



# General Byng School

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Hello General Byng Families,

We hope everyone had a restful winter break full of joy and time with family and friends. General Byng's Welcome Back Brunch on January 11<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Students filled their bellies surrounded by peers from Kindergarten to Grade 9. The gym was lively with laughs and conversation! Huge thanks go out to Ms. Chase and the team for putting on the lovely event with décor made by 2/3C and 3/4E, there were colouring pages, oranges to snack on and piles of syrup on freshly flipped pancakes!

As the new year rings in, we have many important events in the works which will be sure to keep us all busy and engaged during this cold spell.

Please note our **Kindergarten Info Night (Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM)** and our **Middle Years (Incoming Grade 6-8) Open House (March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM)**. We will also be opening our doors to Kindergarten to Grade 9 students and their families for an informal **Showcase of Learning on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM**.

Sincerely,

Tracey Groening  
Principal

Darren Gerbrandt  
Vice Principal

## Important Dates:

February 1	Admin Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
February 2	Metro Common Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
February 8	Kindergarten Information Night 6:30 PM
February 13	Grade 7-9 Band Concert 7 PM
February 19	Louis Riel Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
March 14	Middle Years Open House 6:30 PM
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	Grade 7-9 Band Concert 7 PM
June 4 (NEW)	Grade 7-9 Band Concert 7 PM
June 14	Divisional Common Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>
June 27	Last Day of Classes
June 28	Admin Day <b>NO CLASSES</b>

## **WINTER WEAR**

Please ensure your child is prepared for cold weather. And slushy weather as the temperatures rise and fall. A spare change of clothes (Including socks) is helpful for students Kindergarten to Grade 4.

If you are in need of any winter wear, please contact our main office and we will be happy to support you.

## **DROP-OFF and PICK-UP**

As the weather turns it is imperative to remember our drop-off and pick-up protocols.

**Our back lane is becoming increasingly dangerous for students at the end of the day.** If you are entering the back lane, please do not block our neighbouring driveways or garages. We also ask that you meet your child and help them cross the back lane. Many students have been running out into the lane. We continue to monitor this and if we deem necessary, we may close the back lane after school or implement a more strict safety driven pick up protocol.

Drop-off on Daniel Street must happen at the entrance to the back lane. **The back lane is CLOSED and only open to staff and Day Care families.** Students dropped off at the back lane entrance use the STOP, DROP, and GO philosophy and students can walk through the path in the back field to remain safe from street traffic.

We also ask that you drop students off as close to 9:10 as possible. We do not have supervision duty before 9:10 and students must remain outdoors until the entry bell goes at 9:10 AM.

Pick-Up must happen at school dismissal time: 3:55 PM. If you are picking up your child earlier than 3:55, please contact the main office and we will have them ready at the main office.

## **OUTDOOR BELLS**

Our outdoor bells continue to give us problems. The division is working with us to fix them. Until then, our staff will continue to support students by opening doors at the designated times to ensure students can enter the school and get to classes on time. Thank you for your continued patience.

## **2022-2023 YEARBOOKS**

We have extra yearbooks! If you would like to purchase a 2022-2023 yearbook, you can complete the link below. In the link, please indicate online payment, or cheque or cash in the main office. 22-23 Yearbook payment: <https://permission.click/MXpW9/ca>

## **KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT – February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

If you or someone you know has a student entering Kindergarten in September 2024, they are invited to our Kindergarten Information Night on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Ms. Pal and the Kindergarten Team will provide information regarding programming and registration.

## **MIDDLE YEARS OPEN HOUSE – March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

The 2024-2025 school year will see middle years programming include our students in grade 6-8. We encourage all **our current grade 5 and 6 families to join us** for our Middle Years Open House on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM for an evening full of information around programming as well as opportunities to meet our staff and tour our building.