



# General Byng School

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Good afternoon General Byng,

The weather is tricking us, and I fear the cold front is on its way soon! For now, we will enjoy this mild winter.

Our school community has been focusing on belonging and connection and our B&C Staff Team led the entire student body in a social-emotional learning event last Wednesday where students built connections with peers and staff while engaging in activities around friendship, empathy and kindness.

Classes are enjoying field trips and coming back to share stories of amazing experiences. We are gearing up for some fun December events, and we look forward to sharing information with you in the coming weeks. Some details are below.

Sincerely,

Tracey Groening  
Principal

Darren Gerbrandt  
Vice-Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES:

December 7	Kindergarten-Grade 6 Winter Concert 6:30 PM
Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	Winter Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
February 1	Admin Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
February 2	Metro Common Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
February 13	Grade 7-9 Band Concert 7 PM
February 19	Louis Riel Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
March 15	Metro Common Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
March 19	K-9 Showcase of Learning Event 5-7 PM
March 25 – 29	Spring Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
April 19	Divisional Common Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
May 20	Victoria Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
May 31 (NEW)	Grade 7-9 Band Concert 7 PM
June 14	Divisional Common Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
June 28	Admin Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>

## KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6 WINTER CONCERT

Our K - 6 Winter Concert will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

- Doors will open at 6:00 PM
- Students are to meet in their homerooms between 6:00-6:15 PM
- Due to the gym capacity, Grades 1 - 6 students will stay in their homerooms for the remainder of the concert.
- Kindergarten students may join their families in the audience after their performance.
- Once the concert has finished, students are to be picked up in their homerooms by their families.
- The concert will run approximately 60 minutes in total.

This year, we have partnered with Vincent Massey Collegiate to collect non-perishable items for Manitoba Harvest. **We encourage families to bring in a non-perishable item in support of our community, as we will be collecting donations on concert night.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Servidad through her email (kservidad@pembinatrails.ca), or please contact the main office.

## MANITOBA HARVEST

A reminder that we are partnering with Vincent Massey to collect non-perishable food items for Manitoba Harvest. The bins are beginning to fill up! We are encouraging all students to bring one (or more) items to support our community.

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Please see the message below from our PAC:

*"Due to not being able to meet mandatory requirements as set by regulatory policy, the General Byng School Parent Advisory Council will no longer operate for the 2023-2024 year. As of November 30, 2023 the council will be dissolved, and all accounts closed.*

*Over the past years the PAC has supported staff and students through fundraising contributions towards both academic and extracurricular events. Bringing together the community current members of the Parent Advisory Council wish all the best in coming years and hope another council will form in 2024-2025."*

General Byng administration would like to thank the PAC for their work over the years. We look forward to working with our 2024-2025 community to bring our PAC back to General Byng.

## WEATHER WEAR

This is a reminder to pack a backup pair of socks and clothing in your child's bag in case their clothes get wet/damp during outside play.

## 2022-2023 YEARBOOKS

Last year, some families indicated they would like to purchase a yearbook and we are now in the process of following-up with them and collecting the \$15.00 fee.

If you did not pre-order a book, but would like to buy one you can complete this link. In the link please indicate online payment, or cheque or cash in the main office.

22-23 Yearbook payment: <https://permission.click/MXpW9/ca>

## REPORT CARDS

Teachers are continuously working on providing engaging activities for students to demonstrate their learning. A snapshot of their achievements in the form of a provincial report card will be sent home to families on December 11<sup>th</sup>. You can also view the report card at: [PTSD - Report Card Viewer and Appointment Scheduling System \(pembinatrails.ca\)](https://pembinatrails.ca/PTSD-ReportCardViewerandAppointmentSchedulingSystem)

*Beginning in September 2024-2025 Report Cards will only be viewable online.*

Please continue to celebrate the learning taking place and reach out to your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.