



GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL
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February
2011
Newsletter

Dear General Byng Families,

You have recently received the first report card of the school year. This report represents your child's level of achievement at this time, as measured against the provincial standards. Please contact your child's teacher (s) with any questions about the report and continue to communicate with them throughout the remainder of the year.

The report card is one way that the school communicates with families regarding student learning. Other formal communication occurs through the Tri-Conferences (Student, Teacher, and Parent). Our next set of conferences is scheduled for April 14 and 15th. Registrations for the conferences will be completed on-line. Some families had difficulty registering for the conferences in December, so a link to the registration site will be placed on the school web page.

In an effort to solicit community feedback, we sent home a survey in November. The data from this survey establishes a baseline and gives us direction for our ongoing improvement efforts. We received 141 completed surveys (43%). Some of what we learned was that:

- 66% indicated satisfaction with the communication received from the school office
- 70% were satisfied with the communication received from teachers
- 83% were happy their child attends General Byng School
- 76% would like more information sent electronically (via email)

We are currently working on changes which we hope will generate better results; look for another survey in late spring! Thank you for your time and support in this area.

We are aware that the Lions Gate Daycare will be closing at the end of June and understand how this will negatively affect families. We are working with a number of parties in an attempt to bring a stable and effective child care centre to General Byng School. We are hopeful that we will have a positive result and will update you as soon as possible.

We thank you for your continued support as we work together to support the learning of our students. Please contact us at your convenience with any questions or concerns – your feedback is always welcome.

Sincerely and with care,

Mr. D. Juby
Principal

Mrs. G. Walker
Vice Principal

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

If you have a child that will be 5 by December 31, 2011 please join us for our Kindergarten Information Evening on February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

If you know of someone who has a child that will be 5 by December 31, 2011, please let them know about our information evening.

To help fend off the cold winter months, Cinematheque returns with its annual *CABIN FEVER! Free Films for Kids* series. Join us for this special series of films: Charlie Chaplin films, Winged Migration, Chicken Run, Charlotte's Web, and Jason and the Argonauts. For children ages 6-11 every Sunday afternoon during January and February. See http://www.winnipegfilmgroup.com/uploads/Cinematheque_JanFeb_prog_web.pdf for details.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Our next PERFORMANCE DAY will be held on Tuesday February 8, Day 3. 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.



The grade 3-4 classes will be attending the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Elementary Concert on Wednesday, March 23 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 next month.

We have 3 Grade 6 girls who will be a part of the PTSD 200-voice choir that will be singing with the WSO on March 22. We are working hard at learning the music for that great experience.

As mentioned at the Christmas Season Concert, we will be creating an "Arts" evening in late May which will involve displays and performances from K-6 music, Art, Jazz Band and Drama (Improv). Further information will be forthcoming. It's an exciting evening!



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 2011 – 2012 season. Audition packages will be available from your school office or your school's music specialist April 4. For detailed information about PTV, check the website at <http://www.pembinatrails.ca/program/pembinatrailsvoices>.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Food for Thought

News from the Foods Lab

Ms. B. McCann

In January and February many of us focus on the winter comfort foods and healthier eating. The grade nine students started the year with Old Fashioned Home Made Mac 'n Cheese* (A delicious yet healthier alternative to the packaged kind). These students have been invited 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 Banana 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.

Home Made Mac 'n Cheese*

Cheese Sauce

25 ml butter	1 clove garlic	25ml flour
250 ml milk	250 ml cheese	dash of salt and pepper

Melt butter and add flour, stir.

Add seasonings salt, pepper and mince garlic.

Stir till smooth and slowly add milk. Do not boil.

Add grated cheese and stir till melted. Set aside.

Pasta

300 ml whole wheat macaroni salt

Fill a large pot with water. Add enough salt so that the water is as salty as the sea. Bring to a boil.

Add pasta and cook until tender. (about 8 min)

Drain and return to pot. Mix with cheese sauce. Pour into buttered casserole

Buttered crumbs

50 ml seasoned bread crumbs 10 ml butter 15 ml parmesan cheese

Melt butter, add crumbs until coated.

Sprinkle crumbs on top of pasta and then sprinkle parmesan cheese on top.

Bake uncovered at 400 F for 8-10 min. ENJOY!

ARTIST IN THE SCHOOL

Jordan Schacht, a local artist, conducted a workshop with Mr. Burgess' grade 8 ELA class. The class is studying *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton and one of the assignment choices is to collage slang words from the novel in graffiti style. Jordan has been creating art for fifteen years and has an upcoming workshop at the Graffiti Gallery based on the Seven Sacred Teachings of Aboriginal culture that encompasses street art with aboriginal teachings. Jordan stressed the difference between vandalism and art and showed the students different styles of letters. The workshop was enjoyed by all.



BAND

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who will attend the band concert on Wednesday, 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 36th annual Optimist Clubs of Winnipeg Band Festival to be held in the Winnipeg Convention Centre from February 15-18, 2011. 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 16th at 10:50 p.m. The grade 9 band will perform Tuesday, February 15th at 1:20 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.

In addition, the grade 9 jazz band will be performing in the Festival at North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church (1315 Gateway Road at Springfield).

Several students in grades 8 and 9 are in the process of preparing tapes for the 2011 Provincial Junior and Intermediate Honour Bands. All tapes must be recorded no later than Tuesday, March 1st and submitted to the Manitoba Band Association by Monday, March 7th.

PAC NEWS

The General Byng Parent Council is excited with the start of the new year and new projects on the horizon. In the works are plans for a pizza lunch for the early/middle years classrooms, and a fundraiser "Beach Night" family dance as well. Watch your child/rens backpacks for handouts and order sheets!

In order to offer your families these fun activities we will be requiring people to volunteer some time and baking. The pizza lunches will be offered to all children, not just the students who pay for the lunch program at the school. So on these specific days we will need a few extra parents to come in and help hand out pizza as well as supervise on the playground after lunch.

We are also beginning to put together the Teacher Appreciation Week which will be in April this year. This is always a success at the school and so many people bring in wonderful snacks and treats for the staff.

If you are able to bring in snacks/food for Teacher Appreciation or are able to volunteer your time for a lunch hour please contact us at gbparentcouncil@gmail.com

Thanks so much!

A Page from the Library

February is I Love to Read month. This year we're celebrating at the Hardcover Cafe. All classes are encouraged to choose a Hard Rock Cafe destination and read their way. Choices include Paris, Honolulu, San Fransisco, Dublin.....really, reading can take you anywhere. Classes arriving at their destination will win the Read and Win Red River Ex passes.

We'll be **beginning** the month with some "hard" facts about reading and its importance. They'll be read every morning by Mr. Tamblyn.

The **second week** will be "Name that Hardcover" whereby Mr. Tamblyn will read picture book snippets from hardcover books first thing in the morning over the PA. All classes will have the opportunity to guess from which book the snippet comes and a winner will be drawn daily.

The **third week** we will have "Tune in to the Hardcover Cafe"..... all the students and teachers will stop what they're doing and just read.

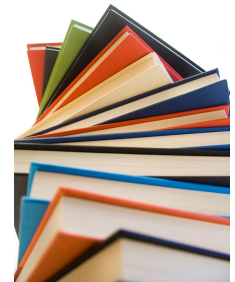
Finally, I Love to Read month will end at the General Byng Hardcover Cafe. Those wishing to perform a Readers' Theatre selection, radio play or storytelling will meet at the General Byng Hardcover Cafe to celebrate.....good times, good tunes...great books.

A calendar has been included with ideas to 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


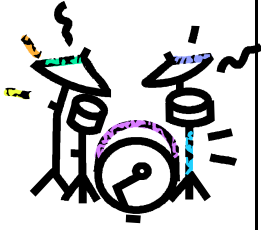
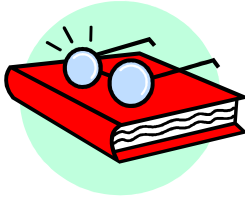



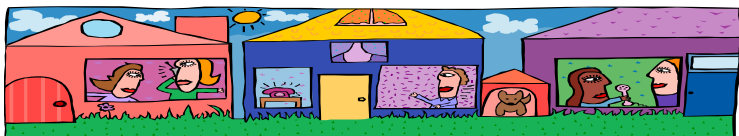
Every year we have a different theme to celebrate I Love to Read Month, but really, it all comes down to reading....just reading. Whether you're encouraging your child to read or letting them see you read a book for pleasure... it's just reading.

Got a book? **Just read.**

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

I Love to Read 2011: Tune in to the Hardcover Café

		<p>1 Keep a list of the books you read this month. Include them on your Read and Win sheet!</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day! Check if spring will ever come.</p>	<p>3 Check out the Music section of the Free Press. Are there any events you want to attend?</p>	<p>4 Go online and re-search your favourite musician. What's their favourite book?</p>	<p>5 Tell your parents about the book you're reading.</p>
<p>6 Ask _____ about the book they're reading.</p>	<p>_____ he Beatles first come to the US. What's your favourite Beatles song?</p>	<p>8 What's your favourite song?</p>	<p>9 Ask your parents their favourite song.</p>	<p>10 Write and illustrate a music-themed ABC book with your class.</p>	<p>11 Wear your Hard Rock Café gear or dress as your favourite story-book character.</p>	<p>12 Visit the Fort Garry Public Library. Check out the CD and DVD section.</p>
<p>13 Feb. 13th, 2000: Last Peanuts comic strip. Read Saturday's comics.</p>	<p>14 Read the lyrics to your favourite love song.</p>	<p>15 Bring a book to show and tell. Do a book talk and see if your classmates want to read it, too!</p>	<p>16 Find a recipe and cook it with your family tonight in your very own Hardcover Café.</p>	<p>17 Create a soundtrack for your favourite book.</p>	<p>18 Festival du Voyageur begins! Celebrate by learning a French folk song.</p>	<p>19 Feb. 19, 1878: Thomas Edison patents the phonograph. Have you ever listened to a record?</p>
<p>20 Buffy Sainte Marie's birthday! Read the lyrics to Universal Soldier.</p>	<p>21 It's Louis Riel Day! Who was Louis Riel, and why is he important to Manitobans?</p>	<p>22 With your class, create an I Love to Read e-photo album.</p>	<p>23 Illustrate your favourite song.</p>	<p>24 Write a list of your 10 favourite songs. Do your friends like any of the same ones?</p>	<p>25 Elementary classes attend Readers' Theatre assembly.</p>	<p>26 Write a list of songs with café in the lyrics. How many did you find?</p>
<p>27 Sing a song to your pet. Do they have a favourite?</p>	<p>28 Hand in your Read and Win sheet. Don't forget to proofread it!</p>					



Community News

IMPORTANT DATES

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

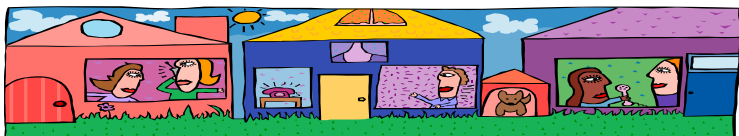


City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide

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. Guides are available for pick up at civic pools, libraries and leisure centres, and at a number of retail locations including Safeway, 7-Eleven and Mac's. Registration for spring and summer programs, including summer camps, begins on Monday, March 14, 2011.

Watch for the new Spring/Summer Leisure Guide out March 5th.



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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER?

The Pembina Trails School Division is looking for School Bus Drivers for September, 2011.

If you are interested in finding out how to become a School Bus Driver and you have a clear and valid driver's licence; call Steve Hazelwood @ 488-1767 ext. 1216 for more information.

Free EAL Community Classes


Practice English with fluent English speakers. Children up to grade 9 are welcome. Activities will be provided. Please contact Kendra at 794-7864. Where: Church of the Rock, 1397 Buffalo Place When: 7:00-8:30 Wednesday evenings, starting February 9th

The Little Years School Inc., a nursery school program for 3 and 4 year old children, will begin accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 school year at the annual OPEN HOUSE scheduled for February 9th from 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 and the three day/week program for 4 year olds runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings or afternoons. 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 participate 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.

Family Drop-ins Centers							
<p>Beaumont School 5880 Betsworth Avenue Room #3</p> <p>Beaverlodge School 6691 Rannock Avenue Parent Resource Room</p> <p>Royal School 450 Laxdal Road Room #9</p> <p>Gym Drop in Charleswood United Church 4820 Roblin Boulevard</p>		<p>1 Beaumont Drop in 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Wiggle, Giggle and Munch 1:00 - 2:30 WRHA building</p> <p>Evening Royal Drop in 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2 Beaverlodge Drop in 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>3 Beaumont Drop in 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Royal Drop in 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>4</p>		
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 <i>Day 4</i> <i>Gr 5/6 Field Trip</i>	2 <i>Day 5</i>	3 <i>Day 6</i>	4 <i>Day 1</i> Reports sent home
7 <i>Day 2</i>	8 <i>Day 3</i>	9 <i>Day 4</i>	10 <i>Day 5</i> Parent Info Evening—Internet Safety/Drug Awareness	11 <i>Day 6</i> Track Attack Gr 7-9 Activity Day
14 <i>Day 1</i>	15 <i>Day 2</i> Gr 9 Band Field Trip	16 <i>Day 3</i> Gr 8 Band Field Trip	17 <i>Day 4</i>	18 <i>Day 5</i> School In-Service No Classes
21 Louis Riel Day No Classes	22 <i>Day 6</i>	23 <i>Day 1</i> Track Attack	24 <i>Day 2</i> Band Field Trip Kindergarten Information Night	25 <i>Day 3</i>
28 <i>Day 4</i>				