



GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY

2009

Dear General Byng Families,

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

- Reports go home on February 6th
- Band Concert on February 10th
- Gr. 7–9 Winter Activity Day on February 13th
- Grade 9 Transition process to VMC
- Track Team participating in Regina Optimist Band Festival
- Kindergarten Info Evening February 19th
- School Dance on February 26th
- Japan Exchange preparations
- I Love to Read Month

We hope that all of our students perform at their best during their events and activities. 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 16th and 17th. Having regular conversations with your child will support them in their learning and assist them in preparing for their conference in April.

On a final note, the students and staff at General Byng have dealt with the extreme cold weather in an exemplary manner. Congratulations to everyone - the warm weather will soon be here!

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:

- REPORTS GO HOME FEBRUARY 6
- NO CLASSES
Feb. 16 —
Louis Riel Day
- Please note the Citrus Fundraiser has been cancelled.

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.

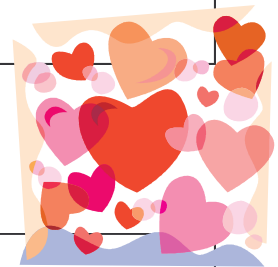
MESSAGES

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.



PATROL NEWS

Due to the very cold weather, our patrols have had limited duty this month. Hopefully, now that the weather has improved we can be out at our posts doing our job. Just a reminder to all patrols that you need to dress appropriately for the weather. The patrols enjoyed a pizza party and movie as a thank you for the great work they have done to date. Keep up the great work everyone.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Our new General Byng website (<http://generalbyng.pbwiki.com>) has been up and running for a few months now. This site allows teachers to post class assignments and news. Students and parents can access all information by selecting the grade on the main page and the teacher(s) on each individual grade/subject page. **Parents do not need to request access to use the website. Access is only required for staff to post information.** We would like your feedback on the website and how useful you find it in assisting your child.



BACK LANE USE - DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP STUDENTS

Cold weather and excessive amounts of snow have contributed to a safety concern in the back lane at drop-off and pick-up times for elementary students. In an effort to ensure safety for the children and to lessen the confusion and "traffic jam" atmosphere of the back lane, we would like to offer the following suggestions as guidelines to follow.

Between 8:15-8:45 a.m. and 3:20- 3:50 p.m.:

1. Use the lane as a ONE WAY route (travel east to west), entering from Daniel Street and exiting out, onto Beaumont Street stop only on the north side of the lane (by houses) and not in the middle of the lane, as this could cause traffic delays.

Rationale:

One way traffic

1. Traffic flowing in one direction prevents fewer "bottlenecks"
2. One way traffic lessens the confusion
3. All drivers currently use both the Beaumont and Daniel exits/entrances; this will not change except that all drivers will enter by Daniel and exit by Beaumont

Stopping on North side of lane:

1. Stopping on the north side exposes the driver side door to lane traffic and, in most instances, allows the children to enter/exit on the passenger side which is the opposite side to traffic
2. Stopping on this side allows traffic a larger laneway to travel
3. Staff cars are not blocked (lunch hour meetings, etc.)
4. If parents/volunteers intend to stop for more than 15 minutes, please park on the street

Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Mr. Juby or Mrs. Walker at the school (452-3040)

Food For Thought . . .



News from the Foods Lab

Ms. B. McCann

In January, the three grade nine classes embarked on a field trip to Winnipeg Technical College. While they were there, the students toured the industrial kitchen, participated in a demonstration by the chef and took a brief look around at the other trade areas. These young cooks were inspired by Chef Rajotte.

The second grade eight section of Industrial Arts completed their section hungry for more. A favourite grade eight cooking class was preparing "Mike's Dessert Pizza" recipe which was contributed by Mike B.

The new grade seven section began on Jan 30th with simple but scrumptious Cheese dreams. They are looking forward to the Banana Chocolate Chip Muffins.

Hearty stews warm the body and sooth the soul during our cold Winnipeg winters. Whether simmered in a slow cooker or baked in a roaster, the aroma that fills the house creates delicious anticipation for a filling supper. Here's a Beef Stew recipe my family enjoys.

Beef Stew

- 2 pounds stewing beef
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups water
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 clove garlic, peeled
- 1 or 2 bay leaves
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Dash ground allspice or ground cloves
- 3 large carrots, sliced
- 8 -10 baby potatoes cut in half
- 3 ribs celery, chopped
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Brown meat in hot oil. Add water, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, bay leaves, onion, salt, sugar, pepper, paprika, and allspice. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hours. Remove bay leaves and garlic clove. Add carrots, potatoes and celery. Cover and cook 40 to 50 minutes longer. To thicken gravy, remove 2 cups hot liquid. Using a separate bowl, combine 1/4 cup water and cornstarch until smooth. Mix with a little hot liquid and return mixture to pot. Stir and cook until bubbly. Serve with fresh bread.

PEMBINA TRAILS SENIOR HIGH OPEN HOUSES

All students entering grade 10 for the 2009—2010 school year are invited to an Open House at:

VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE
975 Dowker Avenue Phone: 453-8023

Grade 10—Grade 12—English Program
Grade 10—Grade 12—French Immersion

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION -NEWS—Mrs. Wolfe and Mr. Scholz

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Track 7:45 am</i> <i>LM @ GB</i> <i>Grade 8 Boys</i>	3 <i>7G 7:45 am</i> <i>RWP @ GB</i> <i>Grade 9 Boys & Girls</i>	4 <i>Track 7:45 am</i> <i>7B 3:30 pm</i> <i>8B 4:30 pm</i>	5 <i>7G 3:30 pm</i> <i>9B 4:30 pm</i>	6 <i>9G 3:30 pm</i>	7
8	9 <i>Acadia @ GB</i> <i>Grade 8 Boys</i>	10 BAND CONCERT!	11 <i>Track 7:45 am</i> <i>8B 3:30 pm</i> <i>9G 4:30 pm</i>	12 <i>9B 3:30 pm</i> <i>TBA—Gr. 7</i> <i>Boys & Girls</i> <i>Games</i>	13 <i>Track 7:45 am</i> <i>9G 3:30 pm</i>	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL!!!	17 <i>7G 4:30 pm</i> <i>8B 3:30 pm</i>	18 <i>Track 7:45 am</i> <i>9B 5:00 pm</i> <i>9G 3:30 pm</i>	19 <i>7B 3:30 pm</i> <i>8B 4:30 pm</i>	20 <i>Track 7:45 am</i>	21
22	23 <i>Track 7:45 am</i> <i>9G 3:30 pm</i> <i>9B 5:00 pm</i>	24 <i>STP @ GB</i> <i>STM @ GB</i> <i>Grade 9 Boys & Girls</i>	25 <i>Track 7:45 am</i> <i>7G 3:30 pm</i> <i>7B 4:30 pm</i>	26 <i>8B 3:30 pm</i>	27 <i>Track 7:45 am</i>	28
PRACTICES in BLACK				GAMES in RED		

A PAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

This year with the popularity of sequels and series, we are celebrating "I 'series'ly love to read" month. A book series is defined as "....a sequence of books with common characteristics....such as author, setting, story, set of characters, timeline..."

New in the serial department we have *Elephant and Piggie* books by Mo Willems...*Are You Ready to Play Outside, My Friend is Sad, I Love My New Toy!* and *I Will Surprise My Friend!*. For Valentine's day we have *Love, Splat and Splat the Cat*. Ms. McCann's gr. 9 foods students will be baking cookies for the K-4's in celebration of the latest instalment of the mouse and cookie saga,*If You Give a Cat a Cupcake.... yum.... Scaredy Squirrel* is now at the beach...and in the dark at night (teeth that glow in the dark..yikes!)?! *The Travelling Pants* have just added *3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows*. Of course no series discussion would be complete without the mention of the super popular *Twilight*, which, despite our multiple copies, is hard to keep the on the shelf.

We are once again lucky to have our MLA, Kerri Irvin-Ross come to read to the K-4 classes. Also, thanks to Mr. Tamblyn, some 2010 Winter Olympic participants (that's 'series' athletes) will be coming to read to various classes....

We will be continuing with our perennial favourite, as we "seriesly" jump into reading where all the students and teachers will stop what they're doing and just read....'seriesly'... We will also be continuing with our "snippets" segments whereby Mr. Tamblyn will read a snippet from a series first thing in the morning over the PA. All classes/tags have the opportunity to guess from which series the snippet comes and a winner will be drawn daily. A calendar has been included with ideas to "seriesly" celebrate reading both at home and at school. You might set a goal of trying to do at least one a week as a family.

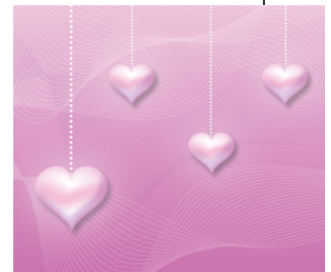
If children....

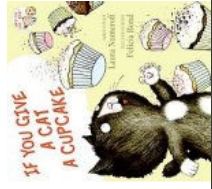
- see you read
 - are given time to read
 - are encouraged to talk about books
- discover a book that they love...they will read

.... and look for more books to love

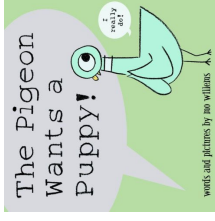
Got a book? "seriesly"!


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





February 2009 We “seriesly” Love to Read Month



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1. It's Sunday...yay! You have time to read the "serial" (cereal) box.</p>	<p>2. Ground Hog Day... ...check the Internet to see if he saw his shadow...or are we in for a "seriesly" cold spring...?</p>	<p>3. Write a poem entitled "Seriesly."</p>	<p>4. Happy Birthday to Russell Hoban, author of the Frances series.</p>	<p>5. Look up the definition of the word "series."</p>	<p>6. Draw a picture of a character from your favourite series.</p>	<p>7. Read the Saturday comics with your family "seriesly" or not.</p>
<p>8. Ask your parents/grandparents about their favourite childhood series.</p>	<p>9. Find as many synonyms as you can for the word "series."</p>	<p>10. Make a list of as many series as you can think of.</p>	<p>11. In the continuing saga of supper (the final installment of the meal series)...read a recipe from the Best of Bridge series.</p>	<p>12. Happy Birthday to serial author Judy Blume...Fudge and the gang.</p>	<p>13. Friday the 13th ...read up on superstitions...a series of unfortunate events.</p>	<p>14. Valentine's Saturday..yay!...read to someone you love...you, your hamster, your mom, your grandpa...).</p>
<p>15. Read to a "series" snuggler...your puppy (even if he's 10 years old), your cat, a stuffy or two...</p>	<p>16. Louis Riel Day. ...Google him.</p>	<p>17. Ask your teachers about their favourite childhood series (if they ever were a kid)</p>	<p>18. Find as many songs as you can with the "seriesly" in them.</p> 	<p>19. Read a serial book to a younger person</p>	<p>20. Read under the covers with a flashlight.</p>	<p>21. Visit your local library with your family.</p>
<p>22. Ask your (vice-) principal about his/her favourite series... (it doesn't get more "series" than that.)</p>	<p>23. Write a review of your favourite series.</p> 	<p>24. Read a series snip- pet to a friend.</p>	<p>Happy Birthday to Iain Lawrence, author of the Wreckers and the Con-victs series.</p>	<p>26. "Seriesly"...use it or lose it...exercise your mind and read regularly...make a list of things you want to read or learn about.</p>	<p>27. Name 3 characters from the Twilight series.</p>	<p>28. Play charades with series titles.</p> 

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Our latest PERFORMANCE DAY was very successful.... lots of students playing instruments, a bit of dance, and plenty of singing. Congratulations to all who took part!

Our "Fun-Raiser" Spring Concert will be held this year at 7pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. We will be having our next "FUN-RAISER" meeting on Wednesday, February 18 at 3:30 pm in the MUSIC Room. All are welcome. Special thanks to our co-ordinators this year: Mrs. DeMoissac and Mrs. McDougall. !!

The grade 3-4 classes will be attending the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Elementary Concert on March 26. We will be studying the instruments of the orchestra.

DID YOU KNOW?

A majority of the engineers and technical designers in Silicon Valley are practicing musicians. Music Educators' Journal, September, 2000.

Mr. D. Carroll
Elementary Music



BAND NEWS—Mrs. Canto

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who will attend the band concert on Tuesday, February 10th 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 34th annual Optimist Clubs of Winnipeg band festival to be held in the Winnipeg Convention Centre from February 17—20, 2009. 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 Wednesday, February 18th at 9:50 a.m.. The grade 9 band will perform Friday, February 20th at 10:50 a.m. Students will need to return a permission slip in order to attend the festival and wear their 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 2009 Provincial Junior Honour Band. All tapes must be submitted to Mrs. Canto no later than Monday, March 2nd. Good luck General Byng students!

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year to all of our General Byng families. It has been a while since I have shared some ideas or information in the newsletter, but that means I have been really busy here at the school.

As I was driving to work the other week listening to the radio, I heard an advertisement about a new program being offered to parents to help teach their children good money management. This really caught my attention because I myself did not have the strong education on savings, interest, credit, and general money maintenance at a young age and ended up making a lot of mistakes along the way. Luckily, I do not have as large of worries as some Canadians do entering a recession, but I have realized, with the proper education; many of these issues are preventable.

So what is the name of this program? It is called "**Make it Count: A Parent's Guide to Youth Money Management**" and is put out by The Manitoba Securities Commission. It is a free guide available online at:

www.makeitcountonline.ca

It was developed because they believe that lessons learned at an early age about everyday transactions can go a long way toward building responsible financial habits in adulthood.

The "**Make it Count**" guide provides parents with activities and information to help incorporate money management lessons into the daily routine, which in our busy lives is always a plus.

I hope you take the time to check it out online and print out the guide to use with your children, I am sure you will find this program as valuable as I do.

Mrs. S. Cockle
Guidance Counsellor



HERE IS THE LATEST UPDATE FOR OUR WALK TO SETAGAYA...

We are still putting one foot in front of the other and slowly walking our way to Setagaya. To date, we have walked 2612.4 kms. The EY students have continued to add to the total. They take advantage of the free gym period on day 6s. On average they chalk up 90 km. during that period. Way to go! It is 8987 km from Winnipeg to Setagaya, Japan. We have completed 29% of the distance. Given that February marks the half-way point of the school year, we are behind in our distance walked. Hopefully some nicer weather is on the horizon and we can walk outside again. Walking inside just doesn't give us the same results.

Mme. Renic

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WANTED

Pembina Trails Division will be offering a School Bus Driver Training course in the spring of 2009.

For more information please call:
Steve Hazelwood
Assistant Director, Transportation
488-1767 ext. 1216

THE LITTLE YEARS NURSERY SCHOOL INC.

OPEN HOUSE

For 2009-2010 School Year
Registration Evening
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Early Years Education
Experienced and Educated Staff.
Located in Ralph Maybank School
20 Donnelly Street

3-year-old class - \$75 per month

Tuesday and Thursday, mornings or afternoons

4-year-old class - \$112 per month

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, mornings or afternoons

Registration Fee \$50.00

Please call Olga @ 489-0303



**Girl Guides
of Canada
Guides
du Canada**

For more information on the Sparks program in Fort Garry/Lindenwoods, Waverley Heights/Whyte Ridge call 253-3937 or email bishopg@mts.net
For the Charleswood community, Tuxedo Park and Laidlaw schools call 775-3003 or email ggcpwa@girlguides.mb.ca . You can also check out our websites girlguides.ca or girlguides.mb.ca

Girl Guides of Canada has programs for girls ages 5—17 and offers women the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of girls and young women. Call to see how you can volunteer!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, February 10, 2009	P.M.—Gr. 7–9 Band Concert
February 11–13, 2009	Gr. 7–9 Asessippi Ski Trip
Friday, February 13, 2009	Gr. 7–9 Winter Activity Day
Monday, February 16, 2009	NO CLASSES (K–Gr. 9) Louis Riel Day
Tuesday, February 17, 2009	7:00 p.m. - Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2009	7:00 p.m.—Kindergarten Information Evening
Monday, February 23, 2009	Gr. 1–6—Festival Du Voyageur
Thursday, February 26, 2009	6:00–9:00 p.m.—Grade 7–9 School Dance
Friday, March 13, 2009	NO CLASSES (K–Gr. 9) School P.D.
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.
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)
Friday, June 12, 2009	NO CLASSES (K–Gr. 9)
Tuesday, June 30, 2009	Last Day of School



FEBRUARY 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2—DAY 2	3—DAY 3	4—DAY 4	5—DAY 5	6—DAY 6
9—DAY 1	10—DAY 2 P.M.—Gr. 7—9 BAND CONCERT	11—DAY 3	12—DAY 4	13—DAY 5 Gr. 7—9 WINTER ACTIVITY DAY
Gr. 7—9 ASESIPPI SKI TRIP				
16 NO CLASSES LOUIS RIEL DAY	17—DAY 6 7:00 p.m.—Parent Advisory Council Meeting	18—DAY 1	19—DAY 2 7:00 p.m.— Kindergarten Information Evening	20—DAY 3
23—DAY 4 Gr. 1—6 FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR	24—DAY 5	25—DAY 6	26—DAY 1 6:00—9:00 p.m.— Gr. 7-9 School Dance	27—DAY 2

