



# GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL

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# JUNE

# 2009

Dear General Byng Families,

Thank you for your support, encouragement, suggestions, and involvement in your child(ren)'s education during the 2008-2009 year.

May and June are always busy months, and this year May was no exception. Ms Bates and Mrs. Canto organized wonderful evenings showcasing the incredible talent our students have in the creative arts. Thanks to everyone for organizing and supporting these events. Our community demonstrated its level of empathy and compassion through supporting the *Jump Rope for Heart* campaign. Our K-6 classes raised a whopping \$4300 for Heart and Stroke research!! Thanks to all teachers, students and community members for your efforts; TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

We have a number of staff members who are moving on following this year:

- Ms. Brennan has completed her term with General Byng School.
- Mr. Carroll will be on a leave of absence until January 2010.
- Mrs. Cockle is moving to Dalhousie School.
- Mr. McGregor is moving to Chapman School.
- Ms Palmer is moving to Van Wallegghem School.
- Mr. Sahulka is moving to Charleswood School.
- Mr. Scholz has completed his term with General Byng School.
- Ms. Sobkowich is moving to Dalhousie School.

We thank all of them for their service and commitment and wish them well in their future endeavours. We also have a number of families leaving the General Byng community; we wish them well and hope that they take many positive Byng memories with them to their new homes/schools.

A warm welcome to new staff members for 2009-2010: Mrs. Rappaport (counsellor) and Mrs. Ardern (grade 3/4).

Have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

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:

- June 12—NO CLASSES
- June 17—19—Grade 9 Exams
- June 23—Grade 9 Farewell
- June 24—26—Gr. 7-9 June Activity Days
- June 26—K-Gr. 6 Assembly
- June 30—Gr. 7-9 Final Assembly Awards

## 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.**



## CAR WASH & BBQ

(in support of the Japan Exchange 2009-2010)

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
10 - 2 pm

Petro Canada (Pembina and Waterford)

## YEAR END ASSESSMENT

Grade 7 and 8 students' year end assessments will be conducted in regular classes during the month of June. Please check the teachers wiki page for subject information ([generalbyng.pbwiki.com](http://generalbyng.pbwiki.com)).

Grade 9 students: ELA will be completed in class. The following assessments will be written from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (no classes in the afternoon)

Wednesday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Math
Thursday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Social Studies
Friday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Science
Monday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Exam Make Up Day (no classes)
Tuesday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Exam Review Day

## AWARDS CEREMONIES

All parents and relatives are welcome!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	
Friday, June 26	9:00 A.M.	Kindergarten to Grade 6—Awards Assembly Grade 6 Farewell
Tuesday, June 30	A.M.	Grade 9—Assembly / Awards
	P.M.	Grade 7 and 8—Assembly / Awards

## GRADE 9 FAREWELL

on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> . . .

Reception will be held in the General Byng Gym  
5:00—6:15 p.m.

Private Dance Party Cruise aboard the M.S. Paddlewheel  
6:15—10:20 p.m.

Letters will be sent home soon. . .

## **STRONG BEGINNINGS**

Planning is presently underway for *Strong Beginnings*.

### **What is *Strong Beginnings*?**

It is an assessment project designed to enhance the beginning of the year assessment, which begins in all classrooms on the first day of school and continues throughout the year. The *Strong Beginnings* activities are not tests. They are tasks designed to help us to get to know our students and how they learn in order to know where to begin with instruction.

### **How will it work?**

On either Friday, September 25th or Monday, September 28th, each student from Kindergarten to Grade Six and in some schools Grade 7 and 8, will attend school by appointment for 60-90 minutes to participate in assessment activities in language arts and mathematics. During this time, they will meet individually or in small groups with their teacher. This is an opportunity for teachers to gather data about each child's learning that may not be evident during whole class assessment activities. It is also a chance to further develop the teacher-student relationship.

*Note: On September 25th and September 28th, there will be no regularly scheduled classes. Students will attend school by appointment. Parents will be notified about their child's appointment during the first week of school.*

### **What will teachers learn through *Strong Beginnings*?**

Teachers working with their students in an atmosphere of support and encouragement will collect first hand information on each of the children about

- how they learn
- their confidence as learners
- the learning strategies they possess
- their reading, writing and mathematical skills
- their approach to problem solving
- their attitudes toward school and learning

### **How will the assessment information be used?**

- to enhance teachers' instructional planning
- to develop a portfolio for each student which will demonstrate their growth over time
- to communicate with parents about their child's progress
- to improve curriculum implementation and instruction

**Questions?** Please call your school principal.

## **BAND NEWS—Mrs. Canto**

Congratulations are extended to all the band students for their excellent band concert which was held on May 26th. The band concert was the culminating event of a very successful year of music-making in the band room. Thank you to all the families and friends who support their young musicians by attending our final concert and to the teachers and administrators who helped supervise.

Auditions for jazz bands from grade 7 to 8 are currently underway. The make-up of next year's jazz bands should be finalized by the 3rd week of June.

At this point, students need to think about what they will do with their instruments (if they are renting) over the summer months. After regular classes are completed students renting school instruments must return them for inventory and repairs. Please let Mrs. Canto know if a school instrument is needed or wanted for the summer months as soon as possible. Those students renting instruments from private music stores must arrange for themselves whether to rent the instrument for the summer or return them and re-rent them in late August. All student owned / rented instruments must be taken home when regular classes are finished. They may not remain in the band room during the summer months.

All students who owe money for reeds, oils and / or music needs to have this paid by June 10th. Reports will not be distributed to any students with outstanding fees.



## ***SHOW & SAVE*** **DISCOUNT CARD & COUPON BOOK**

Our grade 8 and 9 bands will be raising money in September/09 by selling the Show & Save Card and Coupon Book.

The Coupon Book has over \$ 8,000 in money saving offers including coupons for 10% off your purchases at various grocery stores throughout the city (including Sobeys, IGA, Family Foods, The Marketplace, Food Fare, Price Chopper & Harry's Foods) as well as 4 Domo Gas coupons. For only \$15 you can experience endless savings with the Re-usable Card and Coupon Book.

By purchasing your Show & Save from us, you will be supporting our school band program while at the same time saving your family a lot of money.

## WALK TO SETAGAYA UPDATE

As we enter our final month of the 2008 - 2009 school year, we have 1598 kilometres to walk until we reach our goal . That is, walking 8987 kilometres to Setagaya, Japan. I have to admit that I am disappointed that I am not announcing that we have arrived at our destination. As my wise Vice Principal said to me, "It's the journey; not the destination." Being the goal-orientated person I am, I tend to forget that.

I am hopeful that we will complete our walk this school year. The many field trips, activity days, etc...will add an enormous amount of kilometres to our total. For the month of May, I have a "shout out" to Mr. Veinot, our night custodian, who has added 185 kilometres in a three-week span (May 4 - 22nd). As well, Mr. Birt's and Mr. Klippenstein's field trip to 10,000 Villages added staggering 650.5 kilometres. Every step counts.

Madame Renic  
Elementary French Teacher  
Reading Recovery Teacher

## A PAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

We love to read.....in the summer!! You know how we love sequels.....well, this year, the sequel to last year, once again through the generous library renewal accorded us by the Pembina Trails School Division, we were able to add approximately 850 titles (otherwise known as a squigillion) to our collection. We've added many animal/pet books, extreme sports, knights, rainforests, ballet, beans to chocolate and of course as you head off for the summer.....you name it, we probably have it.....we even have *The Life Cycle of a Mosquito*.....ouch!.....to name but a few.

Looking forward to summer reading.....with or without the sun.....with or without the snow.....you might want to check out the Fort Garry Public Library.....

Got a book? Find yourself a place in the sun.....and have a great summer.....

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



# Food for Thought



## News from the Foods Lab

Ms. B. McCann

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. From the unique flavours of the Hot and Sour soup with Asian Salad Rolls by the Grade nine cooks to the spicy smells of Blast from the Pasta by Grade eight students and to the beautiful Lime Bavarians desserts by grade sevens, there has been something for every taste.

The Iron Chef team competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mini skills Competition at the Winnipeg Technical College on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The General Byng team consisted of Brandon W., Camila S., Prakshi S., Morgan G. and Robyn M.. They had three hours to prepare a chicken dish, pasta dish, a veggie tray and a dessert using pudding. They proudly wore new white chef jackets and made our school so proud. The team came in second place with only a two point difference. It was a great day held by all and the food was delicious!!!

The Elementary Cooking Club will finish off the first week of June. A big thank you to Montana D., Morgan G., Ryan F., Prakshi S. and Adela K. who spent lunch hours cooking with the grades five and six students.

Summer is a great time to try eating Local. Check out the farmers markets for freshly grown Manitoba products like: beef, berries, bison, buckwheat, canola, chicken, dairy, eggs, lamb, mushrooms and pork. For more information on buying and preparing local foods, check out this website: [www.foodmanitoba.ca](http://www.foodmanitoba.ca).

Happy Holidays and Good Eating!

### PHYSED NEWS—Mrs. Wolfe and Mr. Scholz

We would like to thank all the coaches and athletes for their great efforts over this past year. We would also like to thank all the parents, guardians and volunteers for all their continued support!.

We will be celebrating our successes on Thursday, June 11th at our Sports Banquet. It will run from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

We would like to wish Mr. Scholz all the best in his education career. Thank you for your help with the Athletic Program at General Byng.

## ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Greetings!

Our Grade 6 class travelled to Winnipeg Harvest on May 25 to help pack food.. What a great experience it was for the kids to help in our larger community.

Our Grade 4's are making some real progress with beginning recorder - hope you hear a lot of it during July and August!

Wishing you a musical summer.....

### DID YOU KNOW?

The arts are a fundamental part of culture, and an education without them is an impoverished education leading to an impoverished society. They are time-tested ways of learning, knowing, and of human expression.

Lee Willingham and Lee Bartel  
Canadian Music Educator Journal

Mr. D. Carroll  
K-6 Music



## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Parent Council would like to thank everyone who helped out with both volunteering their time and bringing in food and baking throughout the year!

We'd also like to take this time to invite everyone who may be interested to check out what we do. It is a small time commitment. We have a couple of fundraisers a year as well as a BBQ and a week of staff appreciation. Our meetings are once a month, very casual, and only a couple of hours in the evening. It's a great way to get involved, meet other parents, and have a voice at your child/rens school.

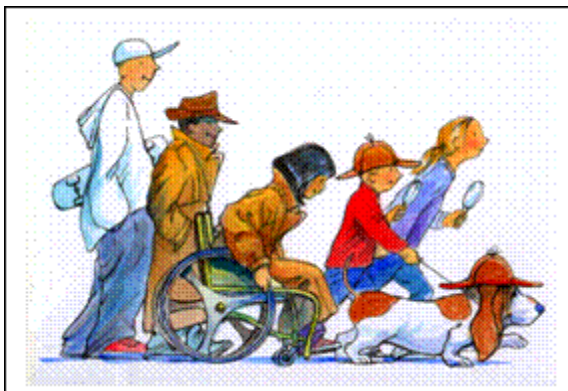
Our AGM is September 15th at 7 p.m. in the library, please come out and join us. If you are interested, have any questions or suggestions for next year please contact us at [byng\\_pc@mts.net](mailto:byng_pc@mts.net).

Have a safe and relaxing summer!! See you in September 2009.



## Coming June 22nd, to the Fort Garry Library... the TD Summer Reading Club 2009!

Are you looking for interesting and stimulating activities to occupy your children during summer vacation? Would you like them to benefit from a program that will maintain and develop their reading skills? How about a fun-filled environment where your children can participate and meet new friends?



Then mark your calendars, so you can register your children this summer for the TD Summer Reading Club at the **Fort Garry Library**. Registration for this free program begins June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and runs through summer until we rap it up August 14<sup>th</sup>. This year's detective based theme is Agent 009.

As soon as your children are registered, they will receive a free reading kit illustrated by a well-known children's book artist. The reading kit contains an awesome poster, stickers, and a bilingual activity booklet that is chock-full of games and includes a log sheet for recording the books they read over the summer. School aged kids can track the library titles they read inde-

pendently, enter draws & can register for special weekly themed programs, but those have limited space. Preschoolers also receive a kit with a selection of age-appropriate activities, and earn stamps and prize entry forms based on the library books they read with their family.

Wednesday mornings in August, reluctant readers are encouraged to register for **RAP** [Read Aloud Program]. These school aged children participate with teen volunteers in activities & games to improve their literacy skills, and also have the chance to practice reading aloud with their teen buddy.

### Advantages

Did you know that 42% of Canadians do not have the day-to-day reading skills they need? On the bright side, however, reading six books per summer will help your children maintain their reading skills, and reading even more books will help improve those skills.

**It's been proven!** Summer reading clubs have a positive influence on children's reading skills, regardless of reading level. Reading programs make children aware and motivate them while developing good reading habits: parents and teachers of young readers say so each year.

### Parents have an important role to play

According to studies conducted at the request of experts associated with the TD program, a certain number of complementary factors influence the acquisition and reinforcement of children's reading skills. These factors include contact with books and reading from a very young age, parents who enjoy reading, children's individual reading capacities, the number of books they read, and their enjoyment in reading. When children feel supported in their learning, reading becomes second nature and they associate reading with a positive experience.

The purpose of the TD Summer Reading Club is to create, for every community, every family and every child, an environment that is as conducive as possible to the acquisition and reinforcement of children's reading skills. The Club's objective is simple: to develop a taste for reading in children, in order to consolidate what they learn in school, strengthen their reading skills, foster new reading habits, and encourage children to visit the library regularly.

**Join the TD Summer Reading Club at The Fort Garry Library.** Help your children develop a passion for reading by visiting your local library and signing up for a summer of fun and learning. Remember, the program is geared to children of all reading levels, and has lots of fun-filled activities to keep children motivated to read throughout the summer. For further information about this, or other children's programs, call 986-4919 or visit the branch, at 1360 Pembina Highway.

See you at the Library!

## Children's Carnival & Yard Sale

When: Saturday June 20 8:00am – 2:00pm

Where: Lions Gate DayCare 1325 Beaumont Street

Come join us for a day of family fun. There will be FREE face painting, balloon animals and a bouncer.

If you would like to set up a table to sell your items please contact Alana or Sherri at 475-7462. There is no charge to sell your items but you must provide your own table.

The **COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS** (at Canadian Mennonite University) is registering for the **FALL**.

We offer *Private Instruction* in all instruments and voice to **Children, Youth & Adults**, as well as *Music for Kids* (ages 2-6), *Art and Acting classes for Kids* (grades 2-8). Bursaries available.

Please check our website: [www.cmu.ca/csm](http://www.cmu.ca/csm) or call Arlene: 837-4870 for more information.

## Friends Together Pre-School 830 North Drive (Fort Garry)

Accepting Registrations  
for the 2009/2010 school year

The following programs are offered:

Mon / Wed	9:15 am – 11:15 am
Tues/Thurs	9:15 am – 11:15 am
Friday	9:15 am – 11:15 am

Call Tanya at 452-8619

*32 years of learning through  
imaginative play and socialization*



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, June 2, 2009	ALLDAY—Divisionals Gr. 4-6 U of M
Tuesday, June 2, 2009	9:00 a.m.—2:20 p.m.—Grade 7's—FORT WHYTE
Wednesday, June 3, 2009	10:15 a.m.—2:30 p.m.—Gr. 9 Band —Maybank /Oakenwald School
Thursday, June 4, 2009	12:45—2:35 p.m.—Gr. 1-4—Portage Place Imax
Thursday, June 4, 2009	6:30 p.m.—Kindergarten Orientation Meeting (2009-2010)
Wednesday, June 10, 2009	A.M.—Bus Ridership
Thursday, June 11, 2009	9:00 a.m.—2:45 p.m.—Grade 9 French —TOUR IN ST. BONI-FACE
Thursday, June 11, 2009	4:30—6:30 p.m.—6th Annual Sport Recognition BBQ
Friday, June 12, 2009	NO CLASSES (K—Gr. 9)
June 17—19, 2009	Grade 9 Exams
June 17—19, 2009	Grade 6—CAMP STEPHENS
Monday, June 22, 2009	9:30—2:50 p.m.—K—Gr. 4—Assiniboine Park Zoo
Tuesday, June 23, 2009	Time TBA—Grade 9 Farewell
Tuesday, June 23, 2009	K—Grade 4—Reports go home
June 24—26, 2009	Gr. 7—9 June Activity Days
Friday, June 26, 2009	9:00 a.m.—Assembly—K—Gr. 6 / Gr. 6 Farewell A.M.—K—Gr. 4 Summer Picnic P.M.—Gr. 1-4 Celebration of Learning
Monday, June 29, 2009	Gr. 1-4—SUMMER ACTIVITY DAY ALL DAY—School Patrols and Gr. 7—9— FUN MOUNTAIN Last Day for Kindergarten
Tuesday, June 30, 2009	<u>Final Assembly/Awards</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A.M.—Gr. 9</li> <li>• P.M.—Gr. 7-8</li> </ul> Last Day of School for Gr. 1-9



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1—DAY 1	2—DAY 2 Allday—Gr. 4-6 Divisionals—U of M 9:00—2:20— Gr. 7's Fort Whyte	3—DAY 3 10:15—2:30— Gr. 9 Band Maybank/Oakenwald	4—DAY 4 12:45—2:35— Gr. 1-4 Portage Place Imax 6:30 p.m.— Kindergarten Orientation Mtg. 2009-2010	5—DAY 5
8—DAY 6	9—DAY 1	10—DAY 2 A.M.—Bus Ridership	11—DAY 3 9:00—2:45—Gr. 9 French—St. Boniface 4:30-6:30p.m.—Sport Recognition BBQ	12—DAY 4 <b>NO CLASSES K—Gr. 9</b>
15—DAY 5	16—DAY 6	17—DAY 1 9:00-11:00 a.m.— Gr. 9 Math Exam	18—DAY 2 9:00—11:00 a.m.— Gr. 9 Social Studies Exam	19—DAY 3 9:00—11:00 a.m.— Gr. 9 Science Exam
<b>Grade 6—Camp Stephens</b>				
22—DAY 4 9:00—11:00 a.m.— Gr. 9 Exam Makeup Day 9:30—2:50— K—Gr. 4 Assiniboine Park	23—DAY 5 9:00—11:00 a.m.— Gr. 9 Exam Review Day K—Gr. 4 Reports Go Home 4:45—10:20—Gr. 9 Farewell	24—DAY 6	25—DAY 1	26—DAY 2 9:00 a.m.—Assembly K—Gr. 6 A.M.—K-Gr. 4 Summer Picnic P.M.—Gr. 1-4 Celebration of Learning
<b>Gr. 7—9 June Activity Days</b>				
29—DAY 3 Gr. 1-4 Summer Activity Day Allday—Patrols and Gr. 7-9 Fun Mountain Last day for Kindergartens	30—DAY 4 FINAL ASSEMBLY/ AWARDS A.M.—Gr. 9 P.M.—Gr. 7-8 Last day of School for Grade 1—9	<h2>Have a safe and happy summer vacation!</h2>		