



GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL
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**October
2010
Newsletter**

Dear Families:

The recent warm weather has provided a wonderful backdrop for all school activities including our fall fire drills. The students have been cooperative and timely as they practice emergency procedures at different times of the day. We will continue to hold fire drills, lockdown drills, and a tornado drill throughout the year.

2010-2011 is a year of cultural opportunity for our older students. This year is a planning/organization year for the 21st Goodwill Mission between Setagaya, Japan and General Byng School. This exchange provides an opportunity for 16 students from Setagaya, Japan (Tokyo) and 16 students from General Byng to spend approximately 16 days experiencing a homestay with their host family. More information will be provided to grade 7 and 8 students shortly. General Byng has also been accepted by SEVEC (Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada) as a participating school for a Quebec exchange with a school in Quebec City. Our school last participated in this program 2 years ago and we are excited that some of our grade 9 (and possibly grade 8) students will have the opportunity once again.

As we move through October, we can expect the weather to begin its slide into winter. Please drive cautiously around the school and be mindful of students who are on their way to and from home/school. Our patrols have been diligent in supporting our youngest students make their way across the streets; please support the patrols be slowing down and stopping in advance of the crosswalks and waiting until they are off the street before advancing.

Twenty-nine new students registered at General Byng after August 30th. To all of these families, Welcome, and we look forward to you participating in our community and getting to know you better. Thank you to all staff members for supporting these new students as they transition into our school.

Our first parent teacher interviews will be held on Oct. 14 (evening) and Oct. 15 (morning). These conferences will be scheduled on-line. We will be sending emails and information home about these conferences. Please check our website for additional information. We look forward to speaking with you about your child as a learner and to working with you to best support the hopes and dreams of your child.

Please contact your child's teacher(s) with any questions about their schoolwork or contact the office with any other question or concern. Your feedback is always welcome.

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.**

STUDENT PICTURES

Your child will bring home the proof and order package for their pictures.

- A Proof Return Deadline is indicated on each proof
- Orders are collected at the school in envelopes provided by Lifetouch
- Packages will be delivered back to the school approximately 3 weeks after the Proof Return Deadline
- **Late orders** must be mailed directly **by parents** to the Lifetouch Winnipeg Office:



Lifetouch Canada
Unit #1—1410 Mountain Avenue
Winnipeg, MB
R2X 0A4

- **Retakes**—please check **Retake Request Box** on proof order form and return to the school.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Greetings!

We will be having the first **PERFORMANCE DAY** of the year this month. These classes are set aside so that students in Grade 1 to 6 get an opportunity to sing, dance, or play an instrument in front of their own classmates. Some do it solo, some in pairs or trios. Students **MUST** prepare and rehearse their "act" at home before performing it at school. Parent/Guardian(s) are invited to come and listen and observe. **PERFORMANCE DAY** is **Thursday, October 14 Day 3.**



We have just begun some recorder review and new material in the grade 5-6 classes and our Keyboard Band has already had a couple of rehearsals!

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

Christmas Season Concert	Tuesday	Dec 21	7pm
Spring "Fun"-Raiser Concert	Wednesday	April 20	7pm

Please feel free to drop by at any time for a 'chat', or to come and visit your child's music class. You are most welcome. Have a good month!

DID YOU KNOW?

Dr. Frances Rauscher is a prolific brain-researcher in the US who specializes in studying the effects of music on the brain. "Piano, singing and rhythm training all improved the children's mental imagery.... Rhythm training also improved the children's ability to sequence items – to order them."
Dr. Frances Rauscher CMEA Publication

Mr. D. Carroll
Elementary Music

Food for Thought



News from the Foods lab

Ms. B McCann

The foods lab kitchen has been a deliciously busy place. September floated by as the leaves fell from the trees. October is a time when comfort foods like stew or soup are called for on the menu. Did you try the pumpkin soup recipe from last month's newsletter? The Grade nine cooks will make five kinds of soup this month; Thick and delicious Bacon, Cheddar and Potato soup, Gramma's Chicken Noodle soup*, Old fashioned Tomato and Hearty Vegetable. The younger students have been developing their own techniques such as correct measuring and sanitation procedures while making scones and banana chocolate chip muffins.

The grade nine cooks will also make fresh biscuits, which are most delicious when slopping up the remnants of a hot soup. Many cultures have a form of biscuit and all the recipes stress that to make a good biscuit the mixing and measuring of the ingredients are crucial. Make sure to sift the dry ingredients and cut in cold butter. The wet ingredients are then added and the dough is mixed until it comes together. The dough should not be overworked. They taste best when served hot from the oven.

Biscuit Recipe:

625 ml all-purpose flour
30 ml baking powder
2 ml salt
15 ml white sugar
125 ml cold butter, cut into small pieces
180 ml milk
1 large egg, lightly beaten
Topping:
1 large egg, lightly beaten with 25 ml milk

Biscuit Recipe: Preheat oven to 400 degrees F and place rack in center of oven.

In a large mixing bowl, sift or whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Cut the butter into the dry ingredients until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs (use pastry blender, two knives, or fingertips). Add the milk and slightly beaten egg and stir until just combined. (The texture should be sticky, moist and lumpy.)

Place mixture on a lightly floured surface and knead the dough gently until it comes together and is a smooth dough.

Roll out dough to 1.25 cm thickness. Cut out biscuits with a lightly floured round cookie cutter. Place on prepared baking sheet and brush the tops with the beaten egg and milk mixture and bake for about 10 - 15 minutes or until the tops are golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center of the biscuit comes out clean. Remove from oven and place on a wire rack. Serve warm with butter.

Makes about 12 (7.5 cm) biscuits.

GRADES 1 TO 4 CRAFT CLUB

A grade 1 to 4 craft club will be held on Tuesdays at lunch. The club will be starting in October.

We are looking for donations of household items which can be used for crafts. Such items could include: toilet paper/paper towel rolls, aluminum pie plates, yarn, fabric scraps, plastic/wooden stir sticks, tissue paper, foam packing chips, paper plates, pipe cleaners, juice can lids, etc...



If you have any of these items, please give them to one of the Early Years teachers or the office staff.

Thanks!

Mrs. Peterson and Ms. Gilbertson

PHOTOS FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY 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@pembinatrails.ca). We will require the persons name and information with the photo. Ms. Lessak would require these photos by October 20. Thanks for your help.

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

From Mr. Birt's Grades 7 and 8 Science Class

During the first week of school, students were given a letter regarding the information below. The letter also included a form requesting a parent or guardian email address that is confidential (work or home) to facilitate direct communication when required. Most forms have been returned. If you have not seen this form, you may print it off my wiki page or ask your child for one. Communication is vital in working together for your child's success.

In order to keep current in Grades 7 and 8 Science, students and parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to **check Mr. Birt's wiki page (see <http://generalbyng.pbworks.com/>) for these updates:**

- 1) Science homework, assignments, and daily class work are posted regularly on my page of the school wiki.
- 2) Assignment answer keys are posted after assignments have been corrected in class.
- 3) From time to time, important information or forms regarding upcoming tests, events, or activities will be posted on the wiki.
- 4) Quizzes, tests and respective answer keys are not posted on the wiki.
- 5) In addition, I intend to provide assessment updates on a regular basis, via my wiki.

NOTE: In order to access assessment updates on the wiki, you will need your child's student ID number. This number is on your child's timetable above their name.

If you have any questions or if more information is required, students and parents may reach me by email: wbirt@pembinatrails.ca or by phone: 452-3040 ext. 5438.

GRADE 5/6 NEWS

Camp Stephens and Fundraising Events

The Grade 5/6 team is gearing up for another successful outdoor education experience to Camp Stephens for our grade 6 students, in June, 2011. Please watch for upcoming information about Camp meeting dates and fundraising activities. We will begin our fundraising kick-off with the Double D's cheesecake sale which will be sent home to all K-6 families towards the end of October. Thank you for supporting our Grade 6 students in their fundraising efforts!

Patrols

We have begun patrol training for our new patrol recruits and their enthusiasm and commitment is appreciated by staff, students and community members. This year we have 3 rotating teams of patrols who are at their posts four times a day. Please watch for our patrols with their flags and safety vests as they endeavour to help students cross busy streets to arrive at school safely. Copies of teams, times and weekly schedules have been sent home with all patrols. Keep up the terrific effort patrols!



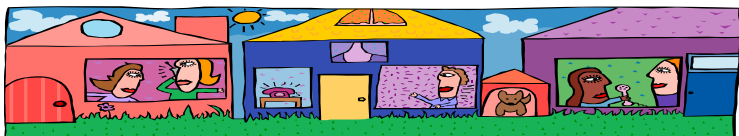
Chess Club

Chess club has started up and we have over 25 children in grades 2-7 involved. Every Wednesday at lunch we meet in the library to help each other learn how to improve our chess skills and play friendly games. If you child will still like to join, please have them come to the office for a permission slip.

Mrs. Walker

IMPORTANT DATES

October	11	Thanksgiving	No Classes
	14	Tri-Conferences K-9 (evenings) register online	
	15	Tri-Conferences K-9 (morning)	No Classes
		School In-Services K-9 (afternoon)	No Classes
	22	Provincial In-Service (SAG)	No Classes
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

Take 5... Choose Involvement... Vote in your school board election... October 27, 2010

As a start, take 5 minutes to consider 5 reasons to care about public schools, 5 reasons school boards matter and 5 qualities to look for as a candidate. Please visit our website at www.pembinatrails.ca/board_administration/SchoolTrustee/index.html and click on Take 5 – Choose Involvement.

The Little Years Nursery School is currently full for the 2010-2011 school year and we have established a wait list. 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.



Registration will take place on **Thursday, Sept. 9** from **6:30-8:30 pm** at **Lindenwoods Community Centre** (414 Lindenwoods Drive West) and at **Whyte Ridge Community Centre** (170 Fleetwood)
Please call **253-3937** or email **bishopg@mts.net** for more information.

Sparks (ages 5 & 6)

386th Sparks meet on Monday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Van Wallegghem School (1 Princemere Road)

390th Sparks meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
At Whyte Ridge Elementary School

Pathfinders (ages 12, 13 & 14)

392nd Pathfinders meet on Monday nights from 6:30-8:15 p.m. at Whyte Ridge Baptist Church, (201 Scurfield Blvd)

Brownies (ages 7 & 8)

130th Brownies meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Van Wallegghem School (1 Princemere Road)

390th Brownies meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Whyte Ridge Elementary School

Guides (ages 9, 10 & 11)

130th Guides meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Van Wallegghem School (1 Princemere Road)

390th Guides meet on Monday nights from 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.
At Whyte Ridge Baptist Church (201 Scurfield Blvd)

Rangers (ages 15, 16 & 17)

6th Rangers – To be determined

This unit information is subject to change.

Cost to join: \$96.00 registration fee, plus weekly dues and uniform.

Adult volunteers are always welcome. Guiders are needed at all levels. Orientation and Training is provided.





Fort Garry Library
Presents
Programs for Children

** Note – pre-registration is required for these programs.
Register in person at 1360 Pembina Hwy. or call 986-4919

2 year olds and their
caregivers will enjoy
stories and action songs in
a group setting.

Thurs. @ 6:30 pm
Sept 30th – Nov 4th

Time For Two's

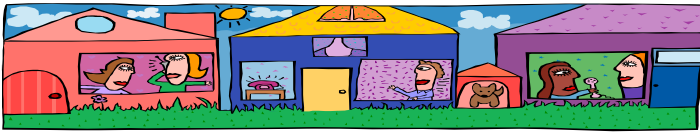


Family
Story Time
**Family
Story Time**



Stories and rhymes for
Children 3 – 5 years
attending with their grown
-up

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm
Oct 5th – Nov 23rd



Community News



Happenings at Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre

1150A Waverley Street:

Women Changing Lives: The Wheel of Time Workshop – Thursday October 14th, 2010 from 10:00 am – 12 Noon

A workshop to increase your knowledge of time management strategies and to confirm your commitment to change your time management behaviour. This is a women only – FREE event. Space is limited – pre registration is required by calling 477-1123. Non perishable food items or monetary donations towards FGWRC are gladly accepted.

104-3100 Pembina Hwy (Buzz Code:1003)

Women & Midlife: First Monday of the Month 1:30-3:30 pm

A monthly support group for women 45 years of age and older. The group will explore topics that are of interest to women during their middle years of life and beyond. Some topics will include:

Positive Aging - October 4th, 2010

Osteoporosis – Speaking of Bones – November 1st, 2010

Coping with Stress – December 6th, 2010

Space is limited. Registration required – please call 477-1123.

Mothering Group – 8 Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30 am October 19th – December 7th, 2010

This is a support group for women who are mothers, at any stage of the mothering journey, wanting to explore the challenges of being a mom and to examine our role as mothers. *The group will focus on the needs of mothers, not the needs of children.* Topics will include such things as societal pressures, coping with stress, mother-guilt, self identity and self-care.

This is a women only event. Space is limited – pre registration and intake is required. For more info or to register please call 477-1123.

Healing from Abuse Group: 8 sessions – Tuesday Evenings 6:30-9:00 pm – Oct 26th to Dec 14th, 2010 at 1150A Waverley St.

This is a group for women who are coping with the impact of partner and/or childhood abuse. Topics explored will be recognizing and defining abuse, ways of coping, naming the losses associated with abuse, dealing with difficult emotions, building self esteem, and learning to be assertive. For more information or to register please call 477-1123 by October 15th, 2010. Limited space. In-person intake with facilitator is required.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Day 1
4 Day 2	5 Day 3 On-line registration for Tri- conferences opens	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6
11 Thanksgiving NO CLASSES	12 Day 1 Gr 4 and Gr 6 girls Immunizations— p.m.	13 Day 2	14 Day 3 Tri-Conferences (K-9) evening	15 Day 4 Tri-Conferences (K-9) morning School In-Service— afternoon No classes all day
18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 Provincial In- Service (SAG) NO CLASSES
25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2