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January  
2011  
Newsletter

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Families:

Welcome to 2011! We wish all of you a healthy and happy year filled with peace and prosperity.

December ended with a wonderful K-6 evening of music and dance; thanks to Mr. Carroll and the K-6 students for all of their efforts. Thank you to all who donated to the Grade 6 Camp fundraiser.

January will be busy as students and teachers complete assignments and assessments in preparation for report cards, which will be sent home on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. To prepare for the report cards, classes will be cancelled on Friday, January 21. If you require any information on the progress of your child(ren), please contact the appropriate teacher and/or check the school website. (Our new and improved website will be unveiled soon after our return in the new year!)

We appreciate your ongoing support of your child(ren)'s education. Your feedback is always welcome – please contact us either by phone or email at your convenience.

If you are still searching for the perfect gift; give the gift of READING!!

Sincerely and with care,

Mr. D. Juby  
Principal

Mrs. G. Walker  
Vice Principal

The Grade 6 students and teachers would like to express their sincere thanks for the tremendous support and generosity of our parents and community, by contributing to our camp fundraising efforts. The Peak of the Market Fundraiser, the Jar Bar and our Christmas Gift Baskets were very successful and all funds raised will help offset the cost of our 3 day camp excursion.

Many thanks for your continued support!

## **S.M.I.L.E. PLUS**

### **Children Dental Services**

S.M.I.L.E. Plus Children's Dental Program is now accepting new patients.

The S.M.I.L.E. plus program was introduced in Winnipeg over 20 years ago to provide dental services for children. This Public Health Service is provided by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority in partnership with the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry.

We provide low cost dental services to children in Winnipeg. We have a Pediatric Dental Specialist and dental team available Monday to Friday to provide oral health care for your child.

#### **Who?**

- Any children under 18 years of age.
- Any child whose parents meet our income requirements.
- Any family who has Social Assistance or FNIHB coverage for their child(ren).
- We do not accept families who have private dental insurance coverage for their children.

#### **How?**

- By appointment only
- Call **940-2090**

#### **Where?**

- The Machray School Dental Clinic
- **320 Mountain Avenue 940-2090**

#### **Cost?**

- Appointments are a minimum of \$30.00 per visit
- As much dental work as possible is done at each appointment.

As a clinic patient, your child will be called for regular check-ups every 6 months and will be offered additional care as needed as long as they continue to meet eligibility requirements.

**Our children's oral health team will provide your child with quality dental care.**

## **KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING**

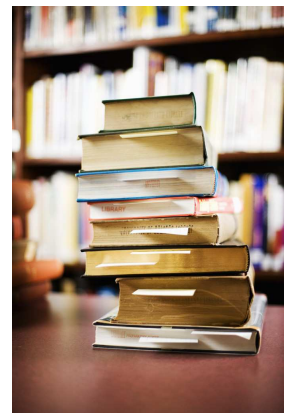
If you have a child that will be 5 by December 31, 2011 please join us for our Kindergarten Information Evening on February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

### **January A Page from the Library**

January 27<sup>th</sup> 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 in your neighbourhood
- Pick one night a week to visit your neighbourhood library
- Keep teens reading by giving them books, newspaper articles and magazines about things that interest them --- music, movies, TV and computers
- 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
- Share a funny/interesting part of what you're reading and see what happens... you'll probably find someone shares back



For more information about Family Literacy Day and a complete listing of Family Literacy Day events across Canada in addition to ideas, activities and games -----you can visit the Family Literacy Day website by going to Google and typing in *Family Literacy Day 2010*.

"I Love to Read Month" is fast approaching. To celebrate the Vancouver Olympics, we'll of course be participating in "Reading Olympics" .....wherein we will read our way to Vancouver....that's a lot of reading.....more to come in February.....keep reading!

We continue to add titles to our library in response to student requests..... an illustrated version of Robert Frost's *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*, a new picture book by Patrick McDonnell... *Wag....A Great and Terrible Beauty.....Rebel Angels...The Sweet Far Thing....How to Ditch Your Fairy....On the Road Again* (the sequel to Marie-Louise Gay's *Travels With My Family*), *The Messenger* (companion to *The Giver* and *Gathering Blue*), *A Desperate Road to Freedom* (another *Dear Canada*), the *Araminta Spookie* series and finally from *How I Survived Middle School.....Caught in the Web, Wish Upon a Star, Into the Woods* to name but a few.

Got a book? Check it out!

Ms. J. Davies – Teacher Librarian

## **BAND NEWS**

Please plan to join us for our first concert of the year featuring our three concert bands and two jazz bands on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. 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 scholarship, some equipment and Festival fees.



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

Mrs. Canto

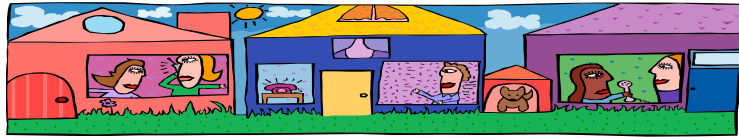
## **Milk, Cookies and Games Evening a Huge Success!**



On Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> all students in Grades 1 to 4 and their family were invited to a milk, cookies and games evening in the library. This fall, Mrs. Ardern, Mrs. Peterson and Ms. Gilbertson have been running a games club on Thursdays at lunch for the students in grades 1 to 4. They thought by hosting a games evening the students would have an opportunity to share their love of playing cards and board games with their family. The response was terrific. About 90 people came to play games during the two hour event. Christmas music played in the background, lots of milk and cookies were consumed and many of the children came in their pajamas. It was a lot of fun!

# IMPORTANT DATES

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



### SAVE THE DATES!

#### 2011 Snow Trek – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter *in motion*

As the mercury plunges and the snow settles around us, your first instinct may be to hibernate until spring. But, get up off the couch, put down the remote, and discover the real potential of Winnipeg's winter by joining us at the 2nd annual "Snow Trek - Winter *in motion*".

It promises to be **THREE** fun-filled Sunday afternoons for the whole family (all ages) to get outside for some cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganing and winter walking.

**No Experience, No Problem!** We are offering FREE cross-country ski instruction.

**No Equipment, No Problem!** We will have a limited supply of FREE cross-country skis & snowshoes for you to use (ID required) on all THREE Sundays.

**Too Young, Too Old!** No such thing...Everybody Welcome!

**What:** Snow Trek – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter *in motion*

**When & Where:**

**Sunday, January 16, 2011**

Assiniboine Park Duck Pond

Fort Whyte Alive

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

Windsor Park Nordic Centre (French instructors available)

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Living Prairie Museum (2795 Ness Ave.)

**Time:** 12:00 - 4:00pm

**Who:** All Welcome!

**Cost:** FREE!

For more information and a detailed schedule, be sure to check out [www.winnipeginmotion.ca](http://www.winnipeginmotion.ca) (details to be added) or call Winnipeg *in motion* at 940-3648.

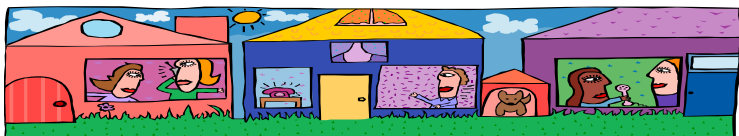
See you on the trails!

2011 Snow Trek – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter *in motion* is a community event put on by many community partners - Thank you!

Would you like to take **Individual Music Lessons? Art Classes? Acting Classes?**  
The **COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS** (at Canadian Mennonite University)

is continuing to register students in January 2011.

Please check our website at [www.cmu.ca/csma](http://www.cmu.ca/csma) or call Arlene at 837-4870.



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## **Manitoba Anaphylaxis Information Network (MAIN)**

Do you have questions about how to deal with your child's allergies during the teen years? Are you a preteen or teen who would like to know how others manage their allergies?

Plan to attend the MAIN Support Group meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at The Gray Academy 123 Doncaster Street. Free parking and admission.

For more information contact Nancy Boni at 654-2676 or email [mainmanitoba@shaw.ca](mailto:mainmanitoba@shaw.ca)

## **The Little Years School Inc.**

OPEN HOUSE

Registration 2011-2012

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Ralph Maybank School (20 Donnelly Street)

**Ph: Olga at 489-0303 for more details** or at [littleyearsschool@yahoo.ca](mailto:littleyearsschool@yahoo.ca)

Check out our website at [www.littleyearsschool.com](http://www.littleyearsschool.com)

The Little Years Nursery School has space available for the 2010-2011 school year in the 3-year old and 4-year old programs. The nursery school is located within three classrooms 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 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.

For more information please contact Olga, director, at 489-0303 or at [littleyearsschool@yahoo.ca](mailto:littleyearsschool@yahoo.ca) or visit our website at [www.littleyearsschool.com](http://www.littleyearsschool.com).



# JANUARY 2011

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6 Day 4	7 Day 5
← CHRISTMAS BREAK →			Classes Resume No games club	
10 Day 6	11 Day 1 Gr 1-4 Craft Club	12 Day 2 Gr 3-7 Chess Club	13 Day 3 Gr 1-4 Games Club	14 Day 4
17 Day 5	18 Day 6 Gr 1-4 Craft Club	19 Day 1 Gr 3-7 Chess Club	20 Day 2 Gr 1-4 Games Club	21 Day 3
24 Day 4	25 Day 5 Gr 6 girls and Gr 4 immunizations Gr 1-4 Craft Club	26 Day 6 Gr 3-7 Chess Club	27 Day 1 Gr 1-4 Games Club	28 Day 2
31 Day 3				