



# General Byng School

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Dear General Byng Families,

Our school continues to see an influx of registrations at the grade 7 and 8 level. Currently we have class sizes of 35 students at the grade 7 level and at 30 at the grade 8 level. School Administration, in consultation with Senior Administration, have made the decision to create a 7/8 multi-age class to address the capacity issues. This is great for General Byng School.

The creation of the new 7/8 multi-age class will affect all current grade 7 and 8 homerooms as we balance class sizes. With the addition of another class it will require General Byng to hire another teacher. This change will also affect our current grade 4/5 teacher assignment. We have two teachers in the building who are well-versed in teaching both a grade 7/8 multi-age class as well as Grade 7.

Therefore, the following changes will be made to the current classroom teacher assignments:

1. Mr. Ryan Parnell will teach the 7/8 multi-age class.
2. Mr. Bruce Kemp will teach one Grade 7 class and Mr. Brendan Tomasson will continue to teach the other.
3. Ms. Robyn Chase and Mr. Matt Reimer will continue to teach the grade 8 classes.
4. We will hire a new teacher for our current grade 4/5 multi-age class. While we finish the hiring process we will have a substitute in the 4/5 class.

Students and teachers have spent the first five days of school building relationships and routines. We believe it is important for students to make this change sooner rather than later so the new class configurations can continue this important work.

This week students will remain in their current homerooms. The first day with the new class configurations will be Monday, September 19.

Administration and staff have worked together in the best interest of the students when configuring new class lists. A separate email will be sent tomorrow morning, September 14<sup>th</sup>, to families of students in grade 7 and 8 identifying their homerooms.

We appreciate your support in this decision and believe addressing the class size capacity in this manner will benefit students.

Please contact the main office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tracey Groening  
Principal

Darren Gerbrandt  
Vice-Principal