



# GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL

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## JANUARY

## 2009

Dear Families:

The last few days of December were very busy around General Byng School. We thank Mr. Carroll and all of the students, parents and staff who assisted with our K-6 Concert. We also appreciate the efforts of Mr. Sahulka, Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. Tamblyn and the leadership students in organizing another successful Talent Show.

We enter 2009 with optimism and are excited to support our students with their academic and personal growth.

As part of our ongoing work to improve and enhance our school grounds, our Evergreen Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 13th. If you are interested in landscaping and design, please join us at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Report cards will be issued on Friday, February 6th. If you require any information on the progress of your child(ren), please contact the individual teacher(s).

A number of grade 7 and 8 students demonstrated an interest in the upcoming Japan Exchange with Setagaya, Japan. More information will be sent home with those students and an information evening is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Please check our web page for school updates and information from individual teachers: [www.generalbyng.pbwiki.com](http://www.generalbyng.pbwiki.com).

Sincerely,

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:

- NO CLASSES— January 23 (all grades)
- Please send in any change of address or phone numbers
- Inform office of any absences or appointments

## 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.*

## EARLY DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT

Our provincial government requires all school divisions in Manitoba participate in the administration of the Early Development Instrument (EDI) in order to have comparable data on the readiness for school of all children in Manitoba at the start of the school years. In January and February of 2009, kindergarten teachers across Manitoba will complete surveys about the readiness for school of our children in five areas: physical health and well-being, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive development, language skills and general knowledge. The EDI is a population-based measure and results are provided by class and by community.

The results will be used by our school division, and our local parent-child coalitions as a resource when planning for the best programs to support the unique strengths and needs of our local communities. For information on the parent-child coalition within your community or on the EDI, please contact the Healthy Child Manitoba Office at 945-2266.

**PATROL NEWS**

Congratulations to Thomas K., Jonathan M., Lexi J. and Byran J. who were the Patrol of the Week winners for this month. Just a reminder that as we move into the extreme cold season we encourage all patrols to please dress appropriately for your time on post. Mitts, hats, ski pants and good boots are a must. Our cold weather policy is that if the temperature is -27 or colder with the wind chill, the patrols will not be on post. Thank you to all patrols for their excellent work this fall in keeping our student safe.

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

Welcome Back! Basketball season begins for grades 7–9! Good luck to all the teams. Check the WIKI for schedules.

The track team is continuing to train hard for the upcoming indoor track season. We will be on the road in early February going to a meet in Regina.

Stay tuned for information on intramurals!

**January 2009**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 <i>Track 7:45 am 9B 3:30 pm 8B 4:30 pm</i>	6 <i>7G 3:30 pm 9G 4:30 pm</i>	7 <i>Track 7:45 am 9G 3:30 pm 9B 4:30 pm GB @ CJH (8 Boys)</i>	8 <i>7B 3:30 pm GB @ CJH (9Boys and 9 Girls)</i>	9 <i>Track 7:45 am</i>	10
11	12 <i>Track 7:45 am 8B 3:30 pm 9B 4:30 pm</i>	13 <i>9G 3:30 pm 7G 4:30 pm</i>	14 <i>Track 7:45 am 9B 3:30 pm 9G 4:30 pm GB @ HGI (8 Boys)</i>	15 <i>7B 3:30 pm GB @ Westdale (9 Boys and 9 Girls)</i>	16 <i>Track 7:45 am</i>	17
18	19 <i>Track 7:45 am 9B 3:30 pm 9G 4:30 pm</i>	20 <i>STP @ GB (9 Boys) STM @ GB (9 Girls)</i>	21 <i>Track 7:45 am 8B 3:30 pm 7G 4:30 pm</i>	22 <i>Acadia @ GB (9 Boys and 9 Girls)</i>	23 <i>Track 7:45 am 7B 3:30</i>	24
25	26 <i>Track 7:45 am</i>	27 <i>EVA @ GB (9 Boys and 9 Girls)</i>	28 <i>Track 7:45 am AAL @ GB (8 Boys)</i>	29 <i>7 Boys and 7 Girls Tournaments @ TBA</i>	30 <i>Track 7:45 am</i>	31
<b>Practices in Black</b>				<b>Games in Red</b>		

## BOOK TALK

We don't know if we should wish you a good book to curl up with this January because we don't know just how cold it will be, but chances are.....

To help you out .....new on the shelves this month for animal lovers who love to read are a "True Tales" chapter book series which includes titles such as *Rare Animals*, *Mysterious Creatures*, *The Social Lives of Animals*, *Natural Disasters*, *Animal Encounters*, *Space*, *Polar Adventures*, *Animal Masterminds*, *Animal Rescuers*, *Animal Mysteries*.....Other new titles include *Marley and Me*, *The Two Princesses of Bamarre*, *The Wish*, *Olive's Ocean*, *Hunters of the Dusk*, *A Great and Terrible Beauty*

January 27 is "Family Literacy Day" - a day created by ABC Canada Literacy Foundation in 1999 to promote the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Ideas to help you practice family literacy in your home and community include:

- Have family time to read with your child
  - Organize a children's book club with friends in your neighbourhood
  - Pick one night a week to visit your neighbourhood library
  - Keep teens reading by giving them books, newspaper articles and magazines
- Zap off the TV and pick up a book instead

\*\*\*\*Remember that children learn by example - you are the key to improving your child's reading ability by placing a high priority on reading in your home.....and reading is a key element in determining future success.....

You can visit [www.abc-canada.org](http://www.abc-canada.org) for more information about Family Literacy Day and a complete listing of Family Literacy Day events across Canada.

"I Love to Read Month" is fast approaching. All through the month of February, we will be highlighting the importance and fun of reading. The good news is you don't have to wait until February to have fun, you can start right now! --- with the 2009 MYRCA list. Don't forget that April is voting month --- only 3 months left to read the 2009 MYRCA list of great Canadian novels. All Grade 5 - 8 students are encouraged to read as many as they can.

Got a MYRCA? Come to the library....

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



## MIDDLE YEARS FRENCH—Mr. A. Falvo

Please check out [www.protopage.com/monsieurfalvo](http://www.protopage.com/monsieurfalvo) for updates on the 2009 Quebec trip.

## Walking to Setagaya Update....

The snow and colder weather has slowed us down. Since the last newsletter we only added 250 kilometres to our total. The total, as of December 10th was 2241 km. If you recall it is nearly 9000 km to Setagaya.

Ms. Renic  
EY/MY Teacher



## BAND NEWS—Mrs. Canto

### WINTER BAND CONCERT

Please plan to join us for our first concert of the year featuring our three concert bands and two jazz bands on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00pm. The students have been working hard to share their music with their family and friends. There is no admission charge for the concert. All band students are required to attend as their performance is part of their second term band mark. Concert dress is a General Byng Band Shirt (green) and black pants / skirts. (Thank you to all the students who purchased the General Byng Band Shirt during the sale in December. Proceeds of this sale will go toward band camp scholarships).

Thank you for your ongoing support of the band program at General Byng!

### CITRUS FRUIT FUNDRAISER

This year our grade 8 and grade 9 band students will be selling boxes of oranges and grapefruits to help fundraise for the band program, and for the grade 9 band trip to the Regina Spring Fest on May 21st - 23rd, 2009. The deadline for orders is February 1st, 2009. Fruit will be delivered at the end of February or the beginning of March.

If you would like to order some fruit, please see the order form included in the newsletter. Cheques should be made payable to General Byng School.

Small box of oranges / grapefruits (20 lbs) = \$23.00

Large box of oranges / grapefruits (40 lbs) = \$33.00

ORDER FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOLS OFFICE

Grade 8 and Grade 9  
**General Byng Band Fundraiser**



**Oranges  
And  
Grapefruits**

Fresh from THE FLORIDA SUNSHINE TREE

**Small Box (20 lbs)  
of oranges / grapefruits**

**\$23.00**

**Large Box (40 lbs)  
of oranges / grapefruits**

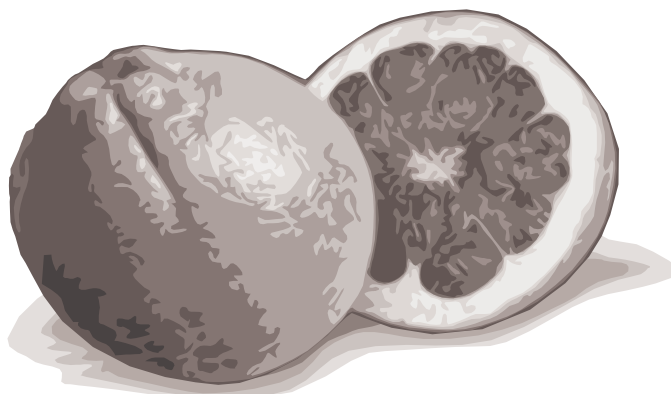
**\$33.00**

All proceeds will go to support the General Byng band program, including the grade 9 trip to the Regina Spring Fest , May 21—23rd, 2009.

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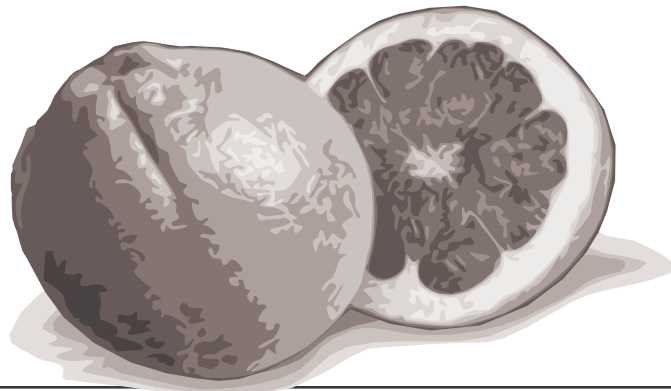
Fresh from THE FLORIDA SUNSHINE TREE

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Small box Oranges	\$23.00	
	Small box Grapefruits	\$23.00	
	Large box Oranges	\$33.00	
	Large box Grapefruits	\$33.00	

**Total = \_\_\_\_\_**

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### ROOM 12 MITTEN TREE

This year the students in Room 12 had a Mitten Tree. The students decorated the Mitten Tree with donations that they had collected. They collected hats, mittens, gloves and scarves that will be distributed to those in need in our community. The Mitten Tree was their way of helping others in the community. Thank you for your support and generosity.



### GENERAL BYNG YOUNG WRITERS' CLUB—Mr. K. Burgess

As you have read in previous newsletters, the *General Byng Young Writers' Club* meets every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch in room 37. I am pleased to announce this year's first winner in the poetry category as determined by the Poetry Institute of Canada: Ryan Burchill for his poem "Ash". With permission of the author, enjoy the poem and may it inspire you to write that poem or short story of your own and submit your writing to one of the many contests available. Not only are 1st prize authors published, they receive a copy of the anthology in which their witting is placed, as well as a cash prize.

#### ASH

Ash of the follower, ash of the sin,  
As dust to never be forgiven.

Ash crumbled to nothing in wind of the lost  
As havoc to never be cured.

So the dust was made once more  
Fashioned from the tears once lost

The soul of the land rebuilt to the kin  
As death came once more.

The heart of the dead died with the lost  
A tears of blood flow from the good

Let us never forget our sins now understood.



## ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Thanks to all of our parent/guardians, families and extended community families who attended our Christmas Season Concert. We thank you for your tremendous support of the music education program here at General Byng! Congratulations to all of our students who performed so successfully!

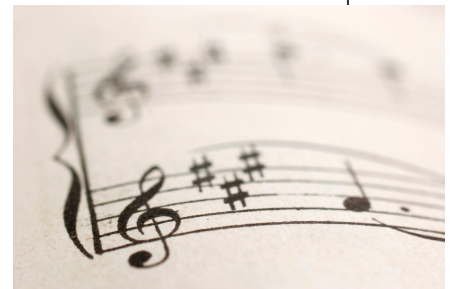
Our Grade 3-4 Vocal Group performed at Lion's Manor Seniors Home on Monday, December 8. They sang well, and were very respectful representatives of General Byng School. What a special gift the seniors give to us in allowing the choir into their home to share their talent of singing. Thank you to all of our 'mom' volunteers.!

Our next PERFORMANCE DAY is Tuesday, January 27 Day 4 for Mrs. Peterson's class and the Grade 5-6 classes. Wednesday, January 28 is for gr3-4 Ms. Lessak and Mr. McGregor, and gr 1-2 Mr. Palka. All students are encouraged to prepare a performance for their classroom either singing, dancing, reciting an original poem, or playing an instrument.

Our "Fun-Raiser" Spring Concert will be held this year at 7pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. We will be having our first "FUN-RAISER" meeting on Tuesday, January 6 at 3:30 pm in the MUSIC Room. All are welcome. Special thanks to our co-ordinators this year: Mrs. DeMoissac and Mrs. 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.

Wishing you and your family a very peaceful and restful holiday!



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

"So many of the decisions that are made in life are decisions that cannot be made by appealing to formula, recipes, or algorithms.... The arts afford youngsters an opportunity to work on problems that can have more than one correct answer."

Dr. Elliot Eisner. Stanford University

Mr. D. Carroll  
Elementary Music



**Wiggle, Giggle & Munch**

*A Healthy Child is an Active Child..  
An Active Child is a Healthy Child*

10 weeks—Starting the week of  
January 12, 2009

**Locations:** Ryerson Elementary School  
10 Ryerson Avenue (gymnasium)  
Sundays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Whyte Ridge Community Centre  
170 Fleetwood Avenue  
Fridays, 9:15 - 11:15 a.m.

South Winnipeg Family Info Centre  
Lower Level, 800 Point Road  
Mondays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

For more information call Robyn at 299-1600  
or e-mail [coalition@swfic.org](mailto:coalition@swfic.org)

**Wiggle, Giggle & Munch**  
is a chance to spend quality  
time with your toddler or  
preschooler.  
Free infant child minding!  
Come and play!!

Games Snacks  
Dancing Songs

**Lots of Fun!**

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A grant from 'In Motion' &  
Healthy Child Manitoba

Do you love to *ACT*? Would you like to learn *improvisation, create fascinating characters...*  
The **COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS** (at Canadian Mennonite University) is offering **ACTING CLASSES** for Gr. 2-4 & Gr. 5-8 beginning **January 13, 2009**.  
Please check our website at [www.cmu.ca/csma](http://www.cmu.ca/csma) or call Arlene at 837-4870.

Richmond King's Nursery School will be accepting registrations for the Fall 2009/2010 School year. An **Open House** for new registrants will be held on **January 28, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Spaces are limited.**  
(Registration for Alumni will be held on January 17, 2009).  
**Located at 933 Summerside Ave.** For more info, please call RKNS at 275-6239, or Email [rkns@live.ca](mailto:rkns@live.ca).

**Reebok-CCM recalls hockey helmets for safety hazard**  
Reebok-CCM is withdrawing hockey helmets sold in Canada and the U.S. because the chinstraps can unexpectedly unfasten, meaning the helmet can come off and creating a risk of neck and head injury to users.  
The Consumer Product Safety Commission said Tuesday the recall affects RBK and CCM helmets with an HECC sticker and a date code of JUN-2013.  
The following models are included in the recall:

HT8K.	HT6K.
HT6K Combo.	HT4K.
HT4K Combo.	HTV10.
HTV10 Combo.	HTV08.
HTV08 Combo.	HT692.
HT692 Combo.	


The helmets, which were made in Canada, were sold through stores and online retailers from May 2008 through July 2008. Consumers should stop using the helmets and return them to the retailer for a replacement  
**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Reebok-CCM at (800) 451-4600 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.reebokhockey.com](http://www.reebokhockey.com) and <http://en.ccmsports.com>

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 20-January 2, 2009	WINTER BREAK—NO CLASSES
Monday, January 5, 2009	Classes Resume
Tuesday, January 6, 2009	7:00 p.m.—Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2009	P.M.—Gr. 4 Hep B P.M.—Gr. 6 Girls Immunization
Friday, January 23, 2009	NO CLASSES (K—Gr. 9) - School Admin. Day
February 11—13, 2009	Gr. 7—9 Ski Trip
Thursday, February 19, 2009	7:00 p.m.—Kindergarten Information Evening
Monday, February 16, 2009	NO CLASSES (K—Gr. 9) - Louis Riel Day
Monday, February 23, 2009	Gr. 1—6—Festival Du Voyageur
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
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
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



# JANUARY 2009

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WINTER BREAK—CLASSES RESUME—JANUARY 5, 2009				
5—DAY 6  CLASSES RESUME	6—DAY 1  7:00 p.m.—Parent Advisory Council Meeting	7—DAY 2	8—DAY 3	9—DAY 4
12—DAY 5	13—DAY 6	14—DAY 1  P.M.—Gr.4 - Hep B  P.M.—Gr. 6 Girls Immunization	15—DAY 2	16—DAY 3
19—DAY 4	20—DAY 5	21—DAY 6	22—DAY 1	23—DAY 2  NO CLASSES (K—Gr. 9) School Admin Day
26—DAY 3	27—DAY 4	28—DAY 5	29—DAY 6	30—DAY 1