



**GENERAL BYNG SCHOOL**  
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**Sept./Oct.**  
**2009**

Dear Families:

Welcome back to another exciting school year! We would like to thank all family members who attended our Meet the Teacher evening. The conversations and sharing that took place provided a solid foundation on which to build the home/school partnership for the coming year.

With the end of September comes Strong Beginnings, and for the first time all students K-9 were involved. We thank all families for their support of this wonderful gift of time. We would greatly appreciate any feedback you have on the process, timing, and structure of Strong Beginnings. Please email your comments to [djuby@pembinatrails.ca](mailto:djuby@pembinatrails.ca).

We appreciate your patience as we have had our system of bells replaced. The outside bells will ring at 8:35 a.m. for EY students to line up at the door, at 11:30 a.m. signalling the end of the morning, at 12:30 p.m. for afternoon student entry and at 3:20 p.m. indicating the end of the school day.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Goodwill Mission between Setagaya, Japan and General Byng School is underway! The Setagaya delegation arrived on September 19<sup>th</sup> and will depart on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Many new friendships were established and our delegation is looking forward to their trip to Japan in March. Thanks to everyone for making our guests feel welcome and for helping them learn about our community and culture.

As a new school year begins and students reconnect with friends and make new acquaintances, you may find your child using the internet more often as a means to communicate with others. We ask parents to be diligent in monitoring their child's on-line activity. Although the internet can be a wonderful tool, it can also be used in unkind and disrespectful ways. We will be dialoguing with our student body about cyber-safety. For more information please go to [www.cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca).

Our back lane and field space are other areas where we can all assist in keeping children safe while they are attending school. We remind all drivers to use the back lane one-way (Daniel to Beaumont) during child drop off and pick up times and to escort your child to and from the playground. Also, we would appreciate families not bringing pets onto the school grounds.

As fall and winter approach, so does the annual flu season. This year there is a heightened concern regarding H1N1. If your child is ill and has a fever, please keep them at home until the fever breaks. When calling the school to report an absence due to illness, please indicate the symptoms i.e. cough, fever, sore throat etc. If your child becomes ill at school, we will provide a quiet place away from other students and contact you to pick up your child. Please see our website for further information on H1N1 and strategies to keep your family healthy. All procedures for the school can be found on the website (<http://generalbyng.pbworks.com>) under "Quick Reference Guide".

Our first parent teacher interviews will be held on Oct. 15 (evening) and Oct. 16 (morning). These conferences will be scheduled on-line. Please check our website for more 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.

Mr. Darren Juby  
Principal

Mrs. G. Walker  
Vice-Principal

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

### STUDENT ABSENCES INCLUDING VACATIONS

Parents/Guardians are asked to phone the school office at 452-3040 to report all absences. Our designated attendance line is open 24 hours.

Parents/Guardians 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.

**NOTE**-due to procedures surrounding this year's flu season we encourage parents to report symptoms of child staying home, as data is being monitored for the Public Health Department.

### APPOINTMENTS

Parents are asked to phone if your child will be late due to an appointment or to report your child departing early for an appointment. These calls or note are to be **handed into the attendance secretary in the office** in the morning before classes begin or after lunch so we may enter in the attendance. We will inform the teachers necessary through our electronic attendance.

### LATE ARRIVALS

All students are expected to be on time and to be ready for the start of class. Students who are more than 5 minutes late must sign in at the office.

### ILLNESS DURING SCHOOL DAY

If your child becomes ill at school, you will be phoned. Your child will not be able to leave the school until we have contacted you; therefore it is very important that we have your current home and work phone numbers, as well as the numbers for an emergency back-up friend or relative. We **cannot** administer any medication unless we have a completed **Medication or Treatment Request** form signed by a Physician.

### MESSAGES

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

## PATROLS

Patrols will be on duty at the following corners and times listed below:

Beaumont crosswalk  
Somerville & Beaumont

Check in at 8:15  
At post 8:20—8:30  
11:30—11:40  
12:20—12:30  
3:20—3:30

## BIKES & SKATEBOARDS

A reminder to all students. Please refrain from riding bikes and skateboards in front of the school or in the back on the playground area. Skateboards can be used on the skateboard pad in the back before and after school. Feel free to ride both to school, but please dismount as you approach the building to ensure the safety of all students.

Welcome from the Phys Ed  
Department!!



We would like to welcome all students to *General Byng*. Sign ups for various extra curricular activities have already started. The first activities will be cross-country and volleyball. Please go to the school website and look under physical education, then extra curricular, for upcoming tournament and race dates. Student athletes are reminded to check the whiteboard in the trophy case for their practice times.

A letter will be sent home with all of our volleyball athletes explaining our programs in early October.

Just a reminder that all students in 4 - 9 must have a change of clothes for gym class. This should include a t-shirt, shorts/sweats and indoor runners.

If you have any questions please email us!

Let's have a great year!!

Mrs. Wolfe

Mr. Decker

**Welcome back from Parent Council**

We at the Parent Council are hoping that you all had a wonderful summer vacation.

We were pleased with the attendance at the AGM this year and are very happy to welcome so many people to the Parent Council.

A warm welcome to Anne-Marie J., Elizabeth D., Dan J., Shannon G., Gweneth G., Anne-Marie A., Beth D. and Jennifer B! Our returning members are Rachel Hamm, Nicole Leclerc, Rhonda McDougall, Janice Morgan (Bagamery) and Jodie Simoenidis.

With so many people joining the group from last year to we hope to get going on some new projects and some fundraising.

If you are interested in the Parent Council, it is not too late. All parents are welcome. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 13th, 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.

Watch for volunteer forms coming out soon and also information about the milk program, starting with the lunch program this year. We will also continue to collect the Campbell soup labels this year.

If you have any comments or suggestions for us for the upcoming year, please contact us at [byng\\_pc@mts.net](mailto:byng_pc@mts.net).

## TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Thousands of Grade 9 students will be invited to go to work for a day with a parent, guardian, relative, or friend on **Wednesday, November 4, 2009**.

**Take Our Kids to Work** is a national initiative. Last year, approximately 400,000 Grade 9 students went to work for the day with a parent, relative, friend, or volunteer host, with over 75,000 workplaces participating.

### **What Can You Do?**

Talk with your supervisor, employer, or union representative. Tell him or her that you support Take Our Kids to Work and would like to bring your child to work with you on Wednesday, November 4th.

Invite your Grade 9 child to accompany you to work for the day. Explain that you want her or him to see where you work, meet the people you work with, and see the kinds of jobs in your workplace.

Talk with your co-workers and make a plan for the day.

If you are unable to host your child for a day like this, ask a friend or relative to take your child to work for the day.

Complete the required permission forms when received in early October and return them with your child to school.

Talk to your child about work. Tell him or her how you prepared for the job you have today, describe the demands and the rewards of the job, and answer questions that your child might have about your job.

**For more information about “Take Our Kids to Work” day, please check The Learning Partnership’s Website at [www.takeourkidstowork.ca](http://www.takeourkidstowork.ca)**

**Please visit the NEW Pembina Trails School Division Career Education website at [www.pembintrails.ca](http://www.pembintrails.ca)--Follow the links from**

### **SAFETY AWARENESS**

The start of the school year is an opportune time to remind your child(ren) of important safety procedures in traveling to and from school, and to review strategies on how to deal with strangers.

### **STUDENT INFORMATION**

Please inform the office of any changes in address or phone numbers as soon as possible. Keeping this information updated helps to ensure the safety of your child. Please call the office at 452-3040. *Please send us your e-mail address*

### **Message from Lynn Rappaport, Guidance Counsellor**

I am very happy to be a new member of the staff at General Byng School, and am looking forward to helping students, parents, and teachers. In doing so, I will be drawing upon my experience as a school counsellor for the past 11 years, my experience working with adults in private practice, and my experience as a parent of 2 daughters, now young adults.

As you may know, the main role of a school counsellor is to help students with any issues affecting their social/emotional well-being and growth. Therefore, if you have any concerns regarding your child's social/ emotional well-being, please do not hesitate to call me. I'd be happy to meet with you in person or chat over the phone.

Wishing you and your child/ children a happy, healthy, and successful year!

### **News from the Early Years Team**

#### **Journey to the Olympics!**

The 2010 Winter Olympics will be held in Vancouver during the month of February. During the next five months (October to February), the Kindergarten to Grade Four students and their teachers will collectively "walk" the 2,295 km. to Vancouver. It is our goal to make it to Vancouver just in time for the Olympics!

As well as exercising our bodies, the Early Years team thought it would be a great idea to focus five qualities (virtues) which have been demonstrated by former and current Canadian athletes. We will focus on one virtue per month. The five virtues we selected are:

Perseverance - October

Self-Discipline - November

Unity - December

Commitment - January

Determination - February

We hope you can join us in talking to your child(ren) about each of the virtues.

If you're in the school check out the "Journey to the Olympics" bulletin board located in the Early Years hallway.

We look forward to sharing our journey to the Olympics with you!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed for the "**Vision and Hearing Screening**". All volunteers will attend a Vision and Hearing Screening Training seminar on October 1, 2009 at the Administration Building.

### The Pembina Trails Council of Presidents

The Pembina Trails Council of Presidents is a unique working partnership between parents and representatives of the Pembina Trails School Division. Meetings of the Council of Presidents include representatives of all parent councils in the Division, the Chair of the School Board, members of the Division's Senior Administration Team, and representatives of the Teachers' Association and Administrators' Association. Trustees and other Division staff are also frequent participants.

The Council is intended to enhance communication between members of the educational community who have roles and interests in fostering excellence in the education of our students. The Council is a forum for the two-way exchange of information and perspectives between parents, the Division and professional staff associations about programs, issues, policies and activities. Council meetings also give parent councils a valuable opportunity to network and to share ideas. On a number of occasions, the Council of Presidents has also met with Ministers of Education.

In general, there is a limit of two representatives per parent council per meeting for the Council of Presidents. If the Chair, Co-Chair or Vice Chair of a Parent Council prefers, alternate members may be designated as representatives.

If you would like more information about the Pembina Trails Council of Presidents, please contact your Parent Council, e-mail Colleen Mernett (Parent Co-Chair of the Council, [cmernett@shaw.ca](mailto:cmernett@shaw.ca)), or call the Pembina Trails School Division (488-1767, ext. 1260).

### PICTURE DAY

Picture re-takes will be on October 27th at 9:00 a.m.



### PARKING LOT REMINDER

It is very important that our students remember that walking through the parking lot at the back of the school is not safe. Help them to remember by setting an example and not using the parking area as a walkway or parking of bicycles. Staff can leave at various times throughout the day and the safety of our students is very important. Also a reminder to students to not walk / run down the back lane. Students must enter the field at the Daniel entrance.



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## News from the Foods lab

Ms. B McCann

During the first week of school the sweet cinnamon aromas from the foods lab drifted along the sparkling clean hallways. All three sections of grade nine students settled into their routine of two theory classes and one lab. The two grade eight classes and the grade seven students also became familiar with kitchen sanitation and safety standards. I am convinced that this is one of the most fun, delicious, yet important courses your child will take because food is central to our daily life, our health, and our culture. At General Byng, nutrition is a key part of your child's education. Research tells us that adequate nutrition in children has been shown to improve learning skills. Choosing, preparing and eating healthy wholesome food are the learning outcomes for Foods and Nutrition Industrial Arts option at our school.

Apple crisp is a fall favourite. Try this recipe with one of the many types of apples available during this season.

### Apple Crisp

10 -15 medium apples, peeled, cored and sliced	1 cup white sugar
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour	1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 cup water	1 cup quick-cooking oats
1 cup all-purpose flour	1 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon baking powder	1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup butter, melted	

### **DIRECTIONS**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degree C).
2. Place the sliced apples in a 9x13 inch pan. Mix the white sugar, 1 tablespoon flour and ground cinnamon together, and sprinkle over apples. Pour water evenly over all.
3. Combine the oats, 1 cup flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and melted butter together. Crumble evenly over the apple mixture. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for about 45 minutes.



## A PAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

We're back, but what a summer! New library technician (Ms. Rondeau) and a squigillion new books thanks to the extra money the school division gave us last year..... we were able to purchase an impressive number books! Many very popular graphic novels and non-fiction were added to our collection. We also took advantage of the influx of money to increase our non-fiction collection in addition of course to our ever popular fiction. To give you an idea of what's new in the library, titles include **Why Shouldn't I Eat**

**Junk Food?, Recycling, Blood Evidence, Legal Aspects, Digging for Dinosaurs, Sharkpedia, The Pirates of the Caribbean series, Slumdog Millionaire, the Superman Chronicles, Bad to the Bone,** the latest Nannies instalment, Eric Walters' **Wounded, Jessica's guide to Dating on the Dark Side,** Meg Cabot's **Jinx,** Ms. Tibbs' favourite and New York Times Bestseller **The Mortal Instruments** series, the **Dead is the New Black Series, Splat the Cat, That Stripy Cat, Bob and Otto ,** Robert Munsch's **Kiss me I'm Perfect** and **Good Night, Sweet Pig** to name but a very few.

Students at General Byng School borrow books according to a six day cycle....which means they've always got 8 days including a weekend to read a book. Books may be renewed if need be. If a student has forgotten to return library materials we will be sending a reminder through their classroom teacher (elementary) or TAG leader (junior high). Students with overdue materials have their lending privileges temporarily suspended until such materials are returned or paid for if lost. Junior high students will not be allowed in to the school dances until such matters are resolved.

Elementary classes have been assigned a library period. It is very important to remember to bring back their books on or before that day so that they may take out more books. They may borrow two books at a time. The schedule is as follows:

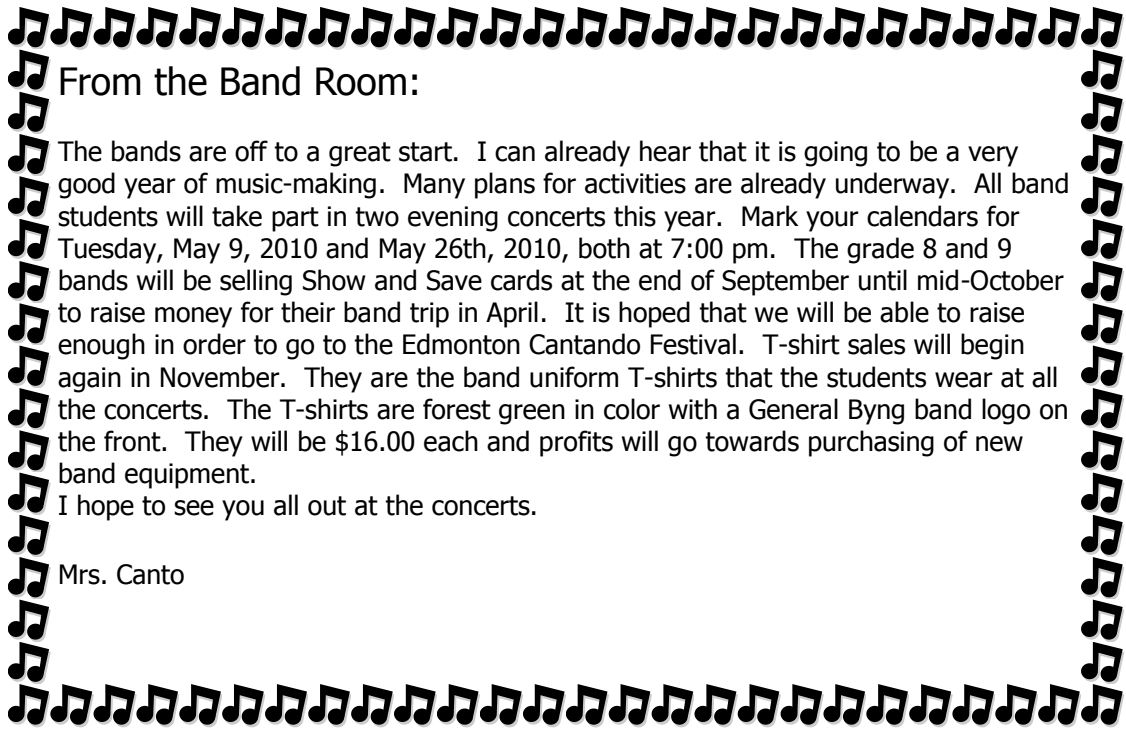
- K - Derksen Day 2 a.m.
- 1/2 Palka Day 4 a.m.
- 1/2 Peterson Day 4 p.m.
- 3/4 Lessak Day 3 p.m.
- 3/4 Ardern Day 3 p.m.
- 5/6 Tibbs Day 6 p.m.
- 5/6 Collins Day 6 p.m.

Author! Author! The grades 4 - 7 were fortunate to have attended author presentations at the Forks as part of the Thin Air program this year. The grade 7 students heard Deborah Ellis speak about less fortunate kids in another war-torn part of the world.....and the grade 4-6 students attended a session hosted by Tim Wynne-Jones, author of many books such as **Zoom, On Tumbledown Hill, Mouse in the Manger, Architect of the Moon** and his newest series, **Rex Zero**.....which we won in a draw!!!!.....the three books in the series, autographed, but of course. Our collection continues to grow....

Got a book? Check it out....

Ms. J. Davies - Teacher Librarian  
Mrs. M. Rondeau - Library Technician





From the Band Room:

The bands are off to a great start. I can already hear that it is going to be a very good year of music-making. Many plans for activities are already underway. All band students will take part in two evening concerts this year. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 9, 2010 and May 26th, 2010, both at 7:00 pm. The grade 8 and 9 bands will be selling Show and Save cards at the end of September until mid-October to raise money for their band trip in April. It is hoped that we will be able to raise enough in order to go to the Edmonton Cantando Festival. T-shirt sales will begin again in November. They are the band uniform T-shirts that the students wear at all the concerts. The T-shirts are forest green in color with a General Byng band logo on the front. They will be \$16.00 each and profits will go towards purchasing of new band equipment.

I hope to see you all out at the concerts.

Mrs. Canto



Community News

Want to participate in a sport that is fun for all ages and fitness levels?  
Try Curling!

This sport promotes teamwork, good sportsmanship, friendships, and is inexpensive (registration fees for a full season start at \$65, depending on which club you choose, and your age group)

Curling qualifies for the Child Fitness Tax Credit on your income tax.

Registration for all clubs is early - mid-September - call one of the Junior Curling co-ordinators below for registration dates and schedules or you can call the clubs directly and leave a message

Pembina Curling Club (Pembina & McGillivray) -

Ft. Rouge Curling Club (750 Daly) -----

Wildewood Club (761 North Drive) -----

Rob Duncan - 261-6194

Don MacDonell - 489-1171

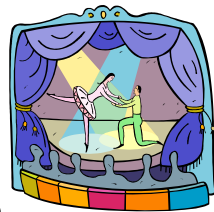
David Capper - 255-1005

**ALEGRIA The Manitoba Centre for Rhythmic Gymnastics Excellence**

is currently seeking girls aged 5 to 12 to join our **Provincial & National Stream** Programs for 2009/2010 competitive season. Recruitment is ongoing, tryouts are held at Max Bell Centre at the University of Manitoba. Please, visit our website [www.alegriarg.com](http://www.alegriarg.com) for October schedule, location and more info. To arrange special time for your daughter call Natalia @ 261-9484, cell 999-9302 or e-mail us at [contact@alegriarg.com](mailto:contact@alegriarg.com)

We also offer **10 week Recreational Programs** . For more info, please, visit our website.

**The Little Years School** is still accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year (we currently have 4 spaces available in the 3-year old a.m. program and one space available in the-3 year old p.m. program. We are located at 20 Donnelly Street, close to Pembina, McGillivray, and Waverly. We are an early education program for children ages 3 and 4 that runs from September to June. Our 4-year old program is offered 3 days/week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for a monthly fee of \$112. Our 3-year old program is offered 2 days/week on Tuesday and Thursday for a monthly fee of \$75. Subsidies are available. For more information please contact Olga at 489-0303 or visit [www.littleyearsschool.com](http://www.littleyearsschool.com)



## **Children's Theatre Productions**

### **Open House - Free Introductory Classes!**

**Tuesday Oct. 6 - Pre-Ballet ages 4 - 7 at 4:15 & Ballet ages 8 and up at 5:00**

**Thursday Oct. 8 - Tap Jazz ages 4 - 7 at 4:15 & Acting ages 7 and up at 5:00**

**The Velveteen Rabbit - openings for dance roles rehearsals Sat. afternoons**

**Princess and The Dea - openings for acting roles rehearsals Mon. afterschool**

**Three Fingers Jack Garcia - openings for acting roles rehearsals Wed. afterschool**

**Award winning Director Kathleen Henry has over 20 years experience working with children teaching acting and dance. Kathleen currently teaches for Manitoba Theatre for Young People and The Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Call 779-2667 for details.**