



GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL
1250 Beaumont Street
Winnipeg, MB R3T 0L8
Phone: 452-3040 Fax: 284-9287
General Byng Web Page—
<http://www.pembinatrails.ca/byng>

March
2010
Newsletter

Dear Families,

As we draw nearer to spring, we are hopeful that the weather will finally become more 'spring-like'; thank-you to our EY teachers and students for their cooperation, understanding, and respectful use of the numerous indoor recesses during the winter.

Some of the events that took place during the month of February were:

Winter Activity Day (including the ski trip)
Festival du Voyageur Day for early years students
Early Years 100 Day Celebrations
Grades 7-9 Band Concert

thanks to band students and Ms. Canto

Optimist Band Festival

Numerous Olympic celebrations and theme events

Whip-It For Haiti

over \$1000 raised – congratulations and thanks to Mrs. Pescitelli, leadership students and all volunteers/contributors)

The transition of students moving from Grade 9 to Grade 10 has already begun, with our students having visited Vincent Massey Collegiate for an information session early in the month as well as visits to our school by Mr. Martin, principal of Vincent Massey, and other school representatives who assist students with the registration process. Course selection in high school should be regarded as a serious matter and parents are encouraged to discuss course choices with their Grade 9 children.

We are also transitioning Grade 6 students into Grade 7, with the Open House scheduled for Wed., March 3rd at 7:00 pm, visits to Ralph Maybank and Oakenwald Schools (as well as our own Grade 6 classes) and a tour for students later in the spring.

Our Kindergarten Information Evening has taken place and registration is now open for the 2010-2011 school year. If you, or anyone you know, has children of Kindergarten age (born in 2005), please contact the school office for information on registration.

There are also spaces available for school age day care for summer and the 2010-2011 school year. Please call 453-7600 for more details.

Our next set of Tri-Conferences will be on April 15th and 16th. Registrations will be on-line – please watch the webpage for more information – <http://generalbyng.pbworks.com/> .

The Japan Exchange leaves for Setagaya on Saturday, March 6th. We wish the delegation well as they represent General Byng School, Winnipeg, Manitoba and Canada.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child(ren)'s education and development.

Mr. D. Juby
Principal

Mrs. G. Walker
Vice-Principal

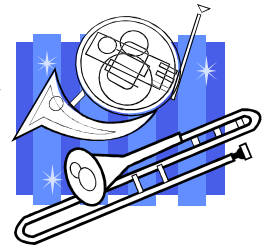
BAND NEWS—MRS. CANTO

Congratulations to the Grade 8 and 9 band for their performance at the 25th Annual Optimist Band Festival on February 24th and 26th. The three adjudicators' comments were extremely positive and the students have reason to be proud of their performances.

Congratulations to ALL band students for a very fine performance at our annual Winter Concert on February 9th. The audience enjoyed the show very much.

Many clarinet and saxophone players owe money for reeds that they have received throughout the first term. Also, some students still owe band rental on school-owned instruments. A form letter will be sent home to those still owing. It would be appreciated if there "tabs" could be looked after as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Sajjad G., Max O., Laura F., Nadia L. who have been selected to participate in the Pembina Trails School Division Middle Years Honour Band. These 4 grade eight students will spend March 9th and 10th, 2010, rehearsing along with other students in the division at Westwood Community Church. The Pembina Trails Middle Years Honour Band will host a concert for family and friends at Westwood Community Church on March 10th at 7:30 p.m.



MUSIC—MR. CARROLL

Congratulations to all students who prepared a performance for their class either singing, dancing, or playing an instrument on our Performance Day last month. We had a great variety!

Our "Fun-Raiser" Spring Concert will be held this year at 7pm on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Special thanks to our coordinators this year: **Shawn DeMoissac** and **Rhonda McDougall** !

The grade 3-4 classes attended the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Elementary Concert on Thursday, February 25 in the AM. It was a great musical experience for us. We will be studying instruments of the orchestra in class.



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 2010 - 2011 season. Audition packages will be available from your school office or your school's music specialist in April. For detailed information about PTV, check the website at <http://www.pembinatrails.ca/program/pembinatrailsvoces>.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Arts are extremely important for students to understand. Why? Because we are surrounded by the arts - - almost nothing is created or communicated without their influence, and we are influenced continuously by music, art, drama and dramatic media, dance and movement.

An Evaluation of Research by Kent Sidel, Phd.

Association for the Advancement of Arts Education

MONTREAL ART TRIP FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Spaghetti Dinner
(Hot dog plate for children)

Location: General Byng Gym

Date: March 12th, 2010

Time: Doors open at 5:45 p.m.
Dinner served 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. there will be a silent auction, bake sale, art lottery and local live entertainment.

Cost: \$10.00 for adults
\$5.00 for children

Advance ticket sales only

Tickets can be purchased from Carla Bates

FROM THE GYM

We would like to congratulate all the basketball teams on their seasons this year. Good luck to our teams as they enter the playoffs during the first week in March.

A reminder that all athletic fees are past due. The fees for grade 7 basketball were \$15.00. The fees for grade 8 and 9 basketball were \$30.00.

Badminton will start in the middle of March. Listen to the announcements for when tryouts are happening. There will be a grade 7, a grade 8 and a grade 9 team. The schedule for the month of March will be posted on the website.



WHIPPIT4HAITI

Mrs. Pescitelli would like to thank everyone for their participation in Whippit4Haiti. As a direct result of the kindness and generosity of the staff and students, we raised \$1036.00 for Red Cross Haiti Relief. We are all proud and honoured to be part of such an amazing school!

ENRICHMENT NEWS

The Kindergarten to Grade 6 students completed their Art Project with Artist in the School, Bud Gillies. The photo below is the permanent art composed of all the children's tiles. Please take a look at it the next time your in the building. It is located near Room 9 and adds a beautiful splash of colour to the Early Years wing. A small group of Grade 7 and 8 students took part in the Canadian Math League Contest that was held Feb. 23, 2010. The results of how they compared to other schools in Canada will be posted in the middle of April. Thirty Grade 8 students will also be taking part in the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League challenge the first week in March.



IMPORTANT DATES

March 3	Grade 7 Open House - 7:00 p.m.
March 6-12	Japan Exchange Students in Japan
March 12	PD Day - No Classes
March 26	Last Day of Classes
March 29 - April 2	Spring Break - No Classes
April 5	First Day of Classes
April 15	Tri-Conferences K-9 (evening) - register online
April 16	Tri-Conferences (morning) - No Classes School In-Service (afternoon) - No Classes
April 19	PTSD In-Service - No Classes
April 21	K-6 Spring Concert (Fun-Raiser)
May 24	Victoria Day - No Classes
June 14	School Administrative Day - No Classes
June 18-24	Grade 7-9 Exams
June 22	EY Reports sent home
June 25	K-6 Awards
June 29	Grade 9 Awards and Reception, Grade 9 Farewell Grade 7-9 Reports Distributed
June 30	Report Card Verification and Textbook/Material Return

PATROLS NEWS

The patrols continue to do a great job each week. Thank you to team captains, Lexi Janz, Chris Van Wissen and Megan Shaw for getting their teams organized each week. We've had a couple of colder weeks when the patrols weren't on post but they still helped out in the morning by welcoming and directing the younger students into the school after they were dropped off. Congratulations to the Patrols of the Week, Terra Van Wissen and Brittney Croker.



NEWS FROM THE FOODS LAB - Ms. McCann

In February, the three grade nine classes embarked on a field trip to Winnipeg Technical College. While they were there, the students toured the industrial kitchen, participated in a demonstration by the chef and took a brief look around at the other trade areas. These young cooks were inspired by Chef Rajotte.



The new grade eight section of Industrial Arts baked buttermilk scones and whipped strawberry butter which tantalized the students in the hallway. The new grade seven students began with simple but scrumptious Cheese Dreams. They have progressed to baking Banana Chocolate Chip Muffins. Next is Tacos and Lime Bavarian. Yummy!

The March recipe: This chili is yummy and lighter than traditional meat versions.

VEGETARIAN CHILI

15 ml cooking oil	125ml chopped celery
$\frac{1}{4}$ green pepper	250 chopped onion
1 clove garlic , minced	1 large can of diced tomatoes (798 ml)
1 can red kidney beans (498 ml)	1 can chick peas (498 ml)
1 can chili peppers (125 ml)	30 ml vinegar
7 ml chili powder	5 ml hot sauce
2 ml salt	5 ml dried basil
5 ml dried oregano	5 ml ground cumin
2 ml all spice	2ml black pepper
1 bay leaf	1 small can tomato sauce
125 ml shredded cheese	

Instructions:

1. In a large frying pan heat oil. Add celery, green pepper, onion and garlic. Cook till tender but not brown.
2. Transfer into pot and then stir in "undrained" can of tomatoes, drained beans, peas, green chili peppers, vinegar, chili power, hot pepper sauce, salt, spices. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer for 30 min.
3. Stir in tomato sauce and bring to a boil. Remove bay leaf.
4. Serve with shredded cheese.

FRENCH—MONSIEUR FALVO

Bonjour du coin français! (Hello from the French quarter)

Our grade seven French students are working hard on their Create your own Country project and will be starting le Concours d'Art Oratoire (French Speeches) soon. The grade eight students are working on Le Comte de Monte Cristo mini-project and will be starting le Concours d'Art Oratoire (French Speeches) soon as well. General Byng grade nine French started reading the story of Louis Riel and will be starting their French debates soon.

Social Studies 9-C

Our group just completed their Test on Government and have been hard at work writing journal entries from articles they are researching via the Winnipeg Free Press.

For further information please visit my website at www.protopage.com/monsieurfalvo

Merci!

A PAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Cleaning and shopping....that's what spring is all about. Well, ok, so we skipped the cleaning and went right to the shopping..... as usual. We are very busy shopping and welcome suggestions from parents, teachers and students....you can email me at jdavies@peminatrails.ca.

We had a great "Believe in Reading" I Love to Read Month....we guessed snippets and we "Olympical-ly" jumped into reading. A huge thank you to Mr. Tamblyn who read all those snippets and cued us into and out of jumping into reading!

We were very fortunate to once again have our MLA, Kerri Irvin-Ross help us celebrate We Love to Read Month. We introduced one-of-our-favourite-now-her-favourite books Piggie and Elephant's I Can Throw a Ball, the latest Piggie and Elephant instalment. She loved reading to the grades 1-4.

To promote reading, the Red River Ex also provided two admission tickets for those who read this month. A number of students will be going to the Red River Ex thanks to their initiative.....both the Ex and the students!

And the winner is.....?!?!?! This is your last month to read MYRCA 2010!

Voting for MYRCA (Manitoba Young Readers' Choice Award) will take place on Tuesday, April 6th -- the day after we get back from Spring Break. Grade 5 – 8 students who have read a minimum of three titles will be voting for their personal favourite. Their votes will be sent in to determine the MYRCA winner for 2010. It's a difficult choice..... always. Books will circulate over Spring Break for those wanting to finish off the list.

Got a book? You're set for Spring Break.

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





Community News

Do you know about the Canada Disability Savings grant?

The Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a federally regulated registered savings plan that helps families with children who have a disability ensure long-term financial security. The grant could contribute \$3 for every \$1 parents invest if all criteria are met. For more information view the government's website: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/sqmnts/dsblts/menu-eng.html>

Vincent Massey Collegiate will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary Reunion May 27-30, 2010. We are looking for over 12,000 alumni. All alumni, former and current teachers are asked to submit your (and alumni siblings, kids or parents!) full contact information (last year attended, name, maiden, address, phone, and email) ASAP to masseys50th@hotmail.com or 832-5599 to receive Reunion news. Website www.vmc50threunion.ca

Viscount Alexander Collegiate high school alumni 1950-1960 will gather to reminisce on the evening of Friday May 28th, 2010 during Reunion Weekend. Please send your contact information to norman-dee1@shaw.ca or through the shared website www.vmc50threunion.ca



Because you're the type to save a life...

DONATE BLOOD!

ST. MAURICE
HIGH SCHOOL
1639 Pembina Hwy.

Wednesday, March 17th

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

& 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Call **1 888 2 DONATE**
to book an appointment.

www.blood.ca



1 888 2 DONATE

WMS Winnipeg Montessori School Inc Promoting the Love of Learning since 1967

Half day Preschool & Kindergarten
programs

For children ages 2 ½ – 6 yrs - 2,3 & 5
half days

The only non-profit Montessori School in
southwest Winnipeg

Now accepting registration for the 2010-
11 school year

To contact us call [452-3315](tel:452-3315) or visit our
website at

www.winnipegmontessori.com



Community News

ADVANTAGE TENNIS & SPORTS CAMP

July & August - camp is available for half day 9:00 - 12:00 or full day 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Session 1 July 5-16

Session 2 July 19-30

Session 3 Aug. 3-13

Session 4 Aug. 16-27

Tiny Tots (ages 4-6)

Session 1 July 12-16

Session 2 July 26-30

Session 3 Aug. 9-13

Early drop and late pick up are available. For more information call Marcie 489-1152 or msaifer@shaw.ca

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL - MAKE IT YOUR GAME!! PLAY or UMPIRE! *Winnipeg Southwest Youth Softball League - 2010 Season*

Join the 450 players from ages 5 to 19 years old that play fastpitch softball in your area!

Learn to Play (ages 5-7) and Mite (ages 8-10) categories are for both boys and girls.

Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget categories are currently girls only.

Registration takes place in early to mid-March at your local community club. Dates are on our website.

The season runs from April to early July with 2 games per week and usually one practice each week.

For more information on the league and how you can make softball a lifetime sport,

see our league website at www.LeagueLineup.com/wswysa.

For individuals that are 15 years and older, make excellent \$\$ by umpiring.

Contact our website for more information on paid training and opportunities for you to make the calls!

BE PART OF THE TEAM AND PLAY BALL!



The WMBA is a community club based basketball league, open to boys and girls ages 8-18, and will run with weekly games and practices from April to June. You can register at one of over 40 participating Greater Winnipeg community centres in March!

Call 925-5774 or click www.wmba.ca for all the latest registration dates and times at your local club! Get involved today in Winnipeg's largest basketball league.

Photos courtesy of Kelly Morris Photography. Reprinted with permission.




Visit our web site at www.wmba.ca or call the WMBA today! 925.5774





MARCH 2010

1250 Beaumont Street, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 0L8 Phone: 452-3040

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <i>Day 4</i>	2 <i>Day 5</i>	3 <i>Day 6</i> 7:00 p.m. - Gr 7 Open House	4 <i>Day 1</i>	5 <i>Day 2</i>
8 <i>Day 3</i>	9 <i>Day 4</i>	10 <i>Day 5</i>	11 <i>Day 6</i>	12 <i>Day 1</i> PD DAY NO SCHOOL
15 <i>Day 2</i>	16 <i>Day 3</i>	17 <i>Day 4</i> 	18 <i>Day 5</i>	19 <i>Day 6</i> Gr 9 Jazz Students to Brandon Jazz Fest
22 <i>Day 1</i>	23 <i>Day 2</i> 12:30 - Gr 9 Immunizations	24 <i>Day 3</i>	25 <i>Day 4</i>	26 <i>Day 5</i>
29	30	31	April 1	April 2
SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES				