



General Byng School

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August 30, 2024

Hello General Byng families,

Excitement is in the air as our staff puts the final touches on the school in preparation for the 2024-25 school year!

The following pages provide an overview of important information including:

- Important Dates
- School Fees / Lunch Fees
- Morning Procedures / Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up / Walking Student Bus / Eligible Grade 6 Bussing
- Supplies
- Additional Procedures

Please send all grade 1-8 students to school on Wednesday, September 4th. Kindergarten students have been contacted by Ms. Reena Pal for their assigned staggered entry information. If you have not received your Welcome to Kindergarten package, please contact the main office.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on September 4th! Thank you for your time and attention to reading this information. Please do not hesitate to contact us with feedback, questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tracey Groening
Principal

Sarah Hampton
Vice-Principal

OVERVIEW OF INFORMATION

Important Dates:

September 3	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
September 4	Grade 1-8 First Day of Classes
September 4	Kindergarten assigned 15-minute individual meetings
September 5 or 6	Kindergarten Staggered Entry
September 11	Meet the Staff Event 5:00-6:00 PM
September 19	Strong Beginnings NO CLASSES – except by appointment
September 20	Strong Beginnings NO CLASSES – except by appointment
September 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation NO SCHOOL
October 7	Divisional PD Day NO CLASSES
October 8	Picture Day
October 14	Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL
October 17	Tri-Conferences 4:30-7 PM
October 22	Tri-Conferences 4:30-7 PM
October 25	Metro Common Day: MTS PD NO CLASSES
October 29	Grade 6 Immunizations
November 11	Remembrance Day NO CLASSES
November 21	Picture Retakes
November 28	Admin Day NO CLASSES
November 29	Divisional PD Day NO CLASSES
December 12	K-Grade 5 Winter Concert
Dec. 23 – Jan. 3	Winter Break NO SCHOOL
January 31	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
February 17	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL
February 21	Mobile Vision Clinic
February 25	Mobile Vision Clinic
March 14	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
March 25	Celebration of Learning 5-7 PM
March 31 – April 4	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
April 11	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
April 18	Good Friday NO SCHOOL
May 13	Grade 6 and 8 Immunizations
May 19	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
June 13	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
June 26	Last Day of Classes
June 27	Admin Day NO CLASSES

Timetable

9:10	Entry Bell
9:20	Classes Begin
10:45 – 11:00	Grade 1-5 Recess
10:45 – 10:55	Grade 6-8 Locker Break
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch (Kindergarten Dismissal: 12:15)
2:40 – 3:10	Grade 1-5 Recess and Grade 6-8 Flex Time
3:55	Dismissal

School Fees

Collection of school fees will take place via this Permission Click link: [School Fees](#)

Fieldtrips will be paid for as they arise via Permission Click.

Student Fee **\$35.00 (for grades K-8)**

Covers the cost of lock, agenda book, and supplies.

Program Fee **\$15.00 (for grades 6-8)**

Covers additional costs in Art, Band, Industrial Arts, and Option courses.

*Band instrument rentals are an additional cost.

Total School Fees by Grade:

Grades K-5 \$35.00

Grades 6-8 \$50.00

DUE BY: September 15, 2024

[School Fees](#)

Lunch Program / Nutrition Break

Nutrition Break:

- Grades K-5 Nutrition Break will occur directly before or after the morning recess. Please send a healthy snack for this break.
- Grade 6-8 students are encouraged to have a healthy snack during locker break at 10:45.

Lunch Program:

- Lunch program registration and fees will take place via Permission Click: [Lunch Program Registration and Fees](#)
- Students not attending General Byng's Lunch Program must be off school grounds from 12:15-1:15.

General Lunch Hour Information:

- The sharing of food/snacks is prohibited.
- General Byng is a peanut and nut aware school. Please attempt to provide lunches and snacks that are nut free.

Reminder: Students not attending General Byng's Lunch Program must be off school grounds from 12:15-1:15.

Building Access, Entrance and Exit Information

- All school doors will be locked during the day.
- Visitors must enter through the front door. Please ring the doorbell located on the wall to the right of the main doors to be granted access.
- Before and After School: Please drop off your child between 9:05 and 9:15 AM to ensure your child is in their class for 9:20 AM. Dismissal pick-up is 3:55 PM daily.
- Students can enter the school at the 9:10 AM bell and should enter through the following doors:

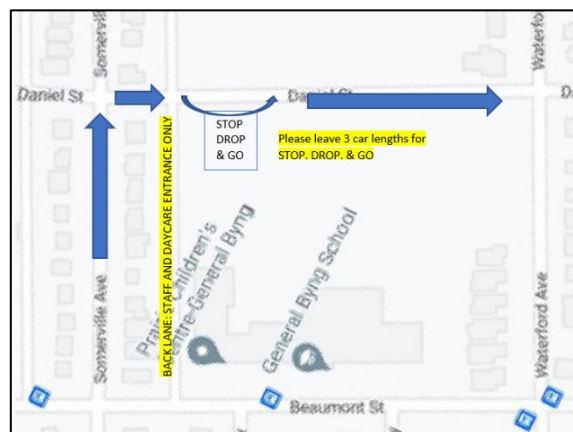
- **Daycare Entrance: Kindergarten and Grade 1-3**
- **Garden Doors: Grade 4-6**
- **Front Doors: Grade 7 and 8**
- Parents and guardians must wait outside when dropping off or picking up their child.

If you are driving your child/ren to school, we ask that you follow our procedures:

- Please **travel south on Daniel Street** to drop off your child/ren.
- Please **do not park in the STOP, DROP and GO! drop zone** on Daniel Street south of the back lane. We ask that you leave 3 car lengths for cars to pull in, drop their child/ren off safely, and resume driving south on Daniel Street.
- We must remain mindful that Daniel Street is used by the entire community therefore please **do not stop on the north bound side of Daniel Street**. The north bound side of Daniel Street is a “no stopping zone” and is extremely dangerous and will become increasingly dangerous as the winter weather rolls in.
- Please **have your child exit the curb side (passenger side) back door** where our staff/student Welcome Team will welcome them and assist your child in exiting the vehicle by closing the door behind them.
- Pull back out onto south bound Daniel Street and enjoy your day!

NOTE:

- The back lane is one-way traffic between the hours of 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
- Access to the back lane is only available between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM.
- **Only General Byng staff, Prairie Children’s Daycare staff and families will be granted access to the back lane between the hours of 8:30 AM and 9:30 AM.**
- Please be mindful of the City of Winnipeg sign that restricts access via Beaumont Street into the back lane. The City is updating the sign to read between the hours of 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM to accommodate our new school hours. Reminder our neighbours also may need to exit their homes during these times.



- **Walking and Biking:** We have the good fortune for our families to live in this accessible community. We encourage families to walk or bike to and from school. Please ensure bikes are locked up on the bike rack. Let the office staff know if you need to borrow a lock or tire pump. We recommend a strong U-LOCK for your bicycle.
- If you would like to **enroll your Grade 1-6 child in our WALKING Student Bus**. Staff members will meet students at a designated location and time and escort them to school in the morning and then return with them to the same location after school.

Please use the following link to register your child. Registration closes on Thursday, September 5 at midnight. If you would like to register your child after September 5th, please contact the school main office. Maps are included in the registration link. There is one muster point for pick up and drop off on each route. We will add stops along the route with designated times once we have a finalized list of participants.

WALKING Student Bus Registration: <https://permission.click/yOb1P/ca>

Eligible Grade 6 School Bus Information

Pembina Trails Transportation Department will communicate directly with families. *Finalized bus route schedules should be sent by the end of the day, today Friday, August 30.*

- Please visit the division's transportation website for more information: [Transportation \(pembinatrails.ca\)](https://pembinatrails.ca)

Absences and Late Arrivals

- If a student will be away from school, please use Edsby to submit their absence. Or, call the school office (204-452-3040). If you are unable to use Edsby, please email gbattendance@pembinatrails.ca.
- If a student is late for school (arriving after 9:20 AM or in the afternoon after 1:20 PM), the student is to come to the main school doors to access the building. Please ring the doorbell as the school doors will be locked.

School Supplies, Lockers and Cubbies

- School supplies have been purchased and will be given to students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 during the first week of classes.

Please send the following items with your child:

- a backpack for materials from home
- a labelled water bottle
- Grades K-5 an extra set of clothing in case of accidents and weather. Labelled in a ziplock bag – this should be kept in their backpack.
- Grades K-5 a pair of indoor runners
- Grades 3-8 Physical Education: drawstring bag, one pair of gym shorts, one t-shirt, and a pair of non-marking runners

If your family would like assistance accessing any of these items, please contact the school office.

Pembina Trails Guidelines on Personal Mobil Devices (PMDs)

Personal Mobile Devices (PMDs): Personal Mobile Devices may include, but are not limited to, any piece of lightweight electronically powered equipment. These devices are typically consumer electronic devices capable of communications, data processing and/or utility. Examples range from hand-held lightweight electronic devices such as tablets, e-readers and smart phones to small devices such as MP3 players, smart watches and electronic toys.”

Please review the School Messenger sent from Pembina Trails on August 29: **New Divisional Personal Mobile Device (PMD) Guidelines for 2024-2025**

Pembina Trails Guidelines on Personal Mobile Devices (PMDs)

Early/Middle Years (Grades K-8)

- Pembina Trails: Students are not permitted to use a Personal Mobile Device (PMD) while on school premises during the school day. These grades are considered PMD-free learning environments. If a student requires the use of a PMD for notification to administer medication or has additional health-related concerns, accommodation must be provided by school administration.
- Students are encouraged to keep their PMDs at home. If brought to school PMDs cannot be kept on self. Schools will provide specific direction regarding storage.

Parent / School Communication

- Please communicate with your child’s classroom teacher, administration, or the school office through phone or email.
- If you need to meet in person, please contact the main office to make an appointment.
- School updates, news, and information will be emailed via School Messenger and posted on our school website under:
[Community / General Byng Community Updates](#)

Please see the information below sent August 7, 2024

DAILY SCHEDULE

In order to keep our Early Years (K-5) and our Middle Years (6-8) students on the same daily schedule, we had to make a slight adjustment to the lunch time, which directly impacts the Kindergarten end of school day.

Our school day is outlined here:

EY (K-5) PERIOD	MY (6-8) PERIODS
9:10-9:20 Entry (PSA)	9:10-9:20 Entry (PSA)
1. 9:20-10:05 (extra 5 minutes)	1. 9:20-10:05 (extra 5 minutes)
2. 10:05-10:45	2. 10:05-10:45
10:45-11:00 BREAK	10:45-10:55 LOCKER
3. 11:00-11:40	3. 10:55-11:35
4. 11:40- 12:15	4. 11:35-12:15
12:15-1:15 LUNCH	12:15-1:15 LUNCH
1:15-1:20 Entry (PSA)	1:15-1:20 Entry (PSA)
5. 1:20-2:00	5. 1:20-2:00
6. 2:00-2:40	6. 2:00-2:40
2:40-3:10 FLEX TIME	2:40-3:10 FLEX TIME
7. 3:10-3:55 (extra 5 minutes)	7. 3:10-3:55 (extra 5 minutes)

Kindergarten students will end their day at the beginning of lunch: 12:15, not at 12:25 which was previously indicated.

We have also attached the overview of the 24-25 calendar so you can begin to plan accordingly. Please note that Strong Beginnings (September 19 and 20) are not regular school days. Each child will have an individual appointment time scheduled with their homeroom teacher. Students will only attend school on these two days during their mandatory 1-hour appointment time.

TEACHING STAFF

Below is a list of our 24-25 teaching staff:

Kindergarten: Ms Reena Pal
1/2E: Ms Julia Emmons
1/2P: Mr. Rich Palka
2/3L: Ms Diane Lui
4/5B: Ms Sunshine Bruderer
4/5K: Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur
6B: Ms Lindsay Baudry
6M: Mr. Reid McGregor
6R: Mr. Derek Riediger
6S: Ms Tiana Sinclair
7KE: Mr. Bruce Kemp
7KL: Ms Kristin Klyne
7P: Mr. Ryan Parnell
7R: Mr. Matt Reimer
8C: Ms Robyn Chase
8F: Mr. Faheem Bokhari
8T: Ms Sarah Townsend

Specialists:

Phys. Ed. Mr. Jordan Johanson and
Ms Evelina Pescitelli
French Mme. Ainsley Scibak and
M. Ryan Parnell
Music/Band Mr. Byron Lebois
Art/Ind Arts Ms Marilee Van Nice
Librarian/Art/Ind Arts Ms Amy Coulling