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IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- No school for students on **Monday March 15th (District Holiday)** and **Friday March 19th (Parent Teacher Meetings / In service)**.

RECENT STUDENT "WAY TO GO'S"

The following items were published in the daily morning bulletin. The intention is to celebrate the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside our school. **We have much to be proud of !**

- ☺ Way to go to **Shane Hiscock**, a level 3 student at Clarenville High, who continues to donate Campbell soup labels to our school. Also to **Matthew Goodman** who recently dropped off many labels. Thank-you Shane and Matthew!
- ☺ Way to go **Zachery Barnes** (4Sullivan) who was the only middle school student to finish the Triathlon, a Winter Carnival activity, in which he had to ski, walk and swim. Super achievement Zachery! Great middle school fitness displayed.
- ☺ Way to go To **David Davis** who made an effort to walk some distance on Wednesday, February 25th to pick up an old pop tin because it was being kicked around. Great stuff David!
- ☺ Grade 4 'E-Choir' performance on Friday, Feb. 27th ! Ms. Bennett made a special effort to call Mr. Pardy Monday morning to pass along how well behaved and what great singing took place at her school. She was very proud, and so are we. Way to go to an excellent bunch of Middle School students!!
- ☺ **Way To Go:** To Mr. Nicholl who in a chess re-match yesterday, handily took **Max Vivian's** bishops within minutes of the opening move. Mr. Nicholl was very focused and determined to move quickly, strategically manipulating his pieces to end the game in blistering time. Max handled the game with true sportsmanship and congratulated Mr. Nicholl on the quick assault of his pieces. Spectators witnessing the rapid unfolding of the event, wondered if Max really knew that the game was over. A true Middle School student who gave it his all and learned really how quickly a chess game can end!
- ☺ Way to go to **Kayla Skiffington** who yesterday became a CIBC banker. Kayla had an appointment yesterday with the officials of the bank and explanations were given to her on operating her new account and the implications of carefully looking after her money. Heard some great things about the service at CIBC, and they have a great new customer in Kayla!
- ☺ **Way To Go:** To **Ryan Matchem (5Baker)** who was the only one out of a group of many to thank Ms. Bungay for keeping the door open while entering the high school assembly Friday morning!
- ☺ **Way to go :** to **Josh Ennis** who was one of 25 middle students (70+ in total) attending the Bridge Building Competition held at Balbo Elementary on Saturday, March 6th. Josh **finished 3rd** with his bridge handling a significant load, 280 pounds (Wow!) before destruction.
- ☺ Way To Go to **Christopher Dalton** (4Sullivan), who performed a great deed while skiing on White Hills on Saturday, February 21st. The head of the ski patrol writes: *"Dear Christopher, Thank-you for your help on Saturday with the boy who was hurt. It was very kind of you to stay with him until the ski patrol got him down the hill, and to bring down his board to the base of the mountain."* Some great middle school assistance from a very helpful student. **Super stuff Christopher!!**

STUDENT SAFETY

To **guard against eye injury** at Clarenville Middle School all students have been reminded that they are never to throw any item, eraser, paper, **snowballs**, etc. in school or on school grounds. To ensure that students are aware of our sincerity with this rule, our policy is to phone home on the first offence and issue an in-school detention. Any

subsequent offences will lead to a suspension from school. We ask all students to continue to ensure that our students remain safe. <OVER>

TIDBITS

- ☞ The **District Heritage Fair** is early May. Interested students should put on their thinking hats and start working on their projects. Our class and school fairs will be held the middle of April. Since the grade 5 curriculum involves Newfoundland cultures, **all** grade 5 students will be expected to do an individual project. The other students will be informed if this project is compulsory. We wish to encourage all students to participate in this fair due to the wonderful learning experience.
- ☞ 8Organ: Welcome back to **Scott Sinclair** who is rejoining the middle school after a few months attending the school at Botwood!!

MISSING CLOTHING & LUNCH BAGS IN ATRIUM

Again, we have far too many lunch bags and clothes that need their owner! During Parent-Teacher meetings Thursday March 18th (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.) and Friday 19th (8:40 - 12:00 p.m.) These items will be displayed in the atrium. PLEASE take time to have a look and again assure that your child's name is on their personal items. This item brought to you by SPCDSI (Society for The Prevention of Cruelty of Displaced Student Items)

BUSSING SURVEY RESULTS

Below are the **results of the bussing survey** that was administered in February 2004. We have asked all drivers to have a look at the **survey results of the students in their care** and to take any actions they would deem appropriate. Individual student comments have been gathered from the survey and administrators will meet individually with students making statements on issues related to safety.

Question # 1: "Do you feel safe at your community bus stop?"

ROUTE #	Students responding YES	%	Students responding NO	%	Students responding SOMETIMES	%
TOTAL	192	83.4%	16	11%	27	11.9%

Question # 2: "Do you feel safe riding your bus to and from school?"

ROUTE #	Students responding YES	%	Students responding NO	%	Students responding SOMETIMES	%
TOTAL	158	63.9%	20	13.7%	49	27.1%

Question # 3: "Do you feel safe waiting for and boarding the bus at school?"

ROUTE #	Students responding YES	%	Students responding NO	%	Students responding SOMETIMES	%
TOTAL	201	87.6%	10	9%	15	10.9%

Question # 4: "Do you feel your bus offers a clean and comfortable ride to and from school?"

ROUTE #	Students responding YES	%	Students responding NO	%	Students responding SOMETIMES	%
TOTAL	101	41%	58	29.4%	65	29.3%

Questions #5: "Do you feel you can approach the school's administration with any bussing concern you have?"

ROUTE #	Students responding YES	%	Students responding NO	%	Students responding SOMETIMES	%
TOTAL	180	78.3%	19	12.6%	27	13.1%

5. (B) "Do you feel the school administration will deal with your concern immediately?"

ROUTE #	Students responding YES	%	Students responding NO	%	Students responding SOMETIMES	%
TOTAL	134	57.4%	34	16.3%	59	26.3%