



GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL
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May
2010
Newsletter

Dear General Byng Families,

We hope you have all had a chance to get active and enjoy the exceptional weather we have enjoyed lately.

Another fine evening of music, song, dance and commercials was enjoyed at the K-6 Fun-Raiser Concert; thanks to Mr. Carroll, the K-6 staff, the students and the many parent volunteers for a wonderful evening.

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

Congratulations to Ms. Bates and the students who experienced the art museums and culture of Montreal on the Art Trip.

Our badminton players are in the midst of their season and we wish them well as they move into the playoffs; thanks to all the coaches!

Garden Party –School-Community beautification day May 15th from 10-2 - All are welcome to join in the fun!!

Art Party – May 20th

Band Concert- May 26th

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.

Last year we began the first phase of our school beautification; many thanks to the teachers, parents and students involved in our Green Byng Committee for their efforts in enhancing the natural spaces around the school. We plan to continue our work to improve our school grounds on May 15th. We are holding our Garden Party that day and any interested students, parents or community members who would like to lend a hand are more than welcome. If you plan to attend please contact Ms. McCann (bmccann@pembinatrails.ca) or 452-3040.

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

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

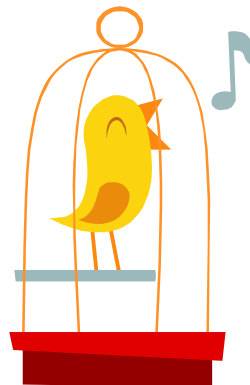
Our Spring Fun-Raiser Concert was a huge success. Thank you to all in our community for donating to your child's classroom basket. 10% of our income will be donated to the LadyBug Foundation (Hannah Taylor) for the homeless. You also brought in lots of food for Winnipeg Harvest!

Special thanks to our co-ordinators this year: Shawn DeMoissac and Rhonda McDougall!!

We are planning a dance workshop for students sometime during May or June.

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 \$9.00. If you already have a recorder please feel free to send it with your child and disregard the \$9.00 fee. Please do NOT purchase a recorder from a school supply store... they tend to be pitched incorrectly. Thank you.



DID YOU KNOW?

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"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

Mr. D. Carroll
Elementary Music

ENRICHMENT NEWS

Our school had students compete in the Canadian Math League contests for Grade 7 and Grade 8 students. They represented General Byng very well. Congratulations to Dmitri Seymour, Alex Hunter, Brian Buchanan, Archana Neupane, Olivia Brown and Amanda Chaboyer for their participation.

Thirty of our Grade 8 students competed in the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League. We are happy to say that 19 of our students scored above the national average. The School Champion for this contest will be announced at our Awards Assembly in June. Nice work everyone.

The Divisional Chess Tournaments are on May 5 and 6th. Representing the Grade 1-4 students will be Tyler Gavel, Tanner Hamin– Marsh and Austin Lefreniere-Kaufold. Representing the Grade 5-8 students will be Alex Hunter, Will Plett and Christopher Jensen–Young. Good luck to all competitors.

A PAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

They came, they saw, they bought, they entered the family draw and they granted their teachers' wishes from the wish list. Thank you for supporting our annual Book Fair this year. As always, it was a huge success and a lot of fun. Congratulations to Nathan Lockhart-Degroot, winner of the family night door prize. Nathan and his teacher, Mrs. Peterson, each won \$25.00 worth of books.

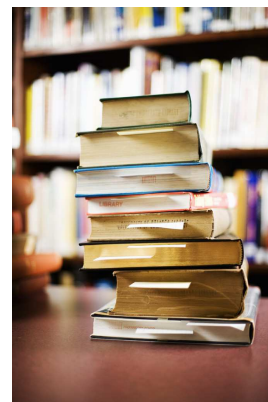
A humongous thanks goes to our perennial volunteer Mrs. Jacobs who faithfully helps us set up each year and volunteers her time with the Book Fair. A huge thanks goes out to Ms. Rondeau, our book fair queen, who adds a new dimension to the word "multi-task" as she simultaneously (and cheerfully) ran the book fair, catalogued books, checked out books, sold pizza.....

With the proceeds from the book sale we were able to add 34 books to our collection. New on the shelves, thanks to the Book Fair, are *Littlest Sled Dog*, *Marley's Big Adventure*, *Spatula Cookbook*, *Boys are Dogs*, *Deer Dear*, *Death by Latte*, *Cryptids and other Creep Creatures*, *Dieppe: Canada's Darkest Day of WWII*, *4 Kids in 5E* and *One Crazy Year* to name but a few.

Our library collection grows in response to student requests. Some of the titles recently added to our collection include ... *If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period*, *Being Nikki*, *Duck and Cover* (sequel to *Duck at the Door*), *Blueberries for the Queen*, *I Love You, Beth Cooper*, *What's Hot*, *These Boots are Made for Stalking*, *Luna*, *The Mysterious Benedict Society*.....

Need a book? Check out the library.

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



PATROL NEWS

The Patrols continue to do a great job and to thank them for all their hard work this year, all Patrols will be attending the Goldeyes Game on the afternoon of May 27th. If you cross at a Patrol crosswalk, please give them your thanks.



BADMINTON

Congratulations to the General Byng Badminton Teams. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the team.

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 competing 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; Rahne Templeton, Reagan Balcaen, Lomalanga Mkhabela, and the alternate Zachary Friesen. 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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

GUIDANCE

Students in kindergarten, grade one & two received classes on the conflict resolution program called "Kelso". The program discusses the difference between problems which the students can try to resolve on their own, and those that they need to get assistance from an adult. The strategies the students were taught included how to calm themselves when they are angry, how to speak assertively when upset with a friend, as well as various other strategies.

Earlier in the year, the following presentations occurred:

Grades 4 & 5: anger management

Grades 5 & 6: friendship skills

Grades 7 & 8: anti-bullying presentations

Grade 9: Body Image

Since summer is approaching, for those families who would like to send a child to camp but cannot afford to do so, it may be helpful to check out the following website: www.mbcamping.ca or call 784-1130. The sunshine fund subsidizes camp fees for families in need. The website includes a list of available camps as well as an application form. The application form can then be submitted to myself.

If you have any questions/concerns about your child's social/emotional well-being, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lynn Rappaport

BAND NEWS - Mrs. Canto

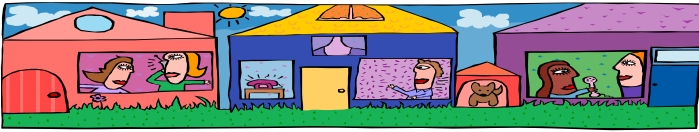
Please join us for the final concert of the year which will be held on Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. General Byng's three concert bands and a jazz combo will be performing. All students in band are required to attend wearing their General Byng band shirts.

On Tuesday, June 1st (tentatively) 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 should be handed in as soon as possible.

Any students in grade 7 wishing to play in jazz band next year will audition for Mrs. Canto in early June. Forms will be sent home to students in mid-May. 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

Come Celebrate Arbor Day

Trees Winnipeg (Coalition to Save the Elms) is presenting our annual Arbor Day, "All Trees Tell a Story" celebration on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) at 500 Shaftesbury Blvd from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

We invite you and your family to spend the day with Winnipeg's most professional arborists. Whether it's an exciting, yet effortless, zip-line ride into the upper canopy of a wonderful elm, or a self propelled climb to see how high you can get into one of the oldest and largest spruce trees in the area. Our tree climbing rides are sure to thrill both kids and adults and are said to be one of Winnipeg's best kept secrets. For the less adventurous, there will be children's crafts and storytelling tents which will be buzzing all day long. If it is workshops you are interested in attending, there is a busy schedule of topics related to the well being of trees, as presented by a host of professionals.

For a FREE, full day of fun and learning, come out and celebrate Arbor Day and experience how "All Trees Tell a Story".

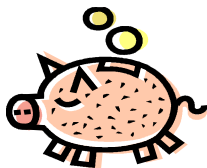
Children's Theatre Productions

Summer Sensation Performing Arts

Monday August 9 to Friday August 13 at Pantages Playhouse Theatre. The camp runs each day from 9:00 to 5:00. Students learn acting, improvisation, dance, voice, and performing skills. On Saturday evening August 14 students will be performing on the big stage for families and friends. Director Kathleen Henry has over twenty years experience teaching dance, drama, and directing children's theatre and television.

The Little Mermaid

A story theatre ballet June 18 at 7:00 at Pantages Playhouse Theatre. Limited scholarships available. For information call: 779-2667 or email kathleenhjs@aol.com



LINDEN WOODS / WHYTE RIDGE
Y- NEIGHBOURS presents...

KIDS' USED TOY & CLOTHING SALE!!

SATURDAY MAY 29, 2010

9:00 am – 12 noon

Crescentwood Community Center

1170 Corydon Avenue

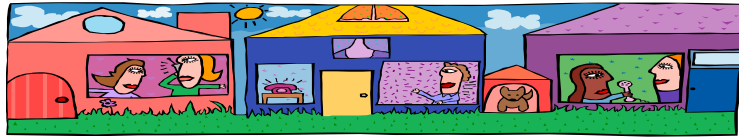
\$2.00 Admission

(Children under 12, admission is free)

**To reserve a table (early bird rentals in effect) or
For additional information please call,**

Paula @ 261-3175 or

Email: dpbecker@shaw.ca



Community News

Summer Camp 2010

July 5th to September 3rd

For Ages 6 to 12 years

Fort Garry H.G.I. School Age Program

960 Scurfield Blvd

Ph 488-8336

Email: fgcc@mts.net

Come enjoy the FUN! Fieldtrips every week!

Tinker town, Fun Mountain, Marine Museum,
Selkirk Park, Imax, Bird's Hill Park and more!



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 or visit our website at www.littleyearsschool.com.

ADVANTAGE TENNIS & SPORTS CAMP

July & August

Ages 4-16 yrs old

Camp is available for half days 9-12:00 or full days 9-4:00 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 off and late pick up are available.

For more information call Marcie 489-1152

msaifer@shaw.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

May 13	Gr 4 and 6 Immunizations
May 24	Victoria Day - No Classes
May 26	Band Concert - 7:00 p.m.
May 27	Rooftop Photo - 9:15 a.m.
June 14	School Administrative Day - No Classes
June 17-23	Grade 7-9 Exams
June 22	EY Reports sent home
June 25	Gr 7-8 awards
	Grade 9 Awards and Reception, Grade 9 Farewell
	Grade 5-9 Reports Distributed
June 28-30	Grade 7-9 Activity Days
June 30	Last day of school



MAY 2010

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4 Gr 8 Students to Vincent Massey Play	6 Day 5	7 Day 6 Rain date for Earth Day Community Cleanup
10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3 Gr 7-9 Track Meet	13 Day 4 Gr 4 & 6 Immunizations	14 Day 5 Elementary Track Meet (Garden Party Saturday from 10 am- 2 pm)
17 Day 6 Gr 7 to Fort Whyte	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21 Day 4
24 VICTORIA DAY NO CLASSES	25 Day 5	26 Day 6 7:00 p.m. - Band Concert	27 Day 1 9:15 - Rooftop Photo 10:00 - Patrol Appreciation Field Trip	28 Day 2
31 Day 3				