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SCHOOL NEWS BULLETIN: MONDAY, DEC. 15TH

ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF CLAREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
We Wish You A Very Merry Christmas & A Healthy New Year!!!!

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- ✓ The **Middle School Christmas Concert** will take place on **Wednesday, Dec. 17th** at 7:00 p.m. The school bands and choirs will spread the joys of the season through music. The cost of admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students with all proceeds going to our school's music program. Sobey's Christmas CD's, profiling our school's show choir, will be available for purchase (\$10.00) at this performance.
- ✓ School will recess for the **Christmas Break** on Friday, Dec. 19th at 12: 45 p.m. Busses will be leaving our lots shortly after to pick up the primary children. There will be no lunch served on this day but a pancake breakfast is planned (*see below*).
- ✓ School will re-open for students on **Monday, Jan. 5th** with it being Day 3 on the schedule.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST PLANNED

Through the efforts of Mrs. Trudy Davis (Allie's mom) a pancake breakfast is planned for the children on **Friday, Dec. 19th at the school**. There will be no cost for this treat but Mrs. Davis would love to have some assistance. If any parent or friend of the school is available on this morning, please give Trudy a call!

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S COURSE OUTCOMES

Course outcomes are what teachers in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador are hired to teach. Your child's course outcomes (i.e. Science , Math, ELA, etc.) can be downloaded and viewed from the Department of Education's website:

<http://www.gov.nf.ca/edu/k12/co/main.htm> .

INSIDE / OUTSIDE FOOTWEAR

We ask all students and staff to promptly change their footwear whenever they enter the building and avoid the classroom area until the change has been made. Our main goal is to keep the floors dry and as safe as possible avoiding soiling the classroom. Students spend up to 5 hours a day in these rooms and we must make every attempt possible to keep them clean. Thank-you for your attention to this matter. We will be making a very strong effort to ensure rooms remain squeaky clean after the Christmas break.

PROVINCIAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

Clareville Middle School Boys captured the provincial title earlier this month by defeating I.J. Samson in the championship round in Conception Bay South. The team went undefeated throughout the provincial play and has won the right to represent the province at the nationals in April of 2004 in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. A huge thank-you to Mr. Walsh (Michael's dad) and Mr. Ennis (Josh's dad) for their time and energy!

RECENT STUDENT "WAY TO GO'S"

- ☺ **Way To Go: to Heather Drake(5Pye)** who was at the office recently and assisted a parent. Amelia Smith's mom was here to deliver some work that Amelia required and asked our secretary where her classroom was. Heather's immediate response was, "I'm going up there now, would you like for me to deliver it for you?". A true middle school behaviour, witnessed by many!

- ☺ **Way To Go** : to **Brandon Greening (4Vey)** who displayed great manners Wednesday morning at the office. Brandon's grandfather, **Mr. Bob Greening**, came in to pass along some recess money and Brandon's immediate response was "thank-you pop!". There was no prompting there for good manners! Super stuff!!
- ☺ **Way To Go** : To **Ricki-Lee Stanley** and **Stacey King** who assisted **Zachery Austin** in looking for his mittens last week. Unfortunately, they were never found but Zachery suggested it most definitely should be a way to go. Good job girls and way to go to you as well Zachery.
- ☺ **Way To Go**: to **Andrew Smith** who attended the drama production Wednesday night past after being involved in a car accident at the traffic lights on Manitoba Drive enroute to the school. Andrew was obviously shaken, but intent on performing! Super Middle School **determination and toughness!!**
- ☺ **Way To Go**: to **Holly Kelly** who found a sum of money in the gym and brought it to the office in order that the owner be found. Great Middle School behaviour Holly!
- ☺ **Way To GO**: to **Stephen Norris** for helping Melissa O'Keefe put all the games back in order Dec. 9th . (*Contributed by the Games Room Staff*)
- ☺ **Way To Go** : to **Jonathan Howell (7Nicholl)** who passed on his lunch on Tuesday, in order for another student to receive a meal. He settled for his second choice, a salad! A true middle school behaviour!

TIDBITS

- ✓ **5Baker students**: Way to go to Mr. Langdon's and Ms. Fillier's french classes as they had class sales of food items recently with all proceeds going to the Salvation Army to assist those in need. Super stuff.
- ✓ Our school's site is www.k12.nf.ca/cms . To find all school newsletters to date, scroll to the bottom of the home page, select **NEWS**. There they are!
- ✓ The **triple A** program at Clarendville High School recognizes outstanding students each term based on : 95% **attendance/ achieving** to his/her potential / demonstrating a positive **attitude**. The following Middle School Alumni, graduates June past, have been bestowed this honour during the term 1 reporting : **Kayla Avery; Hillary Davis; Kallan Fitzgerald; David Ingram; Scott Thorne; Amanda Briffett; Codey Dean; Krista Forward; Michael Hann; and Phillip Peters**. Way to go!
- ✓ **Grade 5 Classes Celebrate Grandparents Day** ! A splendid afternoon was held on Tuesday, November 25th where grandparents came to visit our school and were entertained to good music and food. Socially, a wonderful sight to be seen, where young and experienced could gather and communicate. Way to go to those teachers involved in making this a success: Ms. Pye and Mr. Baker!!
- ✓ **Grade 8 Girls put off a splendid Basketball Camp on Thursday, Dec. 11th** . The camp, attended by over 30 boys and girls in grades 3-6, was run by our young leaders who consistently modelled skill, patience and the ability to motivate our young stars. Super job and congratulations to:
Victoria Power Sara Avery Andrea Goobie Melanie Burry Marilyn Burry
Alex VanDerLinde Leslie-Ann Vardy
Also, way to go to **Mr. Power** (Victoria's Dad) for making this experience happen!
- ✓ **Gr. 5 Drama Troop** performed at a public performance Wednesday, Dec. 10th. A splendid job was done by both the drama participants (Grade 5) and the **grade 4-6 choir**. The parents and grandparents were obviously pleased and really enjoyed the performance. Splendid! A **huge** note of appreciation to **Ms. Pye and Ms. Drover** for your outstanding dedication and commitment of time to this wonderful cause! Also, to **Mr. Organ** for the relentless task of setting up and dismantling the sound equipment. Where would we be without your expertise in this area?
- ✓ **Grade 7 Boys and 8Girls** Volleyball Teams recently competed at Provincials displaying good skill, great behaviour and solid sportsmanship throughout. Even at the hotel people were commenting on the excellent mannerisms shown. **Huge thank-you** to coach **Mr. Brian Ennis** and manager **Mr. Lorne Squires** who lead the boys while **Mr. Nicholl** and **Mrs. Carmel Smith** lead the girls to a very respectable showing in Grand Falls-Windsor.
- ✓ **New Books in Library**: Mr. Organ has purchased some new reading material for our centre.

Janet McNaughton's Books: **Secret Under My Skin** and **Earthly Knight** (her latest book)

Kevin Major's Books: **Hold Fast**; **No Man's Land**; and **Ann and Seamus**.

Babysitting Course: Details in the new year!