Optimist Festival |