



GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL
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May
2011
Newsletter

Dear General Byng Families,

Although we were teased with a short return to winter, it looks like spring has finally arrived.

Co-curricular activities have been and continue to be in full swing:

Quebec Exchange students along with Ms Davies, Mr. Szkwarek and Mr. Juby will be in Quebec May 6-17

Congratulations to all badminton players for representing our school so well; thanks to all the coaches!
Creative Arts Evening on Wednesday, May 25 from 6:15-8:30 pm in the gym, library and art room.
Band Concert – June 1

Running/Track Club - please be mindful when driving near the school as our track and running clubs are pounding the pavement in preparation for upcoming events.

Thank you to all the families who have returned their registration forms for next year. If you have yet to do so, please have your child return their forms to the office as soon as possible; this will assist us in planning for next year.

As the weather warms, we are reminding our students to dress appropriately for school. We ask families to discuss the school dress code (found in the front of the agenda) with their children to support them in making good choices. We also remind students of our expectations for proper attire in an educational setting.

We have had a reduction in our teaching allotment for next year which will have an impact on our teaching staff as well as class composition and size of classes. We will provide more details when they become available.

The new principal for General Byng has been announced: please welcome Ms Judy Pirnie, currently the principal at Westgrove School <http://generalbyng.pbworks.com/>.

Please continue to provide the office with any changes to your contact information (phone #, address, email address) to facilitate more effective communication.

Sincerely,

Mr. D. Juby
Principal

Mrs. G. Walker
Vice Principal

DAILY ROUTINE – EARLY YEARS

<u>GRADES K- 4</u>	8:35	ENTRY	12:30	ENTRY
	8:45	ATTENDANCE	12:35	ATTENDANCE
	10:05-10:20	RECESS	1:55 – 2:10	RECESS
	11:30 -	<u>LUNCH</u>	3:20	<u>DISMISSAL</u>

DAILY ROUTINE - MIDDLE YEARS

<u>GRADES 5-9</u>	8:30	Student Entry		
	8:45	Students must be <u>in class</u> for attendance.		
	8:50 – 9:40	Period 1	12:30	Student Entry (attendance at start of Period 4)
	9:40 – 10:30	Period 2	12:35 – 1:25	Period 4
	10:30 – 10:40	Break	1:25 – 2:15	Period 5
	10:40 – 11:30	Period 3	2:15 – 2:25	Break
	11:35	<u>Lunch</u>	2:25 - 3:20	Period 6
			3:20	<u>Dismissal</u>

ENTRANCE PROCEDURES

K- 4 students enter the school through the parking lot door. (Parents please note that from 8:20-8:50 am and from 3:20-3:50 the back lane is ONE WAY (east-west), entering from Daniel St. and exiting out, onto Beaumont St.)

Grades 5 – 9 students enter through the front doors.

Please note that all doors, except the front door, are locked throughout the day.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parent(s)/guardian(s) 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. Please notify the school office if a child is attending an appointment. Messages can be left regarding attendance 24 hours a day. Please include the reason for the absence and the time your child will be picked up in the message or note.

All students will be called from their class by the office staff for appointments. All Grade 5-9 students are responsible to sign themselves out. They are expected to report to the office to sign in upon their return. Parent (s)/guardian(s) of K-4 students who are picking up their child for an appointment must report to the school office and sign their child out of the building.

STUDENT LATES

It is important for students to be in on time. A late arrival disrupts classes and students miss important information. Students arriving after 8:50 am in the morning and 12:40 pm in the afternoon must report to the office for a late slip to gain entrance to the class. Please check the daily routine schedule to ensure your child comes to school on time .

CALL BACK SYSTEM

Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted if their child is unaccounted for (child is absence without reason/ notification).

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All parents/guardians/visitors need to report to the school office. Students will be called to the office if they are being picked up and parents/guardians must sign them out. If you are volunteering in the school, you will need to sign in at the office and obtain an identification pass.

MESSAGES

Messages of an urgent or emergency nature will be delivered to students, however, **classes will not be interrupted for social arrangements or reminders.**

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Judy Pirnie, who will be General Byng's new Principal starting in September.



- Principal Westgrove School – 4 years
- Vice-Principal Dalhousie School – 4 years
- Master of Education in Educational Administration
- Certified teacher: 23 years teaching experience at the Early, Middle and Senior Years levels
- Level 1 and 2 Administrator Certificate
- Special Education Coordinator Certificate
- Level 1 and 2 Threat Assessment Certification
- Cognitive Coaching Level 1, 2, 3 & Skill Mastery Program
- Level 1 Restitution Certificate
- Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Education majoring in Special Education
- B.A. in Physical Education

From the Grade 6 Camp Stephens world...

The Grade 6 teachers and students would like to express their thanks to the students, staff and community of General Byng, for helping us to complete another successful fundraising project. Our Chocolate Bunny and Cheesecake fundraiser was very successful and we are one step closer to achieving our fundraising goal.



Be on the lookout for our last fundraising event of the year - **Fun Pasta!** Information and order forms will be sent home in the near future.

Elementary Music

Our Keyboard Band performed a few pieces during the lunch hour at the Manitoba Legislature on Tuesday, April 19. The kids were great ambassadors for General Byng. It was quite exciting for them!



We will be holding a “Creative Arts” evening on Wednesday, May 25 from 6:30-8:30pm. This will involve displays and performances from K-6 music, Art, Jazz Band, Foods and Drama (Improv). We will also have our Silent Auction. Watch for information letters coming home. It’s an exciting evening!

DID YOU KNOW?

“For the most intimate and profound, most moving experiences, we needed more subtle sounds and more effective symbols. And so it is that men and women have throughout history used music to express feelings that words cannot convey.”

Dr. Frances Rauscher (The Mozart Effect)
Canadian Music Educator , Spring 2003

“NOURISHING POTENTIAL”



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

All monies raised will be used to support the breakfast and lunch'n'learning programs that the school runs daily.

General Byng School Gym

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

7:00 am to 10:00am

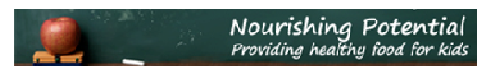
\$3.00/person

or

\$10.00/family (4 or more)

Tickets available now from Bertnick's Bistro (Room 5)

Thank you to our sponsors



IMPORTANT DATES

May	19	Plant Pickup (3:30p.m. to 5:30p.m.)	
	23	Victoria Day	No Classes
	25	Creative Art Party	
June	1	Band Concert	
	10	School Administrative Day	No Classes
	29	Last Day of Classes	
	30	School In-Service Day	No Classes

Creative Art Party

Please mark your calendar, this will be an evening to celebrate the creative arts. Art show, singing, keyboard, improv, choir, jazz band, guest artist presentation and cafe featuring grade 9 chef's. Stay tuned for more details

General Byng's Creative Art Party

Date: May 25th

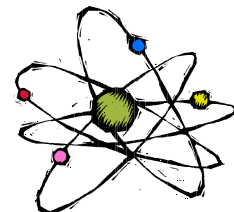
Time: 6:30 - 8:30

Place: General Byng School

From Mr. Birt's Science Lab

Grade 7 Science – May and June

Grade 7's have begun a Year End Project that is due Tuesday, May 24. They have been given thirteen topics to choose from within the four Grade 7 units. Topics relate to the science inquiry, design or research processes. It is an individual project and students are to supply their own materials. They have four computer periods at school but some of the work will have to be completed outside of class. Students will present their projects late May and early June prior to preparations for the exam. It has the same mark value as each of the units covered this year so it is an opportunity to raise their year end mark significantly. For more information, please refer to the student handouts or the school wiki.



Grade 7's also have a field trip to Fort Whyte on Thursday, May 5. Permission forms were sent home last Tuesday, April 26 and must be returned by Tuesday, May 3. Students must dress appropriate for the weather (as they will be outside all day) and bring a litter free bag lunch. Students will return to General Byng for period 6. The permission form is also available on the school wiki.

The Grade 7 Ecosystem Unit Test is scheduled for Friday, May 20. This is the last test before the final exams in June.

Grade 8 Science – May and June

Grade 8's have begun a Year End Project that is due Friday, May 20. They have been given seven topics to choose from within the four Grade 8 units. Topics relate to the science inquiry, design or research processes. It is an individual project and students are to supply their own materials. They have four computer periods at school but some of the work will have to be completed outside of class. Students will present their projects late May and early June prior to preparations for the exam. It has the same mark value as each of the units covered this year so it is an opportunity to raise their year end mark significantly. For more information, please refer to the student handouts or the school wiki.

The Grade 8 Light Unit Test is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18. This is the last test before the final exams in June.

IMPORTANT DATES

Science 7	Year End Project Outline Due: Wed., May 4	Ecosystems Unit Test – Fri., May 20	Year End Project Due: Tues., May 24	Project Presentations late May – early June	Exam Prep – early June to exam
Science 8	Year End Project Outline Due: Tues., May 3	Light Unit Test – Wed., May 18	Year End Project Due: Fri., May 20		

Food for Thought

News from the Foods Lab

Ms. B.McCann

May brings the warm weather and greening of the Earth outside. It is a great time to eat fresh new vegetables. Asparagus is plentiful right now as are fresh herbs. Salads taste better with fresh dill, mint or cilantro. Who doesn't enjoy new potatoes with butter and fresh dill and chives?

May is also the month that the division hosts a Junior Iron Chef culinary competition at Winnipeg Technical Center. The GB Iron chef semi finals took place the last week of April with sixteen grade nine Food and Nutrition students compete for a place on the select team. Guest Chefs, Shannon Stebelko and Natalia Anderson judged the competition. Because of the caliber of the cooks at our school it took many hours of deliberation, but they finally settled on four students. Our team this year consists of four students Tia Friesen, Drew Weibe, Laura Friesen and Kaylee Comber

Congratulations to all who competed, you made me very proud.

We also have begun with the last rotation of grade sevens and eights who begin their session in the foods lab. These beginning cooks are very inspired by the Grade nine cooks and are keen to produce yummy and healthy snacks. Please encourage your children to practice cooking in their own kitchen and share some of the recipes we prepare at school.

Grilled Asparagus Salad

- 60 ml olive oil
- 30 ml lemon juice
- 12 fresh asparagus spears
- 180 g fresh spinach leaves
- 10 g grated Parmesan cheese
- 7 g seasoned slivered almonds

Directions

Preheat a grill for low heat. Combine the lemon juice and olive oil on a plate. Place asparagus on the plate, and roll around to coat.

Grill asparagus for about 5 minutes, turning at least once, and brushing with the olive oil mixture. Remove from the grill, and place back onto the plate with the oil.

In a large bowl, combine the spinach, Parmesan cheese, and slivered almonds. Cut asparagus into bite size pieces, and add to the salad along with the lemon juice and oil from the plate. Toss to blend, then serve.

PRESS RELEASE

April 26, 2011

The Provincial Government recently announced that for 2011, the Education Property Tax Credit has increased from \$650 to \$700. The 2011/12 Pembina Trails School Division Budget approved on March 10, 2011, had generated a tax reduction to the Typical Homeowner with a home assessed at the market value \$290,000. The tax reduction in that Budget was \$2 or .1%. The increase in the Property Tax Credit revises the Pembina Trails School Division tax reduction to \$52 or 4.3%. The Education Property Tax Credit is part of the Province's education funding to school divisions which is credited directly against property tax.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Children that are registered for September 2011 Kindergarten will be receiving an invitation shortly to the **Welcome to Kindergarten night**. This is an exciting evening where children and parents participate in learning activities to help prepare the kids for school. Kids and parents will also get a chance to meet some of their future classmates and their families along with some of the other adults at our school. At the end of the evening, the kids will get to take home their own bag of fun activities! The Welcome to Kindergarten night will take place late May and parents can expect to see an invitation in the mail soon.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All the grade 3-6 students will be participating in a Tri-Meet for Track and Field on Tuesday, May 10th, 2011. A Divisional Track and Field meet for grades 4-6 will be held on May 31st, 2011. These track meets will be held at the University of Manitoba, Pan Am Stadium. Permission slips for the Tri-Meet have been sent home and need to be signed and returned by Friday, May 6th, 2011.

BAND NEWS - Mrs. Canto

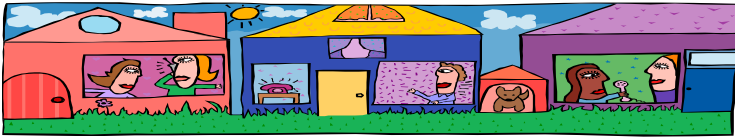
Please join us for the final concert of the year which will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. General Byng's three concert bands and Jazz bands will be performing. All students in band are required to attend wearing their General Byng band shirts.



On June 7 the members of the Grade 9 concert and Jazz band will travel to Oakenwald and Ralph Maybank Elementary Schools to perform two concerts. They will return to General Byng in the afternoon.

Students interested in applying for the summer band camp scholarships, your forms are available from Mrs. Canto and will be due by May 15.

Any students in grade 7 wishing to play in Jazz band next year will audition for Mrs. Canto. Forms will be sent home with students soon. The Jazz band consists of piano, guitar, drums, bass guitar, and the wind instruments (saxophone, trumpet, trombone). Flute, clarinet, tuba and euphonium players may also join Jazz band on those instruments, or they are welcome to try a second instrument.



Community News



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOOK MARKET ANNUAL SALE April 30 - May 7 St. Vital Centre

If you love to read, the Children's Hospital Book Market Annual Sale is the place to find books at affordable prices. Head to St. Vital Centre from April 30 – May 7, and browse thousands of great paperbacks in more than 65 categories including mystery, science fiction, biographies, royalty and romance.

All sales support the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, which funds vital kids programs and equipment at the Children's Hospital and life-saving pediatric research at the Manitoba Institute of Child Health.

For more information please contact:
Carol Irving
Book Market Coordinator
(204) 783-1125

FREE ADMISSION TO THE TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



25th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 29th, 2011, ASSINIBOINE PARK
9AM - 5PM

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Featuring

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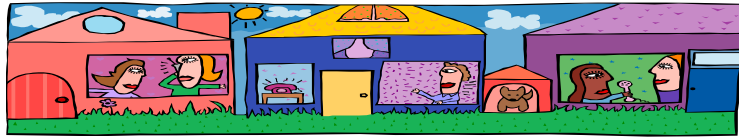
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For information visit www.goodbear.mb.ca or 787-4000



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University of Manitoba - Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals' PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

For the past 5 years the Richardson Centre has been focusing on research to lower cholesterol in humans using crops from the Prairies and natural products such as whole grains, dairy, and oils.

The Open House will include displays of current studies, allow you to sample tasty healthy food products and tour our facilities. Come celebrate with us!

For more information, please visit www.rcffn.ca.

WINNIPEG SYNCHRO

2011 Summer Programs

Registrant Information

Name: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Camp Registration: *(All camps run at the PanAm Pool)*

Half Day: AquaSquirt (Ages 5-7: Shallow water)

August 8-12: \$140 9:00 am - 12:00 pm August 15-19: \$140 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Half Day: AquaStar (Ages 8-11: Deep water)

August 8-12: \$140 9:00 am - 12:00 pm August 15-19: \$140 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Full Day Competitive

August 22-26: \$280 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Send registration form and payment to:

Winnipeg Synchro
PO Box 154
Pro Corydon
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 3S7

Please make cheques payable to "Winnipeg Synchro"

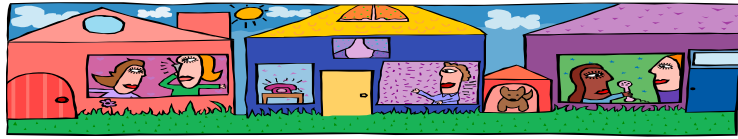
Child care prior to and following camp sessions can be arranged. Please email winnipegynchro@gmail.com for further information.

INTERNATIONAL TRAILS DAY

On Saturday, June 4, 2011 we celebrate INTERNATIONAL TRAILS DAY on the HARTE TRAIL at OAKDALE STREET and RIDGEWOOD AVENUE ,(1 Block west of MARG EDEY PARK).

This year's theme is PAW TREK, DOG SHOW & "ACTIVE OUTDOORS". Time is 1:00-4:00 P.M. Other activities include BIKE DECORATING, GEO-CACHING & URBAN POLING.

Come out and join the fun!



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Blue and Gold Football Starts HERE!

2011 Tackle Football Registration – Fort Garry Lions Football

Be part of the "Lions' Pride" in Fort Garry. Join our Football Family

Registration for the 2011 season will take place at the Fort Garry Lions' clubhouse (Clarence and Hamelin – behind Century Arena) on the following dates:

Thursday, May 5: 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Friday, May 6: 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Saturday, May 7: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please bring the following to Registration:

- **Three cheques:**
 - Equipment Bond - postdated
 - Volunteer Bond - postdated
 - Registration Fee
- **A photocopy of both sides of the MB Health Card which lists the player's name, date of birth and current address**

For more information on Fort Garry Lions' football and 2011 registration, visit the Fort Garry Lions website www.fortgarrylions.ca.

NB: Families living or attending school within the designated boundaries as shown on this map are eligible to register with the Fort Garry Lions Football Club.





MAY 2011

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Day 1	3 Day 2 Gr K-4 Field Trip	4 Day 3	5 Day 4 All Gr 4 and Gr 6 girls inoculations Gr 7 Field Trip	6 Day 5 GB Students leave for Quebec
9 Day 6 7C Field Trip	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4
16 Day 5	17 Day 6 GB students return from Quebec	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 Community Plant Pick-up	20 Day 3
23 Victoria Day No Classes	24 Day 4	25 Day 5 Kindergarten Field Trip Creative Arts Evening	26 Day 6	27 Day 1
30 Day 2	31 Day 3			