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November
2010
Newsletter

Dear Families

Happy Halloween to all!

Thank you to all of those who were able to participate in the October Tri-conferences. We enjoyed meeting with you and working with you to support your child(ren)'s learning. Our next set of tri-conferences is December 9th and 10th – registration will again be on-line.

Congratulations to the Grade 9 girls' cross-country team and coaches on winning the Provincial Championship! We also wish our volleyball players luck as they finish their seasons this month.

Our school has also been nominated for a Provincial Award by the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba for our Healthy Living.....High on Life conference that was held last November for our Grade 7-9 students.

As you are aware the first wave of flu and colds has occurred. If your child is feeling ill or has flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home until the symptoms have disappeared.

Please remember that if your child is ill or will be attending an appointment during the school day, please give our attendance secretary a phone call. We have a 24 hour answering machine so messages can be left at your convenience.

Our school is in the process of planning an exchange trip to Quebec. This is a great opportunity for students who are enrolled in French and who have expressed an interest in the exchange, to be immersed in the culture of Quebec and to utilize the speaking skills they are acquiring. Further information about the exchange will be updated in future newsletters.

If you weren't aware of our long history with Setagaya (Tokyo), Japan, 2010-2011 is a planning year for the 21st Goodwill Mission between General Byng School and Setagaya, Japan. Presentations for grade 7 and 8 students will occur shortly. Look for more information coming home and on our web-page.

Our United Way campaign will be starting this month at school. We would like to invite any parents/guardians who don't currently have a United Way campaign at their workplace to donate with our school. It is a great way to do our little bit to make our community better.

Two years ago our students worked together to create a school-wide respect agreement. The agreement is as follows:

At General Byng....

We speak kindly
We use our manners
We include everyone.

Our goal with our respect agreement this year is to work with our students to "keep it alive". We would greatly appreciate your support with your child(ren)'s learning by assisting your child(ren) to recognize how those statements may relate to social situations they encounter outside of school.

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.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Assembly is on November 10, 2010 at 10:00. Any student who is involved in cadets, scouts, brownies etc. are encouraged to wear their uniform for the assembly.



Do you have any photos of family members or friends who have served in the Military, Armed Forces, or Navy that we could use for our Remembrance Day assembly? We would require the originals (which will be returned to you) or you can scan them and email them to Ms. Lessak (elessak@peminatrails.ca). We will require the persons name and information with the photo. Thanks for your help.

Please make sure to clearly mark who the photo belongs to so we can return it to you.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

- Volunteering does not mean you have to come every day.
- Volunteering does not mean you have to stay at school all day long.
- Volunteering does not mean you have to volunteer all year.
- Volunteering does mean you care.
- Volunteering does mean you want to be involved in your child's school experience.
- Volunteering does mean you are committed to doing your part to make our school and community a better place to live and grow.

We recognize that volunteer skills, interests and time commitments vary. We hope that you will be able to find something that you will enjoy doing. Here are some possibilities:

Classroom opportunities: Some teachers like to have volunteers help in their classroom. The classroom may be your child's classroom or another classroom. Many teachers rely on regular time commitments in order to support his/her educational programming.

School-wide opportunities: General Byng has volunteering opportunities which will enrich student experience outside the classroom. Volunteers might help the outdoor classroom committee, assist in coaching, assist with chess club or craft club, etc...

One shots – Perhaps you are able assist the school with special one time events.

Projects – Perhaps you are willing and able to assist with projects that may span several days or weeks.

Choose the way you want to volunteer.

Choose what is right for you.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Gilbertson

Kindergarten Here We Come!

If you know of any families in your neighbourhood that have children who will be attending Kindergarten next fall, the division runs a wonderful program called **Kindergarten Here We Come**. This program is free and takes place on Monday afternoons in the Kindergarten classroom at General Byng School. The children learn about letters, numbers and all sorts of other important skills to prepare them for Kindergarten. Please contact Sharon Barker at 488-1757 for more info.

GRADE 6 CAMP FUNDRAISING NEWS

In our efforts to send our Grade 6 students to Camp Stephens, we have recently distributed **Peak of the Market** fundraising brochures to all students in General Byng School. This is a terrific opportunity to support our Grade 6 students and our community, while supporting healthy lifestyle choices. As well as being a great fundraiser for our Grade 6 campers, Peak of the Market will match all sales with an equal donation to Winnipeg Harvest. Please review the brochure and order information and return all orders to the school by Monday, November 15th.

Thank you for supporting our Grade 6 campers!

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Greetings!

We have our concert dates set. Please mark these on the calendar!

Christmas Season Concert Tuesday December 21 at 7pm

Spring "Fun"-Raiser Concert Wednesday April 20 at 7pm

Please note that these concerts are part of the regular school music curriculum, and all students are required to attend.

Our first PERFORMANCE DAY of the year was very successful.... lots of students playing instruments, a bit of dance, some guitar, and plenty of singing. Congratulations to all who took part!

Grade 5-6's are getting some great sounds from their recorders. Hope you're hearing it a bit at home!

Our Elementary Grade 3-4 Choir will be doing a 'gig' at Lion's Manor Seniors Home along with some Junior High Band students on Tuesday, December 14 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

We have begun a Keyboard Band on Day 2 at lunch with a few students. We're off to a great start!

DID YOU KNOW?

"The only way we can really envisage vital movement, the stirring and growth and passage of emotion, and ultimately the whole direct sense of human life, is in artistic terms."

Suzanne Langer "The Cultural Importance of the Arts", Educational Leadership, November, 1989



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

We hope that the start of the school year is going well for everyone. Thus far we have had our AGM and our October meeting. We are now busily trying to organize ourselves and our projects with the continued support of Mr. Juby and Mrs. Walker.

There have been some changes to our executive council this year. We commend Janice Morgan, Jodie Simeonidis and Rhonda McDougall, our past chair, treasurer and secretary respectively, who have stepped down after many years of service. Nicole Leclerc continues to be a valued veteran of our executive council, and is now joined by Anne-Marie Allan, Elizabeth Dingman and Shannon Gunter-Smith. Rachel Hamm, Jennifer Boroski, Anne-Marie Jensen and Janice Morgan are continuing, supportive council members. We'd also like to welcome our newest member, Paras Vora, a dad on council! Together we hope to have a successful year representing the concerns of General Byng parents, while raising the funds necessary to enhance our children's school experience.

If you are interested in attending PAC meetings, we generally meet every third Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held on November 16, at 6:30 p.m. All parents are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Please watch for our volunteering forms, which will be sent home soon. We cannot emphasize enough how important and appreciated volunteers are for General Byng and PAC.

Thank you to all who participated in the Innisbrook fundraiser! Our current goal is to raise enough funds to complete the audiovisual system in the gym. We will again be selling Shelmerdine poinsettias and door swags, so please watch for these order forms, too.

If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us via email at gbparentcouncil@gmail.com. Your feedback is valuable to us.

BAND NEWS

General Byng band shirts will be on sale in early December for \$16.00 each. These are the shirts that all band students wear for band performances. Order forms will be sent home in late November. Our first concert for three concert bands and two jazz bands will take place on Wednesday, February 9th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.



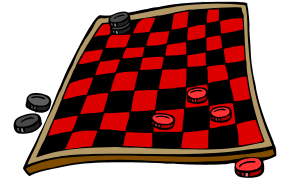
All students renting school owned instruments should have returned their rental forms and payments to Mrs. Canto. Please ask Mrs. Canto for another copy of the form if you have lost your original.

MR. BIRT'S SCIENCE

Just a reminder to all Grade 7 and 8 parents/guardians to check Mr. Birt's Science wiki page (<http://generalbyng.pbworks.com/>) for your child's assessment scores and the class work. I would appreciate an email (wbirt@pembinatrails.ca) for feedback on the wiki page regarding how much you are using it and which information you find useful.

GAMES CLUB

Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Ardern and Ms. Gilbertson will be offering a Games Club for grades 1-4. Over the course of the club, students will learn a variety of card and board games. A letter will be sent home with more information and with a permission slip in the near future.



Food for Thought

News from the Foods Lab

Ms. B McCann



The foods lab kitchen is a great place to work, from Death by Chocolate Brownies to the delicious cinnamon rolls made the hallways smell delicious and homemade pizza made by the grade nine cooks brought many beggars to the door. The grade nine classes are working on their Cook@ Home assignments due mid November and I have heard about many delicious menu plans. Good luck to all of you!

A good cook makes the same recipe over and over, perfecting it slowly over time. Encourage your child to prepare the recipe covered in class for the family. Nothing is more rewarding then the praise from loved ones on a delicious home-made item. I am also very pleased to hear about their cooking adventures. For a delicious snack or a quick breakfast try this recipe.

Oatmeal Breakfast Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 195 ml butter, softened or margarine
- 10 ml ground cinnamon
- 5 ml baking soda
- 375 ml packed dark brown sugar
- 375 ml applesauce
- 250 ml whole wheat flour
- 300 ml rolled oats
- 125 ml sweetened coconut
- 125 ml raisins or dried cranberries
- 125 ml chopped almonds (optional)

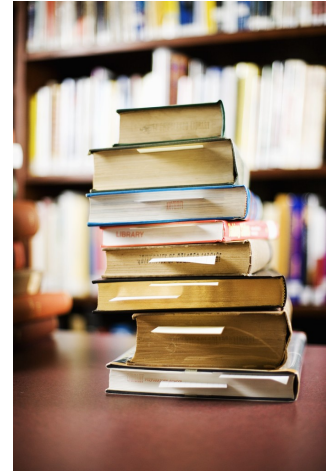
DIRECTIONS

1. Cream butter or margarine, cinnamon, baking soda, and brown sugar. Mix in applesauce. Gradually blend in flour, and then oats. Stir in fruit and nuts. Let dough sit for one hour.
2. Drop by teaspoonful onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 10 to 12 minutes, or until edges are slightly browned. Cool on wire rack.

A PAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Trick or treat and lots of boo! ks to read! October was a HUMONGOUS month in the library. We had an author visit with Ignatius Mabasa from Zimbabwe who enchanted the gr. 1-4 with his storytelling. We had class orientations and bought lots of books at the Book Fair.

Once again the Book Fair was held in conjunction with parent/teacher conferences. The proceeds of the Fair enabled us to purchase many new books for our library such as *The Last Olympian*, *Blood and Iron*, *Don't Judge a Girl By her Cover*, *Astronaut*, *Living in Space*, *Animals at the Edge*, *Hockey Superstars*, *Howard B. Wigglebottom Listens to his Heart*, *Lola and Tiva*, *Polar Bears on Ice*, *The Rise and Fall of Darth Vader*, *Glitter Girls* and *the Great Fake Out* and *Pony Crazy* to name but a few. Congratulations to Chris Van Wissen, winner of our Family Draw. Chris and his ELA teacher, Mr. Klippenstein, each won \$25 worth of books. Thank you for your support!



A reminder that *World Book Online* and *World Online for Kids* are available to all students in the Pembina Trails School Division. Students have direct access at school and at home can access it with the user ID: **pembina** and the password: **student**.

Got a book? Check out the library...

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

GRADE 5/6 PATROL NEWS

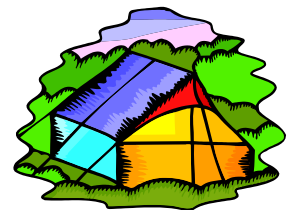
Our patrol teams continue to do terrific work at their patrol stations, by ensuring the students of General Byng are arriving safely to school. Vehicle drivers are asked to please be aware of speed restrictions in our school zone and to keep alert for patrol crossings and students.



Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students and patrols safe!

CAMP NEWS

Preparations are underway for our Grade 6 Camp Stephens adventure. We will be having a Camp meeting for parents, on Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 P.M., in the library. Representatives from Camp Stephens will be in attendance to answer any questions regarding this outdoor camp experience.



Please plan to attend the meeting for additional information.

IMPORTANT DATES

November	10	Remembrance Day Assembly	
	11	Remembrance Day	No Classes
December	9	Tri-Conferences K-9 (evening) register online	
	10	Tri-Conferences K-9 (morning)	No Classes
		School in-service (afternoon)	No Classes
	21	K-6 Concert	
	22	Last Day of Classes	
January	6	First Day of Classes	
	21	School Administrative Day	No Classes
February	4	Reports sent home (1/2 way day)	
	9	Band Concert (Grade 7-9)	
	11	Winter Activity Days (eligible students only)	
	16	VMC Orientation (Gr 9) VMC Open House	
	18	School In-Service Day	No Classes
	21	Louis Riel Day	No Classes
	24	Grade 7 Open House	
March	25	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break	
April	4	Classes Resume	
	14	Tri-Conferences K-9 (evenings) - register online	
	15	Tri-Conferences K-9 (morning)	No Classes
		School In-Service (afternoon)	No Classes
	20	K-6 Spring Concert (Fun-raiser)	
	22	Good Friday	No Classes
	25	PTSD In-Service	No Classes
May	23	Victoria Day	No Classes
	25	Band Concert (Grade 7-9)	
June	10	School Administrative Day	No Classes
	29	Last Day of Classes	
	30	School In-Service Day	No Classes



Community News

American Sign Language

This is an American Sign Language (ASL) course that is designed for any individuals who want to improve their ASL skills and in particular parents, relatives or friends that have contact with Deaf or hard of hearing children. This is not for credit class and is also ideal for any individual who wants to learn ASL for basic communication and have fun while learning. All are welcome.

Class Dates: November 18th – Dec. 9th and January 6 – January 20th

Duration: 8 Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Location: Pembina Trails School Division Administration Office 181 Henlow Bay – room C

Instructor: Gordon Wiebe

Course Fee: No Charge

To register: Please call Jaime at 488-1767 ext: 1262 or e-mail her at jafrench@pembinatrails.ca

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.

St. Norbert Community Centre

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

3450 Pembina Hwy.

November 20, 2010

9:00-3:00 pm

Admission fee \$2.00 for adults. Kids under 12 free.

Crafts, baking, door prizes and Kid's Christmas Store.

A portion of the proceeds will be in support of an orphanage in Kerala, India for Christmas.



Community News



Koats for Kids is a seasonal program that runs from October to February. On average, we receive approximately 10,000 requests for winter outerwear per year.

Donations of good quality winter clothing can be dropped off at any Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Station or Perth's location.

Parents can submit orders to Koats for Kids directly by phone at 586-KOAT (5628) or email at koats@UnitedWayWinnipeg.mb.ca

The following information is required for all Koats for Kids orders:

First and last name of parent or legal guardian

Telephone number where parent/guardian can be reached

Child's gender

Child's size (not age)

Name and address of school, daycare or agency partner where coats will be picked up by parent/guardian

Koats for Kids will contact parent/guardians to let them know when they can pick up their winter outerwear from the location specified in the order. **We ask that the parent/guardian of the child personally pick up their order from the selected school, daycare or agency partner to protect the child's privacy and dignity.**



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <i>Day 3</i>	2 <i>Day 4</i> Gr 1-4 Craft Club	3 <i>Day 5</i> Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day	4 <i>Day 6</i>	5 <i>Day 1</i>
8 <i>Day 2</i> Gr 1-4 Field Trip	9 <i>Day 3</i> Gr 1-4 Craft Club	10 <i>Day 4</i>	11 Remembrance Day No School	12 <i>Day 5</i>
15 <i>Day 6</i>	16 <i>Day 1</i> Gr 1-4 Craft Club	17 <i>Day 2</i>	18 <i>Day 3</i>	19 <i>Day 4</i>
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29 <i>Day 4</i>	30 <i>Day 5</i> Gr 1-4 Craft Club			