



## **CMS STUDENTS SUPPLY SCHOOL MILK – THE WHITE’S FARM!**

One of the largest farms in the Clarendville area belongs to the family of two CMS students, **Jordan White (8R) and Samantha White (5A)**. Named **‘Beauty View Farms’**, the operation includes over 200 acres of land with about 75 acres in production to grow hay, cut twice a year, which provides food for the cows over the year. Imagine, 200 acres! Our school and the high school do not contain much more than 2 acres! **‘Beauty View Farms’ was named by Jordan’s and Samantha’s great grandfather who was the first to farm there. It was named for the view** they can see from their house – a beautiful view of Port Blanford. Jordan’s and Samantha’s great grandfather raised beef cattle on the large land, followed by their grandparents who started a dairy farm in 1984. Just how many cows are on the farm? They have 85 cows on the farm ranging in age from 2 months to about 8 years. They are currently milking 44 cows twice a day, starting at **5 a.m. each morning** of the 7 day week and then again at 5 p.m. each day. The farm produces 1200 litres each day and some days even more!! Wow – that is **600 two litre containers of milk each day** ! The milk truck comes every 2<sup>nd</sup> day and picks up milk taking it to Scotsburn or Central Dairies. It is a good chance that our CMS milk comes from Jordan and Samantha’s farm! **‘Beauty View Farms’ feed their 85** cows a special ration that they mix each day consisting of hay, corn, water, limestone, and soya meal. If this special recipe is not mixed right, the cows may get sick and as a result not produce the 1200 litres of milk a day they strive for! If a cow gets sick, they immediately call a veterinarian any time of the day or night. It may be 3 o’clock in the morning! When asked, we found out that Jordan is a **BIG** help on the farm driving all tractors, operating the excavator, etc. The only thing that he doesn’t do on the farm is milk the cows! He does feed the horses and keep the barn and farm in great condition. Imagine, Jordan and Samantha each have their own calves and Samantha has TWO horses! Way to go to the **White’s** on operating the largest farm within the CMS family.

## **AN AVID CMS READER!**

**In the Grade 4 class last week, Chloe George (4V)**, an avid reader who enjoys a good book, was deeply involved in a novel. **Chloe** was reading a book entitled **“The Outside of a Horse’**, written by **Ginny Rorby**. The main character is a girl named Hannah Gale, who like her father, has a love of horses. Her dad was called up to fight in the Iraq war and Hannah found peace and comfort in a nearby stable where there were lots of horses. Later she got a job at the stable, participating in many exciting moments. After her dad returned from war, Hannah initially thought the worst was over, but soon realized that her dad was having much difficulty sleeping and relaxing. The story tells how their lives are transformed with their love and participation with horses. Interested in reading this book? Check with Chloe as she would rate this book very high on her ‘good book to read’ list and give you her opinion! Way to go Chloe!

## **GRADE 5 STUDENT LEADS GREEN INITIATIVES!**

Earth Month is April 1 to 30<sup>th</sup> ! Joshua Little (5P) is a student who is very concerned about the environment and frequently challenges our school and its students to be Green by protecting our neighbourhoods. With this month being Earth Month, we immediately thought that Joshua would be ready to lead us in some green initiatives! Students are asked to challenge themselves to help create a healthier world by making some changes to their daily routine. Choose one or more of the four actions listed on [earthday.ca/giveitup](http://earthday.ca/giveitup) and register your commitments. Participants can register anytime in April. Again, our challenge is to help create a healthier world by making some changes to our daily routines throughout this month. Up for the challenge? We look forward to informing students that 16 bundles of paper equals one tree and we are committed this month to finding ways to reduce our paper consumption! A big thank-you to Joshua Little and his Green Team members for leading us to be a greener school!

## **PLEASE PLACE NAMES ON ALL STUDENT CLOTHING & ITEMS**

‘Clothes, Clothes everywhere!’ The amount of student clothing unclaimed at our school during the 2010-11 school year is amazing. To protect your investment and help us get the items back to your child, please place names with a permanent marker on clothing tags, lunch bags, school bags, footwear, calculators, etc.

# STUDENT “WAY TO GOs”

The ‘Way To Go’ in all newsletters celebrates the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside our school. The following have been published in morning bulletins up to and including January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Lots more to come!



- ★ **Way to go to Ben Funk** who found a wallet outside the school one afternoon in January and immediately brought it to the office. A wonderful deed! **Thank-you Ben!**
- ★ **Way to go to Lydia Miller (6S)** for her excellent behaviour in and around the school. Behind the smile is a really friendly and confident CMS student. Great at MATH too!!!!

## TIGER TIDBITS



- **Ms. Drover** has been identified/selected to sit on a resource development committee that will build upon a 2010 teacher resource supplement for music education created using smart technology. In serving on the committee, she will assist in adapting the 2010 resource to: incorporate relevant digital clips; reflect K-12 outcomes and associated teaching, learning and assessment strategies and assist in the process of bringing the resource to its final format. **Way to go Ms. Drover!**
- **A Wonderful CMS story!** On Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, when the Goobie’s bus was loading outside the front of the school, a grade 4 student got on the bus and walked down the aisle to find an empty seat. There were no seats without at least 1 person in them. Colton Smith, seated at the front, noticed this and offered his seat to one of CMS’s youngest students. The boy gratefully accepted. What was special about this was that the seat that Colton was in, on the left side of the bus, was smaller than the seats on the right side by about 30%. **Even this did not stop Colton from offering to share his seat! Way to go Colton!**

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Matthew O’Brien** graduated from Clarenville Middle School in 2000 and proceeded to graduate from Clarenville High school in 2004. Matthew was the younger brother of **Mark**, one year his senior, who would be the first to admit that he struggled through his middle school years with reading. In fact, it was very difficult for him at this young age and both the school and the home had to make accommodations for his success in schooling. Today, both Matthew and Mark have graduated with degrees from schools in Western Canada. Matthew is employed as a power engineer at Syn Crude, in Fort McMurray while Mark is employed as a chemical engineer in the paper mill in Hinton, Alberta. Great young men with a bright future! Good luck to the O’Brien brothers, and we hope that Matthew can serve as an example for our current students whose reading may not be as developed as they would like! Through hard work and cooperation, it will work out in the end!



## BABYSITTING GRADUATES!

CMS has a new group of 38 babysitters. Throughout the winter, these 38 grade six students have participated in the St. John Ambulance babysitting course. They have trained in many areas of child care including: Play and Safe Toys, Baby and Toddler Foods, Diapers, Feeding and Bedtimes and Emergency and Simple First Aid Procedures. In true CMS style, these students actively engaged in their learning, taste testing foods, changing and diapering their 'baby', making play dough and practicing First Aid, under the direction of Mr. Feener. These students will be rewarded for their dedication and hard work with a Pizza Party and the presentation of their Babysitting Certificates.

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY (Guidance Initiative)

Our school is proud to offer the Roots of Empathy (ROE) Program this year, under the instruction of Ms. Barnes, to both our grade 4 classes. Roots of Empathy is an award winning, evidence-based classroom program that has been shown to have a dramatic effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children by raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. This program was created by a Newfoundlander, Mary Gordon, who, while teaching in Toronto, realized that she needed to try a new and differentiated approach to teaching non-aggressive reactions to stressors in our environment. At the heart of the program are a neighbourhood infant and parent who visit the classroom every three weeks. CMS is very pleased to have enlisted the assistance of two "baby teachers" to help deliver our grade four ROE programs. **Leah Spurrell**, daughter of Chad and Charlene Spurrell, is our Roots of Empathy Baby for 4 Vey and **Mikaela Fiander**, daughter of Sabrina and Caleb Fiander, is the baby for 4 Budgell. The students observe the baby's development and learn to label the baby's feelings. The experience helps children identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others. This makes them less likely to physically, psychologically and emotionally hurt each other through bullying and other cruelties. The students and teachers have watched a tremendous amount of baby growth this year. The baby's visit is a very exciting highlight each month. Look for our pictures coming soon to the CMS website.

## SCIENCE IS MY FAVORITE SUBJECT!!

Late in the evening of Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, members of the CMS Remote Operating Vehicle (ROV) Club were placing their self-made robot in the huge water tank at Clarenville High under the watchful eyes of their parents and teachers. They were indeed an excited bunch as the large robot was launched into the water and the thrusters to move it around were activated. Once in the water, the robot was designed to be able to pick up items from the bottom of the tank, pulling each item into its underbelly, and with task completed then rising to the surface of the water. The robot worked perfectly to the delight of the teachers, students and parents present. It was after the robot completed its mission when **Courtney Clarke (8P) exclaimed to her teachers, "I can clearly see now the meaning of 'neutral buoyancy' and how to get it! Science is my favourite subject."** Big thank-you to Mr. Trevor Coates, Mr. Chad Spurrell and Mr. Mitchell Randell for making this wonderful educational experience possible for our students. With an upgraded color camera coming soon, our CMS ROV team will surely impress the judges at the Provincial Championships on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in St. John's. Stay tuned!!

## CMS PARTICIPATES IN PROVINCIAL GAME SHOW!

Every day in Newfoundland and Labrador, two young workers aged 15-24 are injured on the job. The Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission's (WHSCC) goal is to empower workers, especially youth, to take action to help foster a culture of safety throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, where workplace accidents are unacceptable. **SAFE Work NL's Who Wants to Save a Life?** is a game show and is one of the province's strategies for reaching students with the occupational health and safety message. After visiting 30 schools across the province, **Clarenville Middle School** has been selected to represent Eastern Newfoundland on **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Clarenville Event Centre in the provincial semi-finals against the winning school from Central Newfoundland. The winner of the semi-finals plays the winners of Western and Labrador in the provincials in Gander where the winning school receives \$5000.00 and the 5 student players each receive 'I-pads'. Wow! CMS team selection will begin on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> with interested grade 7 & 8 students completing 25 multiple choice questions related to occupational health and safety. A team will then be chosen the following day with a practice session planned with Mr. Coates for Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Go Tigers Go!!