



General Byng School

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Good afternoon General Byng,

It is hard to believe it is December and we have not yet had a dumping of snow! The weather is tricking us, but we fear the cold front is on its way soon! For now, we will enjoy this mild winter but remember to dress appropriately for the cold.

Please take the time to read this message in its entirety for important information about our school community as we gear up to winter break.

A message from 3/4W and 6V:

We are excited to share the success of November's student-led assembly on the theme **Growth Mindset** hosted by Ms Vickar's Grade 6 and Mr. Whiteside's Grade 3/4 classrooms! This event was designed to inspire students to embrace challenges, learn from mistakes, and believe in their ability to grow through effort and perseverance.

During the assembly, students explored what it means to have a growth mindset. Through engaging stories, interactive activities, and real-life examples, they learned that intelligence and talent are not fixed traits — they can be developed with practice, resilience, and a positive attitude.

Our goal is to help every student understand that setbacks are opportunities for learning, and that effort truly matters. We encourage you to continue the conversation at home by asking questions like:

- *What is one challenge you faced today, and how did you approach it?*
- *What is something new you learned recently?*

Together, we can foster a culture where students feel empowered to take risks, learn from mistakes, and celebrate progress. Thank you for supporting this important message!

Warm regards,
Grade 3/4 Whiteside and Grade 6 Vickar

General Byng is looking forward to 6B and 6R's December student-led assembly on the theme: **Giving Back!**

Sincerely,

Tracey Groening
Principal

Sarah Hampton
Vice-Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 5	Admin Day NO CLASSES
December 9	Kindergarten – Grade 5 Winter Concert (General Byng Gymnasium)
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	Winter Break NO SCHOOL
January 30	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
February 6	Mobile Vision Clinic
February 13	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
February 16	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL
March 20	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
March 30 – April 3	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
April 10	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
May 18	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
June 12	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
June 29	Last Day of Classes

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

The next PAC meeting is tonight at 6:00 pm. Our next meeting will be held on February 2, 2026.

KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 5 WINTER CONCERT

Our K – 5 Winter Concert will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

- Doors will open at 5:30 PM
- Students are to meet in their homerooms between 5:30-5:45 PM
- Due to the gym capacity, Grades 1 - 5 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 Institut collegial 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.**

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Grade 3-5 Leaders of Tomorrow have partnered with former General Byng Student, Lauren Ivsek, to collect new or slightly used winter clothing items. Please consider donating to our efforts by Thursday, December 4th.

HARVEST MANITOBA DRIVE

The grade 8 leadership students will be doing a fundraiser for Harvest Manitoba starting December 1st. We will be asking our school community to bring in non-perishable food items throughout the month of December.

Some of the most needed items include:

- canned fruit/vegetables
- canned soup/stew
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- rice
- peanut butter
- baby formula/food
- instant oatmeal

We will be collecting donations starting **Monday December 1st - December 15th**.

The grade 8 students will then take our donations to Harvest Manitoba and volunteer for the morning on December 17th. We are proud of them for taking the initiative to help our community during this season of giving!

Thank you for your support.

WINTER 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.

As the cold weather hits, please ensure your child has boots, scarf/neck warmer, warm mittens, toque, ski pants and jacket. If you need assistance with any of these items please reach out to our main office.

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 via Edsby on December 17th.

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

VISITORS / EARLY PICK-UP / LATE ARRIVAL / ABSENCES

Please continue to use Edsby to notify the office of attendance as well as early pick-ups and late arrivals. Advance notice allows office staff to support having your child ready and waiting for your arrival. Feel free to call the office at 204-452-3040 if you have forgotten to input attendance in Edsby.

If you are visiting the school to speak with a staff member, it is best to call and book an appointment by calling the main office. Entry is only allowed through the front main doors, by ringing the doorbell located to the right (in a silver box) of the front door on Beaumont Street.

BACK LANE and FRONT STREET

We are noticing unsafe driving behaviours during after-school pick-up, which creates an unsafe environment for our students.

To ensure student safety and to keep traffic flowing, **there is no right-hand turn from Beaumont Street into the back lane between 3:30–4:30 p.m.** The lane remains a two-way street therefore, be aware of vehicles exiting onto Beaumont Street. Please make every effort to use an alternative location for pick-ups.

Please use **Daniel Street** for pick-up and make use of side streets whenever possible. Keeping Beaumont Street clear during this time is essential for the safe arrival and departure of our students and buses.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and orderly end-of-day routine for everyone.