



# General Byng School

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Dear General Byng Families,

I cannot believe that November is already here! This week our staff gathered in meetings to celebrate all the amazing things happening at General Byng and to work together to continue to build a community that embraces our values of kindness, respect, and responsibility. As activities such as clubs, sports, school-wide events and more get underway we have been extremely proud of our students! They are stepping into roles of leadership, building strong peer and adult connections, and sharing their voices as we shape and mold our collective identity.

This community message is full of information regarding the following:

## Upcoming important dates

- Indigenous People's Veteran's Day – November 8
- Remembrance Day Service – November 10
- Remembrance Day – **November 11: NO SCHOOL**
- PAC Meeting – November 14 6:30 PM (Library)
- Newcomer Welcome Night – November 15
- Picture Retakes – November 16
- Divisional Common Day – **November 25: NO CLASSES**
- K-6 Winter Concert – December 1
- Report Cards – December 14
- Winter Break – December 22 - January 4

## Reminders

- [Student Fees](#)
- [Lunch Program Registration and Fees](#)
- [Cell Phone Policy](#)
- Winter Clothing – as the weather begins to change please send winter wear for your child(ren). **If you are in need of winter wear, please reach out to the main office. We would be happy to support your family.**
- Reporting Student Absences – when calling the school to report an absence, please leave the following information:
  - Your child(ren)'s first and last name
  - Name of their homeroom teacher
  - Date and time(s) of absence
  - Reason for absence

You can also submit absences using Edsby.

## **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES VETERAN'S DAY – NOVEMBER 8**

On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> our school will acknowledge Indigenous Peoples Veteran's Day in an online service at 3:00 PM. Our Indigenous Teacher Ally, Ms. Abbey Cluett, will host the event and share information about how Indigenous Peoples served Canada both past and present.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – NOVEMBER 10**

For the first time in two years we are holding an in-person service for our students and staff. **This year, our service will be closed to the public.** Although we would like to invite our wider community into the building to join us in recognizing the important day, we are keeping the attendance closed so our students can continue to adjust to large in-person gatherings.

Our service will take place in the morning of November 10<sup>th</sup> and will acknowledge Canadian Veterans including our Indigenous Veterans. We will acknowledge with respect and thanks to those who continue to stand for peace around the world.

## **PAC MEETING – NOVEMBER 14 6:30 PM (LIBRARY)**

Earlier this week, PAC sent invitations home with students inviting you to join them at their next meeting. Here are the details:

General Byng PAC invites you to the next meeting!  
November 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the General Byng library  
NO Commitments, no pressure!  
A chance to meet other parents, Admin, PAC members, keep up to date on all the current happenings and voice any concerns or questions you may have.  
Any questions? You can email us [gbparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:gbparentcouncil@gmail.com)  
Or follow us on Facebook at General Byng School PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Looking forward to seeing you!

## **NEWCOMER WELCOME NIGHT – NOVEMBER 15**

We are proud to inform our community that we will be hosting a newcomer welcome night at General Byng. Information will be sent to families new to Canada next week.

## **PICTURE RETAKES – NOVEMBER 16**

If your child was absent on Picture Day, or if there was an issue with their original photo, please note that picture retakes will be taking place the morning of November 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will be called down for photographs beginning with K through grade 9.

## **K-6 WINTER CONCERT – DECEMBER 1**

Mr. Severin, our K-6 music teacher, and his classes have been practicing for their winter concert. The concert will be an amazing event highlighting the musical skills and talents

of our students. **Our concert will take place on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM.** So, please mark your calendars. More information about securing seats for the concert will be sent home in a couple weeks.

#### **REPORT CARDS – DECEMBER 14**

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

#### **NO SCHOOL**

- Remembrance Day – **November 11: NO SCHOOL**
- Divisional Common Day – **November 25: NO CLASSES**

Thank you for your continued support and open communication. We hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,



Tracey Groening

Principal



Darren Gerbrandt

Vice-Principal