



**GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL**  
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June  
2010  
Newsletter

Dear General Byng Families,

Thank you for your support, encouragement, suggestions, and involvement in your child(ren)'s education during the 2009-2010 school year.

May and June are always busy months, and this year May was no exception. Mrs. Canto organized a wonderful evening showcasing the incredible talent our students have in hand. Ms Bates and 18 art students experienced many galleries and museums during a successful art trip to Montreal, Quebec. Ms Bates has also transferred many pieces of our students' artwork for display at the annual **Sight Unseen** divisional art show being held at Polo Park, May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 6<sup>th</sup>. Once again our community demonstrated its level of empathy and compassion through supporting the **Jump Rope for Heart** campaign with over \$4000 donated for Heart and Stroke research!! Thanks to all teachers, students and community members for your efforts; TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

Both our EY and MY students are participating in the divisional track and field meets this month and we wish all participants luck as they represent General Byng - GO BARONS!! Also coming in June - Grade 6 Camp, EY Celebration of Learning and Grades 7-9 Activity Days, as well as end of year assessments and report cards; a busy time indeed.

A special thank you to the members of our Parent Advisory Council for all of their time and effort in support of the General Byng School community during the 2009-2010 school year - you are a wonderful group to work with - THANKS!!

At this time, we only have a few staffing announcements:

Please welcome Mr. McGregor Mr. Beureiss and Mr. Grape to the General Byng staff. Mr. McGregor will be teaching grades 5/6, Mr. Beureiss will join our student support team and Mr. Grape will join the grade 9 team.

After 21 years of servicing the General Byng community, Mrs. Perlmutter has announced she is retiring. Mrs. Perlmutter has been a tireless champion for all students, with specific focus on supporting those students with additional needs. Mrs. Perlmutter's chair will be filled by another person; her passion, expertise, connection with families, humour, caring, perseverance, reliability, diligence, humility, generosity, cooperation, and compassion will be missed by all whose lives she has touched. We wish her the very best as she relaxes and tries new endeavours at the inland sea resort of Gimli.

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.

Have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

Mr. D. Juby  
Principal

Mrs. G. Walker  
Vice-Principal

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

### STUDENT ABSENCES INCLUDING VACATIONS

Parents/Guardians are asked to phone the school office at 452-3040 to report all absences. Our designated attendance line is open 24 hours.

Parents/Guardians are asked to phone the school before 8:30 a.m. to report a student who will be absent for the morning or the full day and before 12:30 p.m. to report an afternoon absence.

### APPOINTMENTS

Parents are asked to phone if your child will be late due to an appointment or to report your child departing early for an appointment. These calls or notes are to be handed into the attendance secretary in the office in the morning before classes begin or after lunch so we may enter it in the attendance. We will inform the teachers necessary through our electronic attendance.

### LATE ARRIVALS

All students are expected to be on time and to be ready for the start of class.

Students who are more than 5 minutes late must sign in at the office.

### ILLNESS DURING SCHOOL DAY

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.

## MUSIC

We are planning a dance workshop for grade 3-4 students on June 24.

The Grade 6's will be volunteering at Winnipeg Harvest on June 22. It's such a great experience for the kids to have the opportunity to help in our community.

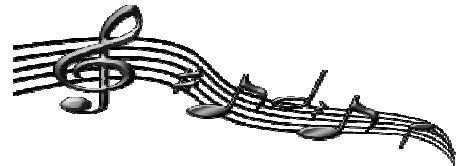
The **Grade 5** music course for 2010-2011 includes instruction on the recorder. This is an item that students may purchase through the school for \$7.50. If you already have a recorder please feel free to send it with your child and disregard the \$7.50 fee. Please do NOT purchase a recorder from a school supply store... they tend to be pitched incorrectly. Thank you.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

"When words are no longer adequate, when our passion is greater than we are able to express in a usual manner, people turn to art. Some people go to the canvas and paint, some stand up and dance. But we all go beyond our normal means of communicating and this is the common human experience for all people on the planet."

Murray Sidlin, Oregon Symphony Orchestra Conductor

Mr. D. Carroll  
Elementary Music



# Food for Thought

News from the Foods Lab

Ms. B. McCann



As many of you know the division hosted a Junior Iron Chef culinary competition at Winnipeg Technical Center last month. I am very pleased to announce that our Iron Chef team of Rayne Templeton, Reagan Balcaen, Lomalanga Mkhabela, and Zachary Friesen were the divisional champs. The menu they prepared was Braised chicken breast covered with a rich mushroom sauce, steamed green beans, rice pilaf. They completed this perfect meal with a beautifully garnished pudding parfait. We would like to say a big thank you to WTC Culinary Arts student, Jilli Schwartz (a former General Byng student) who assisted our team to victory. Congratulations to these talented students who worked very hard to earn this title!

The Foods Lab is a hot place to be these days (literally). Students are busy cooking, baking and experimenting. The grade seven cooks are feeling confident and enjoy making delicious sweet things like cinnamon rolls. The Grade eight cooks almost died from "the death by chocolate brownie" class. The senior cooks are very accomplished and can create simple nutritious meals without a recipe, quite a feat for a teenager. The students of General Byng enjoy good food.

When you are buying groceries this summer take your young cook with you. Why not try a cooking challenge. Eat locally.

- Spend 10% of your grocery budget on local food — grown within a 100-mile radius of wherever you live.
- Try one new fruit or vegetable each day.

Preserve food to enjoy later in the year

When you buy direct from local farmers, your dollars stay within your community, and strengthen the local economy. More than 90¢ of every dollar you spend goes to the farmer, thus preserving farming as a livelihood and farmland. This summer check out the farmers market in St Norbert. Manitoba farmers bring their fruit, meats, vegetables and flowers. Everything they sell is Manitoban and you can usually talk to the person who grew it. For more information go to there web site. [http://](http://www.stnorbertfarmersmarket.ca)

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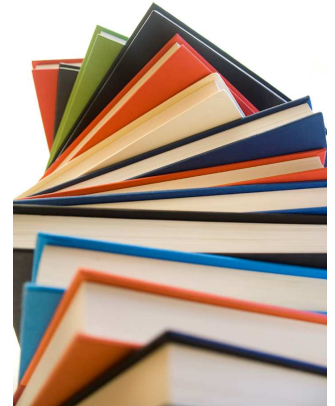
## A Page from the Library

We love to read.....in the summer!! We have added many titles to our collection....lately most being student requests. Titles include *Skippyjohnjones Lost in Spice*, *Sitting Duck*, *Elephants Cannot Dance*, *Batter Up Wombat*, *A Bend in the Road*, *The Inner Circle*, *The Summer I Turned Pretty*, *The Last Song*, *Movers and Fakers*....to name but a very few .....

Our last day signing books out will be June 3 so that we have all the books returned to the library by June 11. We thank you in advance for your assistance in having books returned by or before this date.

Looking forward to summer reading.....with or without the sun.....with or without the snow.....you might want to check out next year's MYRCA list.....available at the Fort Garry Library....many of the authors are returning.....

Bank Job - James Heneghan  
Dunces Anonymous - Kate Jaimet  
Faery Rebels - R>J> Anderson  
Faster Than Wind - Steve Pitt  
The Giant-Slayer - Iain Lawrence  
Home Free - Sharon Jennings  
The Hunchback Assignments - Arthur Slade  
Laughing Wolf - Nicholas Maes  
Not Suitable for Family Viewing - Vicki Grant  
Pop - Gordon Korman  
Queen of Disguises - Melanie Jackson  
Return to Bone Tree Hill - Kristin Butcher  
Rex Zero, the Great Pretender - Tim Wynne-Jones  
Taken - Norah McClintock  
Timothy & the Dragon's Gate - Adrienne Kress



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

Ms. J. Davies - Teacher Librarian  
Ms. M. Rondeau - Library technician



*Dear General Byng Community,*

*I am retiring from teaching at the end of June. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that, while I feel that I have made the right decision, I did not make it lightly. I have appreciated the opportunity to work with both students and parents over the past twenty-one years and the trust that the community has placed in me. General Byng is very close to my heart and I will follow the progress of the students with interest in the future. Thank you for your kind comments and good wishes.*

*I will miss you.*

*Sincerely, Kristine Perlmutter*

## Healthy Living Marathon



In January, almost half of the General Byng staff members participated in the Healthy Living Marathon presented by the Epilepsy and Seizure Association of Manitoba. Over the course of two weeks we raised money for the Association while we walked the distance of a marathon (42 kilometers). In our eyes it was a win-win situation – we were fundraising for the Association and being active. In April a representative from Epilepsy and Seizure Association phoned the school to tell us that we had been the school which collected the most pledges. As a result, the Association was going to give the school \$1000! What great news! The Student Services team thought long and hard about how such a generous gift could be used. We decided that the school would purchase an Intel Reader. The Intel Reader is a mobile device which takes pictures of text and converts the words into audio (speech). **Point** the device at the text, **shoot** a picture of the text and then **listen** to the text. The Student Services team is very excited about the device and look forward to using it with several students next year.



Many thanks to the Epilepsy and Seizure Association!

The Wellness Committee and Student Services.

# IMPORTANT DATES

June 14	School Administrative Day - No Classes
June 17-23	Grade 7-9 Exams
June 22	EY Reports sent home
June 25	K-8 Awards Grade 9 Awards and Reception, Grade 9 Farewell
June 28-30	Grade 5-9 Reports Distributed Grade 7-9 Activity Days
June 30	Last day of school

## SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2010

NOON TO 5PM

80 DEREK STREET

(VICTORIA SITE)

- CARNIVAL GAMES & PRIZES
- RACES & SCRAMBLES
- BOUNCERS & GIANT SLIDE
- DUNK TANK
- NEW GAMES!
- BBQ

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

ALL YOU CAN PLAY

WRIST BANDS



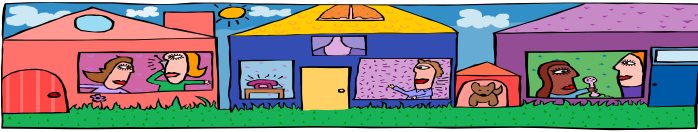
FORT GARRY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
PRESENTS

**WATERFEST 2010**

WATERFEST SOCIAL TO FOLLOW FROM 8PM - 1AM

CASH DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLE!

TICKETS \$10 - AVAILABLE AT WATERFEST OR CALL JODIE AT 475-5670



# Community News

## **CBC Manitoba Falcon Cam Live**

Since 1989, a pair of endangered Peregrine Falcons has been nesting on the Radisson Hotel in downtown Winnipeg. Beginning 2006, CBC in Manitoba, Shaw and the Peregrine Falcon Recovery Project (Manitoba) have collaborated to provide Manitobans with the opportunity to observe each year\*s family of Peregrines on the Falcon Cam.

Find out more about Manitoba\*s Peregrines on the Peregrine Chick Blog page and join the discussion, add comments and ask questions on the Falcon Cam Forum Outside Link, or take our interactive Falcon quiz.

Log on to <http://www.cbc.ca/manitoba/features/falcon/> from now until the end of July to watch our live Falcon Cam. Watch the baby falcons until the day they fly the coop. Log on to find out more about this species at risk and the efforts being made to preserve the peregrine falcon.

## **Field Hockey**

Field Hockey is a fun and exciting sport for boys and girls of all ages.

Field Hockey Manitoba is looking for players to participate in the junior program which runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays in May and June from 6:00-7:30 pm at Assiniboine Park. Field Hockey is free to try and the equipment is supplied! Players who join the junior program and are under 14 will get a chance to participate in the Prairie Youth Games which is held in Winnipeg from July 9th-11th. Free Clinics are being offered in schools throughout Manitoba. If anyone is interested please contact Jenna or Jill at 925-5794 or email [fieldhockeymb@shawbiz.ca](mailto:fieldhockeymb@shawbiz.ca)!

Do you love to **SING, DANCE, ACT...**

The **COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS** (at Canadian Mennonite University)

is offering **NEW! MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES** for Gr. 4-7.

**Fall Registration** has begun: [www.cmu.ca/csma](http://www.cmu.ca/csma) or 837-4870.

University of Manitoba researchers are seeking  
**3- to 12-year-old children  
and children with Autism**  
to participate in language development studies.

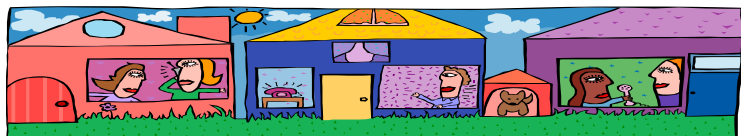
If you would like more information, please call the  
**Cognitive Development Laboratory**  
at (204) 474-6554 or visit  
<http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~glenwrig/>



UNIVERSITY  
OF MANITOBA

## **Mini U**

It's time to register for MiniU at the University of Manitoba! Over 60 camps including sports, hockey, science, art and many more all for children ages 4-16 years. It's so convenient as buses leave from various schools and bring the students right to camp! For more exciting information go to [mini.u.ca](http://mini.u.ca) or phone 474-6100. You can even register on-line if you wish!



# Community News



## Attention Grade 6 Boys Basketball Players (Born in 1998)

Are you a rising basketball star? Are you interested in playing in the Rising Stars League (RSL) of the Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association (WMBA) next fall?

If so, then the Manitoba Mavericks Basketball Club may have a place for you on their team. If interested in hearing more about how to try out for the team, please contact Coach David Mitchell-Dueck @ 793-0989 or [david@mitchell-dueck.com](mailto:david@mitchell-dueck.com).

### Notes:

1. The Manitoba Mavericks Basketball Club is based in the south end of Winnipeg and has been in operation for the last 3 years.
2. Tryouts will be held sometime between June & August in preparation for the RSL qualification tournament in September.
3. In addition to playing in the RSL, the grade 7 boys (born 1998) team is planning to play in up to 5 (or more) tournaments in Winnipeg and outside of the province.
4. Coach David has been coaching basketball for the last 7 years in the WMBA Community Club and Rising Stars League.



Richmond King's Nursery School is now accepting registrations for the Fall 2010/2011 School year. **We offer programs for 3 and 4 year-olds.** We are **located at 933 Summerside Ave** (located in lower level of Trinity United Church). For more information, please call RKNS at 275-6239.

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).