

CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

‘WHERE CHILDREN COME FIRST’

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER: Monday, DEC. 12th, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Monday, Dec. 12 th	December School Newsletter released
Tuesday, Dec. 13 th	CMS presents an evening of Christmas music @ 7:30 p.m. at CEC
Thursday, Dec. 15 th	<i>School ‘Christmas’ Dance:</i> 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19 th	Grade 9 choir singing at senior’s home during the morning.
Wednesday, Dec. 21 st	Last Day prior to Christmas Recess. 1:00 p.m. closure
Tuesday, Jan. 3 rd , 2012	School re-opens with it being Day 7 {module day}.
Friday, Feb. 17 th , 2012	No school for students. Teacher PD session occurring.

Note: Please see our school homepage for a list of important dates for the entire school year.

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE – ‘80%’ of wishes filled!

To make sure that Christmas comes to all students, parents and staff have been busy filling wishes on the **Christmas Wish Tree**. To date we have over 80% of our wishes filled in time for the big day. Again, if you would like to contribute to this effort, please feel free to donate whatever amount you wish. If it doesn’t cover an entire wish, it will certainly bring us closer to its purchase and fulfilling a child’s wish. Thank-you in advance! Merry Christmas to all!



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – THE PLAN...

Currently, parents have to call into the school to arrange an appointment with their child’s teacher. We will adopt the same program as Clarenville High School where appointments can be made to see your child’s teacher online, **via internet**. For your information, Term 2 reports will be going home Friday March 16th with Parent Teacher meetings scheduled for the evening of Thursday March 22nd and the morning of Friday, March 23rd. Future newsletters will keep you abreast of the start-up of the new online appointment process.

Take Our Kids To Work Day

On Wednesday, November 2, 2011, Clarenville Middle School Grade 9 students were provided an opportunity to go to the workplace with their parents, a relative or a family friend. The students visited various workplaces that spanned across many career fields. CMS is happy to report greater than a 90% participation rate in this very enlightening career exploration activity.



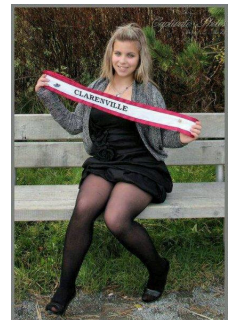
MAYBE CMS SHALL NEVER BE SURPASSED – NUMBERS COUNT!



It was an amazing sight, and much talked about; CMS's participation at The Provincial Volleyfest in St. John's on Oct. 29th – 30th. What was remarkable about it? To see nearly **180 students** from one school, dressed in the same jersey, compete and represent our school so well was certainly unique. On top of this, the success of having every play-off division represented by a CMS team and coming back with two banners, missing a 3rd by a couple of points, was amazing. We are so proud of our players and the coaches that made it all possible. Many parents from CMS and some parents from other schools commented on our Volleyball program, in particular the number of students participating and actively engaged. We thank our fantastic coaches who enjoy the benefit of working with a fantastic group of students. Clarendville Town Councillor, **Rod Nicholl**, sums it up well in a communication to Mr. Randell: *"I read the sport section of the Packet regarding the success realized by CMS at Volleyfest and the numbers of teams that participated. What a great achievement and what a level of student involvement. Congrats to all who participated, athletes and coaches. You must be extremely proud of this accomplishment. On behalf of myself and the Town of Clarendville let me extend our sincere congratulations"*

CMS REPRESENTED AT MS. TEEN ACHIEVEMENT PAGEANT

During the November 4th – 5th weekend, **Courtney Russell**, participated in the **Ms. Teen Achievement Pageant** held in St. John's at the Holy Heart Theatre. Courtney had to participate in an academic test, a fitness test {even with her arm broken}, an interview and a public speaking event. The speech had to be 'off the cuff', no notes or poster board, but just to speak to the audience using her memory and mind. Overall, Courtney was very pleased with the performance and competition and admits that even though she did not win the competition, she gained confidence. Would she do it all over again? Indeed she will. This time her friend Nicole Johnson will participate with her. Way to go to Clarendville Middle's entry, Courtney Russell!! We are proud you participated and represented our school Courtney!



BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS ANYONE?

Interested in playing a racquet sport? Every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Clarendville High School lots of **table tennis** (ping pong) will be played. Learn to play or come along and compete – whatever you wish to do. Both CHS and CMS have joined together in acquiring many table tennis tables and enlisting the very talented leaders Mike Rayel and Fred Davis. CMS students such as Brady Whalen, Spencer Carter and Aaron Percy will be able to inform you about the activity. CMS has also started **badminton**, through the efforts of Mr. Mike Penney, on Monday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. in our gym. It's a great activity that will certainly give you a good workout!

Roots of Empathy

This year the students in Mrs. Roberts' Grade 8 class are participating in the Roots of Empathy Program, under the direction of the Guidance Counsellor, Mrs. Barnes. The program highlight is a monthly visit from a baby and parent, which helps the students learn about human development and learning. With the assistance of Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Roberts, the students learn the basic principles of empathy, cooperation and healthy peer relationships. It's a creative and interesting way in which to address some curriculum outcomes of the Health Program.

SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SURPRISES

- Big thank-you to **Dawson Parrott** who brought in 2 large bags of used cell phones last week for the 'Recycle My Cell' contest which we hope to win!! If you can help us with our effort, let's see if we can win the \$1000.00 prize money!
- CMS celebrates all those at CMS who participated in the Children Wish Foundation initiatives recently. Students like **Nicholas Gosse and Victoria Harris** raised over \$200.00 for this very worthy cause, helping make the wish of a seriously ill child come true. CMS loves GREAT DEEDS!!!
- Congratulations to our two newest Graduate Staff members, **Ms. Lundrigan and Ms. Pond** on their Memorial University convocation with a Master's Degree on October 22nd, 2011!
- Way to go to **Darren Strong** for inspiring his buddy, and ours, Zach Ennis, to read more frequently as part of a daily reading challenge. It is GREAT to see friends, such as Darren work hard to assist another student in achieving an academic goal!

Youth Innovation Proposal submitted by CMS



CMS has received a **\$20,000.00 grant** from the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development allowing students to meet regularly to design and create multimedia video productions using captured video footage from ipod touch hardware or from a high definition digital video camera. Video editing and graphic design will be accomplished using Apple's iMovie software which transitions easily from the ipod Touch. Sound interesting? Wait until you see some of the finished products CMS students are currently completing!

STUDENT "WAY TO GOs"

The 'Way To Go' in all CMS newsletters celebrates the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside our school.



- Thanks to **Jordan Webber** who was seen holding the main entrance door recently, allowing students and staff access into the building. A great gesture that is much

appreciated. Leaning a helping hand is celebrated at Clarendville Middle – Way to go Jordan!!!!

- **Big thanks to Paul Dulmage and Ian Roberts** who, when putting away gym equipment in the storage room, came across a cell phone. **Way to go** to both boys for immediately bringing it to the office in order that the rightful owner be found!
- Way to go to **Tracy Blundon** who received an extra dollar back from the vending machine on Monday, Oct. 31st . Sure someone could spend it but it is a special character that would bring it to the teacher explaining it is not rightfully theirs. This is our Tracy!! Thank-you for doing such a great deed!
- **CMS sends out a way to go to 9Spurrell's, Matt Vey.** On the afternoon of Tuesday November 8th , Ms. Pomroy was struggling with a box she had picked up at the post office, as she entered the main entrance of CMS. Matt noticed this and quickly approached Ms. Pomroy to assist. Big thank-you from all of the staff Matt for looking after our #1 secretary!
- **Way to go to Brooke Snow and Anita Drodge** who received 1 extra bag of chips from the school snack vendor recently and brought it to the teacher as they determined it wasn't rightfully theirs. Super!
- **Way to go to Amber Furlong, Hayley Cleal and Sydney Wells** who found a large sum of money and brought it to the office for the rightful owner to be found. Big thank-you to our senior girls!
- **CMS would also like to celebrate the entrepreneurial skills of Hayley Cleal**, who teaches 8 younger students voice and piano lessons after school. Great stuff!

LEGO ROBOTIC'S Teams do GREAT at 2011 Provincials!



On Saturday, November 26th, our talented CMS students, under the direction of Mr. Coates and Mr. Mitch Randell, captured: **1st Place – Junior Team Robot Performance ; 1st Place – Junior Team Strategy and Innovation; 2nd Place Senior Team – Champions Award (overall Skills Canada Lego Robotics) at the Provincial Competitions in St. Johns.** Wow – what amazing results! Congratulations to ALL involved. Those students in attendance were **Kyle Clarke, Alex Funk; Lauren Squires; Amy Best; John Rowe; Ryan Snook; Paul Dulmage; Michaela Barnes; Courtney Clarke; Mason Strong; Nicholas Jacobs and Gordan Cooper.** You have placed CMS on the Robotics Provincial Landscape! Wait until you see the video presentation that they created - **TOTALLY AMAZING!**

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Monday, January 9th , 2012

- **SCHOOLING AT CMS, SIMILAR TO FINLAND {ARTICLE REVIEW}**
- **PROFILING ANOTHER SCIENCE LAB AT CMS – ‘METAL IONS FLAME TESTING’**
- **JUNE 2011 GRADE 6 AND GRADE 9 CRT RESULTS – ‘A SUMMARY’**
- **PARENTAL WAY –TO –GO’S : MRS. BROCKERVILLE & MRS. FURLONG!**