



Clareville Middle School



“Where Children Come First”

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ Wednesday, February 6th All 4 schools in the Clareville System **closing at 1:45 p.m.** to accommodate meetings with teachers on Strategic Planning for Eastern School District.
- ✓ Wednesday, February 6th **Grade 6 parent meeting** in the Resource Centre at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Late French Immersion option for students next year. Applications will have to be made soon for the program.
- ✓ Thursday, February 7th ‘Drug Use in the Clareville Area and Your Child’. A presentation by Mr. Troy Mitchell and Cst. Trevor O’Keefe at 7:00 p.m. in the Resource Centre.
- ✓ Wednesday, February 13th **‘For The Love of Math’**. A Math Fair will be held in the gym from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.. Parents and students are invited to come share in the Math Fun.
- ✓ Thursday, February 14th Math Fair taking place in gym for our students and those from neighbouring schools.
- ✓ Thursday, February 14th During the day students will be asked to **bring along a coin or two as a donation to the Janeway Children’s Hospital**. Student Valentines dance in the evening :
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Gr. 4 & 5)
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Gr. 6, 7& 8)
- ✓ Friday, February 15th **NO SCHOOL** for students. CMS closed for school development.
- ✓ Monday, February 18th **NO SCHOOL**. District holiday.
- ✓ Friday, February 22nd Grade 7 Provincial Basketball Tournament being hosted at our school. Best teams from the province in attendance.

A BIG THANK-YOU:

Much thanks to **Craig Haines**, owner of ‘**Craig’s Lock Smithing**’, who donated and installed two video cameras and a recording system for our school. A great benefit for the security of our building. Appreciation was expressed to Craig in a letter sent to our school by the Eastern School District sending accolades for his generosity!

Also, appreciation is extended for a donation of \$1000.00 made to our breakfast program from the **women’s fitness club organized by Middle School parents Theresa Pittman, Susan Hollett, Paula Pye and Lori Peddle**. This \$1000.00 was forwarded to Kids Eat Smart where it was matched by this provincial body leading to a significant boost to the breakfast program coffers. Much thanks to these parents and all 30 members of the club!

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE - A HUGE SUCCESS:

On behalf of the staff and students of Clarendville Middle School, we would like to extend a thank-you to all those who helped make our Christmas Wish Tree a big success. Nearly 100 wishes were granted in a very short time. Many wish granters went above and beyond what they were asked to get in order to ensure all children had something special on Christmas morning. We would also like to thank the parents, church groups and businesses who contributed money so that the school was able to purchase gifts. A special thank you to staff of Vista Office of the Eastern School District, Golden Touch Hair Styling Salon and Hughes and Brannon.

Ms. Stanford and Mr. Randell delivered the gifts before Christmas and witnessed first hand the joy and sincere appreciation felt by the parents who received the gifts. We are sure that because of all of you there with bright smiles on the faces of many children on Christmas morning. Together we showed that the Christmas spirit of giving is alive and well in Clarendville Middle School.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

The Eastern School District is currently undertaking a comprehensive consultation process with education stakeholders to assist with the development of its 2008-11 Strategic Plan. During the month of February, Board trustees and senior staff will be traveling throughout the District. The team is scheduled to be at Clarendville High School on **February 12th meeting with school council members at 4:00 p.m. and then parents and public at 7:00 p.m.**

Individuals may also provide comments by completing the online feedback form on the district website: www.esdnl.ca. Written feedback will also be accepted by email: strategicplan@esdnl.ca; by fax: 758-2706 or by mail: Strategic Plan, Eastern School District, Suite 601 Atlantic Place, 215 Water Street, Box 64-66, St. John's, NL A1C 6C9. The deadline for receiving feedback is April 4, 2008.

SCHOOL HERITAGE FAIR:

School Heritage Fair is scheduled for Wednesday April 23rd with an evening show at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 22nd, 2008. All students in grades 4, 5 & 6 will participate. Many of our grade 8 students who are doing Newfoundland History, may volunteer to be bonafide participants. This year's theme is '**Home is Where The Hearth Is**'. Prizes are awarded for projects completed on the local history of Clarendville and Area. Student projects will be judged on two occasions throughout the morning. It will be part of the curriculum and time will be dedicated in school for its completion. Regulation backboards will be available for purchase from the office. As stated prior to Christmas, check out our school's homepage in the following weeks for lots of information and pictures of recent fairs that will assist all, especially parents of grade 4 students.

TIDBITS

- ☉ **Guitar Club** for students in Grades 4-6 is occurring on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Students should have their own guitars.
- ☉ CMS has been selected as one of two schools in the Eastern School District to participate in the **Reading Achievement Standards Project**. This well developed assessment resource with all information gathered will be a valuable to guide instruction. Our participation will be a pilot with an expectation that we provide feedback on the process that was utilized to inform instruction. Ms. Vey; Ms. Andrews; and Mr. Monk will be attending a video conference on the CAMET pilot at 1:00 p.m. on Monday Feb. 4th, 2008.

NEXT NEWSLETTER : WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20th

- ★ Grade 6 boys and grade 7 girls provincial basketball update!
- ★ Great classroom learning experiences ongoing - Raps ; Mental Math ; and Literacy!
- ★ Heritage Fair and 'For The Love of Math' Fair updates.