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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- ✓ **NO SCHOOL** for students in grades 4-6 on **Tuesday, November 4th**. We have been notified of a district wide teacher in service on literacy, facilitated by Miriam P. Treahearne, a literacy specialist with the Calgary Board of Education.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND GROUPS AVAILABLE FOR 2003-2004

[note: Band Information coming in the Nov. 3rd newsletter]

- ☺ **Grade 5 & 6 Girl's Volleyball.** Ms. Jill Monk (teacher) will be holding practices at 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. A wonderful opportunity for girls to learn the game! Great fun and imagine how good they'll be by the time they reach grade 8! 24 girls showed up for the first practise on Sunday, Oct. 19th. WOW!
- ☺ **Grade 6, 7 & 8 Boy's Basketball.** Mr. Lorne Green, Mr. Brian Ennis, Mr. Richard Power and assisted by Matthew Lethbridge, practise with these boys Wednesday mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.. While now volleyball season, the early jump with basketball will most certainly lead to a very high skill level during the basketball season in January (time will change in November). Fresh fruit cup (\$1.00), yogurt (\$.50), juice (\$.75), or cereal (.50) available for these students before class begins.
- ☺ **Grade 6, 7 & 8 Girl's Basketball.** Mr. Donnie Power and Mr. Paul Perry hold practices for these students on Friday afternoon's. On Friday, Oct. 17th there were over 25 girls in attendance and benefiting from some great basketball instruction and socialization while having lot's of fun!
- ☺ **Grade 7 & 8 Boy's Volleyball.** Under the coaching of Mr. Walsh and assisted by Mr. Pardy and Mr. Brian Ennis, these boys practise on Monday's 3:00 -4:30 p.m. ; Thursday's from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and Sunday's at 5:00 p.m. It is the intention of Mr. Walsh that these boy's attend the provincial tournaments in early December, thus the necessity for three practises a week. Any grade 7 or 8 boy is welcome to attend!
- ☺ **Grade 7 & 8 Girl's Volleyball.** Under the coaching of Mr. Nicholl, Ms. Budgell and Ms. Carmel Smith these girls develop their volleyball skills on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. The intention is to have two teams at the district super volley and one of these teams will be participating in the provincial bantam volleyball championships in December.
- ☺ **Table Tennis.** Under the direction of Mr. Pardy and with the assistance of Russell Bowring, students from **grades 4 to 8** can participate in our school tournament. This tournament will have divisions for boys and girls in each grade level. After the first tournament, the top 6 players in the school, regardless of grade level, will play in a 'masters division', thus not having to play someone who is just learning the game. The tournament will raise the level of play in this sport and provide enjoyment through socialization and play. The first tournament will be held **Wednesday, Nov. 12th, 2003.**
- ☺ **Cross Country Running.** Under the coaching of Mr. LeDrew and the assistance of Mr. Pardy and Ms. Goodman, any student can run at 12:00 p.m. on weather suitable days, and automatically be part of the middle school running club. As a school, we attend meets at other schools and through hard work, increase fitness levels of students.
- ☺ **Drama Club.** This club, under the direction of Ms. Pye and Ms. Drover, will meet every Wednesday afternoon starting at 3:00 p.m. During the first term the club will consist of Grade 5 students who wish to participate in our Christmas musical, "Santa's Holiday Hoedown". After Christmas, in conjunction with the grade 7 and 8 drama module, the club will be working on "Oliver Twist". The final term, the grade 6 drama club will be working on a production for the end of the year. All students who join these drama clubs will be expected to attend all Wednesday meetings and a Sunday dress rehearsal during the term they are involved. Ms. Pye will be working with the grade 4 students with skits and plays for our Annual Spring Talent Showcase.
- ☺ **Guitar Club.** This year Mr. Organ will begin lessons on Wednesday, Oct. 29th. Two

divisions will be grades 7 - 8 and grades 4 - 6. Great opportunity on Wednesdays!

- ☺ **Student Council.** Under the direction of Mr. Organ, an active student council has been elected. Michael Walsh and Bradley Pitcher, elected President and Vice-President respectively, have a class representative from each classroom that meet periodically to improve the school climate at our school.
- ☺ **Public Speaking.** As part of our **school development plan**, students in each class must present to his/her peers each term. A class representative is selected to participate in the school speak-off. Winners often advance to the Lion's and Kiwanis speak-offs. The Lion's Club have been a major supporter of student public speaking and contribute financially each year while frequently judging these events.
- ☺ **Babysitting Course.** Open for students in grades 6, 7 & 8 in February and March. Ms. Stanford and Cst. Noel will instruct in the care of children and the handling of emergencies. A first aid component will also be part of this course.
- ☺ **SADD (Students against drinking and driving).** A new junior high chapter will be started after Christmas under the direction of Ms. Stanford and Cst. Noel. This national organization has many chapters in the province and involves students uniting together to promote anti-drinking and driving.
- ☺ **Junior Show Choir.** We have two show choirs who perform throughout the year. Recently, these choirs have recorded for a provincial crime prevention CD and will launch their "Tommy" song this Friday, Oct. 24th at the Terra Nova Park Resort in Port Blandford. In addition, these choirs perform at concerts and local malls. Practise times are: Junior Choir (Grades 4 and 5) - Day 3 at lunch time and 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. while the Senior Show Choir(Grades 6, 7 and 8) practises after school on Mondays.

STUDENT "WAY TO GO'S" LAST WEEK

- **Way to Go:** to **Andrea Goobie**, who attending basketball practice after school on Friday Oct. 17th, was participating in a timed shooting drill from various court positions, and successfully sank the last 8 shots. What skill and accuracy! Keep up the great shooting Andrea!!
- **Way To Go:** to **Jordan Vokey , and mom**, who calls Mr. Parry early (*early*) Tuesday morning (Oct. 21st) thinking it was Wednesday morning basketball time. That is what you call being ahead of one's self! Ha!
- **Way To Go:** to **Colton Carpenter** (4Sullivan) who came to the office displaying a picture of his 4 month baby brother and at the same time received a very positive compliment from his teacher for his great behaviour. Way to go **Colton!!**

TIDBITS

- ✓ **Middle School Show Choir** to launch the Tommy CD, with their recording of the same, at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night at Port Blandford. This night will mark the opening of the Provincial Crime Prevention Conference.
- ✓ **Magazine Subscription** : For those subscribing last year, renewals are available at the school. Please support the school by renewing through us. The school receives no benefit if renewed through the publisher. Same price !
- ✓ **Winner of Crime Prevention Anti-Bullying Contest: Beanna Drover** (4D) who created a fantastic poster. Way to go Beanna!

BUSSING DEPARTURE TIMES SEPT. 2003-2004

In a newsletter scheduled for **Monday, November 3rd**, we will inform parents of the scheduled student pick-up time for each bus stop that serves Clarendville Middle School. The purpose of this is to assure that no student is waiting any longer than necessary in cold or inclement weather. The bus may be delayed, but should never be early!

TERRY FOX WALK BIG SUCCESS

A huge thank-you to the parents and students who committed themselves to raising funds for this very worthwhile cause. Together with the High School, roughly \$3300.00 was raised from which \$2200.00 came from our school. A special note of appreciation to Ms. Andrea Sharpe and Mr. Rod Nicholl for organizing and administering this event. Thank-you to **Ryan Matchem's mom** for her inquiry !

SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR ELECTED

Congratulations to **Mr. Dan Mercer** who will chair the Middle School Council for the 2003-2004 school year. The council is in good hands!