



General Byng School

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Hello General Byng Families!

Can you believe we are five weeks away from winter break. The time is flying because we are having fun! Clubs are up and running, sports are in full swing, and the classes are bubbling over with exciting and engaging learning opportunities.

Our service to honour Indigenous Veterans and Remembrance Day was a beautiful tribute to all those who have fought for our freedom as well as those around the world who are still in conflict. Indigenous Drummer, Jody Gaskin, performed a powerful honour song and stayed following the service to work with our 4/5 classes. Students in Cadets joined the service which was led by Grade 8 students Sophia Boroski and Kashvi Dixit.

This message has several important news items including:

- Clubs
- Federal Nutrition Program
- Middle Years Flex Time
- Fort Garry Kid Pop Up Market
- School Reminders

Important Dates:

November 22	NEW DATE! 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
March 14	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
March 31 – April 4	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
April 11	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
April 17	NEW DATE! Celebration of Learning 5-7 PM
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

CLUBS

Clubs have started and the rooms are full! We have added posters for all our clubs on the [school's website](#) for you to browse. Please encourage your student(s) to join clubs that pique their interest. Note the age group the club is designed for in the bottom right side of the poster.

FEDERAL NUTRITION PROGRAM

All Manitoba schools are offering a nutrition program for the 2024-2025 school year. General Byng School has recently been informed that our school will be federally funded. This is exciting news for our community. Currently, we offer fruit bowls throughout the day in different areas of the school. During morning nutrition break and locker break, students can grab food from a selection of prepackaged and fresh baked goods if they are hungry.

As a school, we have been working on educating our students in the hope of removing the stigma around food insecurity. This includes educating students on the idea of need vs. want. For example, everyone is able to pick up a bite to eat, however we want to make sure that the lunches and snacks packed by families are not going to waste. We discuss taking only what you need and not taking advantage of the food available.

If your family is in need of a lunch or snack for your child(ren), please contact the main office so a support services member can contact you to discuss.

MIDDLE YEARS (GR. 6-8) FLEX TIME

From 2:40-3:10 daily our students have the opportunity to choose a mental health activity to participate in. This time is important to improve mental health, heighten retention, and increase academic productivity. Students choose an activity for the week and then change the next week to allow everyone the opportunity to experience each flex activity.

Staff offer different activities on a 2-weeks basis. Our school TVs display the week's flex options on Monday morning so students can think about where they would like to go in the afternoon.

Some of the activities that have been offered so far are:

- Art
- Colouring/Sketching/Drawing
- Digital Design
- Minecraft Education
- Uno
- Board Games
- Puzzles
- Crocheting
- Improv
- Movies
- Reading
- Comics/Cartoons
- Homework Catch Up
- Outdoor play
- Stretching
- Walking
- Mandala Making
- Fitness Room
- Jam Session
- Origami
- Guinea Pig Care
- Meditation
- Yoga

KID POP UP MARKET

Check out this amazing opportunity for children aged 3-17 to sell their creations!

FREE Registration DEADLINE: November 30

Please email: fgccprogramming@gmail.com



GENERAL BYNG CLOTHING

If you would like to order General Byng Gear, please use the link below. **Deadline: December 1**

[General Byng Fall 2024 Copy | Pembina Source for Sports | powered by OrderMyGear](#)

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Students go outside daily. With the change in weather, it is important to dress warmly and have a change of clothes labelled in your backpack.

If you are in need of winter clothing, please contact the school's main office.

SCHOOL FEES

If you have not yet paid for school fees, please do so via this Permission Click link: [School Fees](#). Fieldtrips will be paid for as they arise via Permission Click.

LUNCH PROGRAM – Registration and Fees

If you have not yet registered and paid for Lunch program registration and fees, please do so via Permission Click: [Lunch Program Registration and Fees](#)

Lunch behaviour continues to be an issue. We ask that you remind students of the expectations of the program. We have seen an increase in disrespectful behaviour towards our lunch supervisor staff. Students have been informed that moving forward, if they are not able to follow the rules of the lunch program, they may have these privileges revoked for a period of time, or they will not be allowed to remain in the program.

Currently, grade 7 and 8 students can move to other upstairs classrooms. Grade 6s have had this privilege revoked. We will reconsider after winter break.

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

Reminder:

- According to City of Winnipeg (signage on site), our 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.**

Students should arrive at school as close to 9:10 (entry bell) as possible. Supervision is not provided prior to 9:10 am.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

We would like to invite you to BPAC's (Byng PAC's) next meeting of the year:

Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:00 pm in the General Byng library