



Tiger Tracks

Clarenville Middle School

Where Children Come First!

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CMS NEWSLETTER

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MOST RECENT CRT RESULTS

We are very pleased with the recent CRT results in both Math and English Language Arts (ELA). These Criterion Referenced Tests (CRT) are provincially created to determine the achievement of curriculum outcomes in these two areas. The CRT's are administered at the end of grade 3, 6 and 9. The grade 6 results speak exclusively to our school which is solely responsible for teaching the entire curriculum from grade 4 to grade 6 which forms the basis of the grade 6 assessment. A score of Level - 3 is considered grade level while Level 4 is strong and Level 5 is outstanding.

Elementary English Language Arts May 2007 CRT Results GRADE 6 STUDENT RESULTS (This year's Gr. 7's)						
	Provincial Level 3 and above	District 4 Level 3 and above	CMS Level 3 and above	Provincial Level 4 and above	District 4 Level 4 and above	CMS Level 4 and above
Demand Writing	76.1	82.2	84.1	11.3	12.3	18.2
Informational Reading	58.8	60.1	67.4	10.6	10.6	11.6
Poetic Reading	73.3	68.1	84.1	11.1	11.6	27.3
Visual Reading	54.8	56.6	65.2	8.8	9.3	14.0
Listening	58.4	60.1	62.8	9.1	8.6	14.0
Speaking	80.0	81.7	100.0	28.0	30.3	66.7

The ELA results above indicate that the achievement levels of our students in this grade level exceed that of the province and district. One sobering reflection for us and the district and province as a whole, is that there are significant numbers of student who fall below grade level (Level 3).

Elementary Math 2007 Grade 6 CRT Results (This year's Gr. 7's) : Clarenville Middle School							
		Level 3 and Above (District)	Level 3 and Above Provincial	Level 3 and Above CMS	Level 4 and above (District)	Level 4 and above Provincial	Level 4 and above CMS
Number Operations	Reasoning	32	33.1	40.9	7.7	8.0	6.8
	Communication	29.1	30.6	38.6	6.5	7.0	6.8
	Connections and representations	38.5	40.1	41.0	8.4	9.1	11.4
	Problem Solving	50.0	50.6	54.6	12.2	14.1	18.2
Number Concepts	Number Sense	25.7	29.8	33.4	4.1	5.8	7.2
	Place Value	32.6	33.8	50.0	10.0	11.1	21.4

The Math results above indicate that the achievement levels of our students in this grade level exceed that of the province and district. The numbers achieving Level 4 and higher in reasoning and communication does fall slightly below provincial figures.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday November 6th**
Christmas FPI Seafood Project – All products meet school nutritional guidelines (shrimp ; scallops & cod nuggets)
- Friday, November 9th**
Remembrance Day – Assembly. Organized by Grade 6 students and teachers.
- Monday, November 12th**
No School. Armistice Day holiday. School re-opens Tuesday Nov. 13th as Day - 7.
- Wednesday November 28th**
Term 1 Reports sent home. Recycling Blitz!
- Thursday November 29th**
Parent Teacher Meetings - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Friday November 30th**
Parent Teacher Meetings - 8:40 a.m. - 12:00p.m. No school for students - Teacher Meetings in p.m
- Monday Dec. 3rd**
Release of next newsletter!

NOT A NEW ADDITION TO STAFF

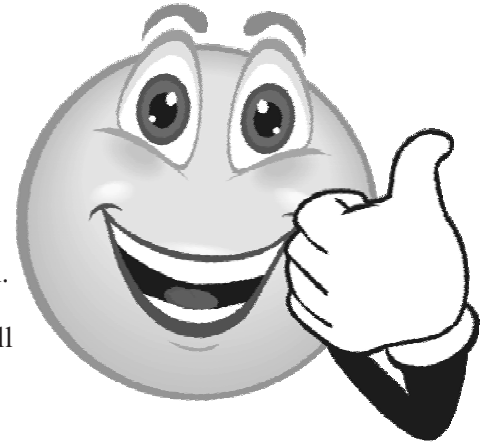
If you hear your son or daughter speak of Ms. Harnum, please be advised that is our assistant principal, previously Ms. Winsor, who was joined in matrimony with Mr. Greg Harnum some days ago. Congratulations to two great individuals!

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTED

A big thank-you to all those parents who expressed interest in serving as a member on our school council and offered themselves for election. We are pleased to announce that Paula Pye has been elected as our newest council member and will participate in her first meeting on Thursday November 29th. Welcome Paula!



RECENT STUDENT "WAY TO GO'S"



Back by popular demand, the 'Way To Go' in all future newsletters will celebrate the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside our school.

- ☺ Way to go to Colton Chaulk(8-0) and family who contributed many Campbell Soup labels for the school's rewards program. The collection of these labels allows us to receive equipment for your school.
- ☺ Congratulations to Jordan Norcott, Josh Fleming and Nicholas Skiffington (7Stewart) on winning the grade 7 ELA Treasure Hunt! Many students enjoyed solving the clues placed throughout the building and the race was very tight. These three students were the first group to solve all five clues and happily shared the "treasure" that greeted their win.
- ☺ Way to go to both the junior and senior Middle School choirs of 2006-07 who placed highly in last years regional music festival. Both choirs are invited to attend and participate in 'Perform Musicfest Canada' in Ottawa, May 13-17th , 2008 based on their performance results. Obviously, with the senior choir travelling to Ottawa to represent the province for the Canada Day celebrations on July 1st, neither of the choirs will be able to attend. Nevertheless, we send along our congratulations to the talented middle school choir members and their director, Ms. Lisa Drover.
- ☺ Way to go to Nicholas Norman-Foote (4Vey) who found a sum of money last week and brought it to the office to find the owner! A great Middle School deed that we are very proud of!!
- ☺ Way to go to. Eric Brushett (5P) who assists the caretakers in pushing in the chairs after lunch. A big thank-you Eric from the caretakers, Mr. Pardy and Ms. Winsor. You demonstrate a true middle school kindness Eric!!
- ☺ Way to go to Jacob Walsh and Mary Catherine Pardy for showing real concern for a classmate, the good basketball shooter Zach Ennis, during lunch time this week.
- ☺ Way to go to Hillary Power (7A) who waited at the main entrance door and held it for a very appreciative teacher, Ms. Andrews. It is also worthy to note that Ms. Andrews held the door as well allowing many students to enter. Great middle school mannerisms displayed by both teacher and student.
- ☺ Way to go to Robert Greeley (5A) for helping a classmate in need on the stairwell.
- ☺ Way to go to Allie Peddle (5P) who won the Agenda and Reading Award for the month of September. Allie had her agenda on her desk every morning before the bell and was in her seat reading. Who will win the Agenda/Reading Award in October?
- ☺ Way to go to Destiny Hart and Tylor Lambert who found a sum of money on Friday past and immediately brought it to the office in order for the owners to be found. Once again, what great middle school behaviour.
- ☺ Way to go to Tanner Avery and Tyson Loder for cleaning up the lunchroom on Tuesday Oct. 16th . Both boys helped the caretaker, as do Eric Brushett and Amy Feltham as times, which is greatly appreciated by our caretakers. Way to go guys!
- ☺ Way to go to the girls of 4Drover who were looking for ways to make their classmate, Grace Rose, have a really special day on her Birthday. Middle School friends making others feel great. The Middle School way!
- ☺ Way to go to Cody Price (5A) for helping a fellow student do research on the computer last week. Both students were working diligently throughout the entire class. Super middle school dedication!

- ☺ Way to go to Ryan Wareham (6M) who was the lucky recipient of an ATV Helmet. All grade 6 students visited the Forestry building during forestry week and names were placed in a draw for the helmet. Way to go Ryan!
- ☺ We had a wonderful display of books at last week's used book fair in the atrium. With the 100's of books on display inadvertently some fell to the floor. Seen picking up these books without being asked were Abby Anderson and Shayna Veitch from 4Drover class. Our youngest students displaying great behaviours - WAY TO GO girls!!
- ☺ Way to go to students of 5Pye who donated almost \$30.00 toward Rice Day to help schools in third world countries. Luke Burton and Mark Pritchett sold some of their Pokemon cards and donated their money to this worthy cause. Way to go guys!
- ☺ Way to go to Kody Price for finding money and returning the money to his teacher. Great Middle School behaviour. The owner of the money, Shane Vivian greatly appreciated having it found. He thanks Cody for his good deed as do all the staff and students of Clarendville Middle.
- ☺ Way to go to Jody Mercer-Miller, Anita Drodge and Oliva Winsor who recently found sums of money and returned to the office for the owner to be found. We just love celebrating great middle school values and behaviour!

STUDENT

Congratulations to your new student council executive: President Robert Pond and Vice President Grant Rose Wishing you much success in your year. CLASS CALL: We would like to have elected class representatives (1 per class) to serve their classmates on the school council. The democratic procedure practised!

Great Middle School Ambassadors! Way to go to the grade 5 classes who represented our school so well during the field trip to the Forestry Building last week. Word has it that the behaviour was EXCELLENT! A great class to receive three new students later this month!

A BIG Welcome to all the new students who transferred into CMS this past month.

Terry Fox Run Huge Success! Middle school students and parents have once again embraced the great cause of supporting cancer research. The school contributed \$1369.06 to this great cause. We had 27 students who raised more than \$20.00 with special mention given to Brandon Drodge (7S) raising \$119.00 and Ali Peddle (5P) collecting \$ 104.50 . Great stuff! Also, way to go to the students of 5Pye who raised in total \$356.50 for the Terry Fox campaign thus winning a Pizza Party. A special thank-you to Pizza Delight for partnering with the school!!

HELP. A graduate of the Middle School last year is missing his trumpet. Taylor Pittman's name is on the inside of the case and the finger rest is broken. Help?

Big thank-you to Luke Sawler (8O) who found a large sum of money and immediately brought it to the office in order for its rightful owner be found. Way to go to one of our senior Middle School students who assisted the money.

Middle School Tutoring Program : Through the efforts of Ms. Stanford, close to 20 grade 7 & 8 students will be trained to become tutors. Times will be available for tutoring sessions throughout the week - lunch times / after school / etc.

The winning ticket for the Fall/Halloween Basket was Kim Hobbs from Lethbridge with lucky ticket number 146. Seller was Kirsten Chatman; permit # was 07-10223000LT



SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAM YIELDS RESULTS!

Under the direction of social studies teacher Mr. Parrott, students in grade 8 were involved in the study of past governments in our province with a slight deviation from this to analyze the recent provincial election. Looking at the current 48 electoral districts, students were asked to select who they felt would come out on top in the polls. Selecting correctly 46 out of 47 seats was Kieran Vasanthan from 8Organ. To make it even more spectacular, Kieran's misread was the electoral district of 'The Isles of Notre Dame' where he selected Gerry Reid to win but the leader of the official opposition finished 7 votes behind his competitor. With the official recount forthcoming, perhaps Kieran will have speculated correctly choosing 47 winners out of a possible 47, surpassing Mr. Parrott (44/47) and all the pollsters and political pundits. Way to go Kieran for your political astuteness and Mr. Parrott for engaging in this very educational exercise.

INTERESTED IN WORKING IN SCHOOLS?

Eastern School District, in particular the Vista Region, are trying to reach as many people as possible to recruit a good pool of casual employees in the fields of Caretakers, School Secretaries and Student Assistants. If any parent is interested in some work in our schools, an application form can be attained from the Middle School office. As with the educational staff of our province's schools, the workforce of support staff is aging and there is some potential for long term employment opportunities in the next couple of years. Please contact Mr. Pardy or Ms. Harnum for further information.

PLEASE PLACE NAMES ON ALL STUDENT CLOTHING & ITEMS

To protect your investment and help us get the items back to your child, we remind parents to please place names with a permanent marker on clothing tags, lunch bags, school bags, footwear, calculators, etc. We seek to reduce the amount of items remaining unclaimed!

SCHOOL'S HOMEPAGE

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Check out the following features on our school's homepage:

- ☺ On line food purchase. Three products that may be of interest to you!
- ☺ The most recent newsletter
- ☺ Teacher's webpage. Check out the many sites where you can access homework, class notes, projects, etc. Elementary teachers have joined the fold with webpages - Mr. Monk (6M) and Ms. Andrews (Gr. 5). Stay tuned for others!
- ☺ After school activities. Check out what is available for your child to participate in. Keep checking for updates such as Grade 5&6 girls basketball now on Monday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



TIGERS ROAR AT VOLLEYFEST

Clarenville Middle School participated in Volleyfest 2007 in St. John's the end of October. Over 100 teams participated in the various divisions with our students coming away with some tremendous results. Our grade eight boys team won gold for the third consecutive year going undefeated without losing a set. Our grade seven boys team also competed in the grade 8 boys division finishing with a 2-2 record. One amazing note did come out of this : the grade seven team only lost by 2 points to Southwest Arm Academy who played our grade eight team in the championship on Saturday. A great experience for our younger players who will be back again next year. The CMS girls also played in the grade 8 division and went undefeated during round robin play. After the seeding process to determine playoff positions, CMS was seeded on top with a 1.79 points ratio. In semi-final action the Tigers were defeated by Balbo Elementary in straight sets to finish third out of thirteen teams. {See pictures on homepage}

NEXT NEWSLETTER

New Student and Grade 4 survey results. 100% of new student surveyed are 'glad to be at Clarenville Middle School'.

Internet Safety - Helpful Hints for Parents. DID YOU KNOW?? That there are over 30,000 known sexual offenders in MySpace. This is a site used quite often by youth.

Drug Education Programming at Clarenville Middle School. Wait until you hear about 'The Amazing Race'.