

# Clareville Middle School

“Where Children Come First”

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Canada's National Flag Day
Wednesday, Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Recycling Day at CMS. 4/5 Choir performs at Shriner's Concert @ 7pm
Friday, Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	No School for students. Teacher Inservice
Monday, Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	No School for students. Teacher Inservice. School resumes for students: Tues. 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Day 1
Wednesday, Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
Thursday, Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Stand-Up Day : “Random Acts of Kindness”
Friday, Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Department of Education taping at CMS.
Wednesday, Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Next School Newsletter



## SCIENCE LAB – STUDENT SAYS BEST EVER!

One morning before class in early December, Mr. Coates came out of the school's main entrance with 'rubber boots' on and a large bucket in his hand. Through the rain he sprinted across the parking lot with the destination being a little swamp close to the Wave swimming pool. There he collected a mud sample from the bottom of the little pond of water and upon his return was ready for the grade 7 & 8 Science Labs where students were to **use 'bioindicators' to determine the quality of the water?** Students examined the quality of the water by observing what sorts of organisms live in the water. The bottom sediment (ground at bottom) will include different kinds of organisms that can be used as indicators of water quality. The students looked at the organisms found in the sample and added up the points from the 'Biotic Index' for water quality. Those with a 'low tolerance of pollution' have 3 points {Caddis Fly larvee ; fresh water sponge; etc} ; those with a 'moderate tolerance of pollution have 2 points {flatworms; dragonfly nymphs; etc}; and those with a 'high tolerance of pollution' receive 1 point {leeches; aquatic earthworms; etc.}. Once the sample was complete, they added up the score and the higher their score they learned, the better the water quality and the lower the tolerance to pollution was. Many students claimed that it was the best science lab yet! Our guess was that they learned lots about **using 'bioindicators' to determine the quality of water.** Two of our grade 8 students, Tamara Templeman and Sarah Blundon, definitely believe this to be true!

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR ALL!

On the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, a wonderful group of parents served the students, staff and bus drivers a pancake breakfast. Thank-you to Ms. Balsom for spearheading this and to all parents who assisted.

## A FEW YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

We still have a few yearbooks available for purchase (\$20.00) covering the 2009-10 school year. A wonderful keepsake! If interested, please see Ms. Pomroy.

## TABLE TENNIS

Ping Pong anyone? Interested in playing Table Tennis **or learning how to play?** There is a **sign –up sheet on the Bulletin board** just outside the canteen entrance. The CMS Table Tennis Club is open to students, boys or girls, in grades 6, 7 & 8. The club is held at Clarendville High School {where our tables are stored!!!} from **6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays**. This is intended to provide a forum for serious players and recreational players, whatever the students would like to take out of it and get the most fun from. Don't know how to play? Be sure to sign-up and come along and learn how to play a wonderful game. Ask Isaiah Rayel, Andrew Pearce, or Jesse Avery how they like it - they love it! Isaiah's dad is one of the instructors and a great player to watch.

## Guidance News...



### STAND-UP DAY at CMS: Thursday, February 24<sup>TH</sup>

CMS would like to inform parents, students and the community that on Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup> we are going to participate in **Stand-Up Day**, one day later than the National Anti-Bullying Day! **Mrs. Tracy Fleming**, Emily and Abigail's mom, from the Eastern Regional Committee Against Violence (ERCAV) will be visiting our school and participating in this **National Anti-Bullying Day**. Mrs. Fleming will be setting up a booth in our atrium and, along with teachers, we will be engaging students on the topic of bullying throughout the day. The Stand Up focus this year is 'Random Acts of Kindness' which CMS frequently profiles each week in our Way to Go's. It is hoped that some of these acts of kindness will be printed on pink helium balloons that will decorate our atrium on that day. Of course, we will encourage everyone to wear some type of pink on that day and we will supply at the school pink wrist ribbons and prizes such as t-shirts, water bottles and nail painting.

### In other news:

The Babysitting Club began on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> under the direction of Ms. Barnes and Ms. Vey. With 39 students registered, the students are learning about child care during each week's session and are looking forward to the **Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>** first aid clinic offered by Mr. Darryl Feener.

The Grade 6 students are all participating in the "**Lunch with a Judge Program**". The students each had an opportunity to visit the courtroom and eat lunch with Judge Kennedy and Court Clerk Mrs. Bishop. This experience provided an opportunity for our students to learn about our legal system. In addition, they experienced food delivered from 'Her Majesty's Female Penitentiary' in Clarendville.

Both Grade Four classes are continuing their **Roots of Empathy Program** with Baby Leah Spurrell and Baby Mikaela Fiander. Watch for some pictures to be uploaded on the school's website very soon. We feel this program, which is loved by our students, is a great program to foster empathy.

## MID-MONTH RECYCLING BLITZ - WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16<sup>TH</sup> !

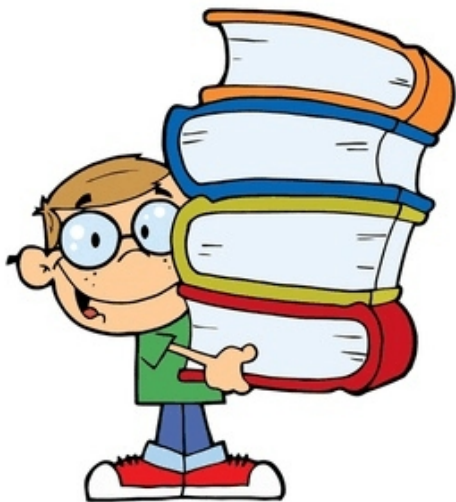
A big thank-you to the **students and their families** for their contribution of recyclables to date. On **Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, we ask parents to drop off their home recyclables during the morning where members of the school's green team will be ready to receive them. Thank-you for your participation and contribution.

## CMS SCHOOL CLOTHING

Our school is making available a wide array of school clothing. The following items are available for purchase and can be viewed at school or on our school's homepage: hoodies, t-shirts, gym shorts, gym bags, toques, ball caps, etc. We are now pleased to have added **track pants and jacket** to our selection of clothing. Deadline for school ordering is Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## 5 PENNEY AUTHOR'S CHAIR

On Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, the students of 5Penney, under the direction of Mr. Penney and Ms. Drover, conducted an author's chair where students invited special guests to the reading of their poetic creations. Parents, grandparents, teachers and friends had a wonderful morning listening to the 'I Am' poems and 'Rhyming Poems', to name a few, that were carefully created by the 5P students and delivered with such great voices. Be watching on our school's homepage as Mr. Organ hopes to have these poems available for the world to hear! In addition, the class worked together, sharing ideas, to create a class poem entitled 'Capturing the Learning'.



### 'Capturing the Learning'

We Are.....

We are a hardworking grade 5 class  
We wonder if we will graduate from grade 5  
We hear the squeak of marker on the white board  
We see 29 smiling faces  
We want a 100 inch flat screen TV  
We are a hardworking grade 5 class

We pretend to listen  
We feel pressure to develop our minds  
We touch our friends' lives in a positive way  
We worry about tests and bullies  
We cry when we get in arguments with our best friends  
We are a hardworking grade 5 class

We understand that learning is important  
We say that knowledge is power  
We dream to achieve greatness  
We try to do our very best  
We hope that everyone has an exciting awesome year at CMS  
We are a hardworking grade 5 class

Go Tigers Go!!



# STUDENT “WAY TO GOs”

The ‘Way To Go’ section in all newsletters celebrate the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside CMS.



- Way to go to Shane Vivian (8R) and Dylan Nippard (8R) who found an ipod touch on a Wednesday in December and brought it immediately to Ms. Roberts in order for the rightful owner to be found. Andrew Moody was indeed VERY thankful! Also, Jordan White found \$5.00 in the Science Lab that belonged to his classmate, Shanyn. Once again very honest, CMS students, came to the rescue! We’re PROUD!
- Way to go to Spencer Dean who received an extra bag of Doritos out of the vending machine and he brought it to the office – the CMS way! Hear about Cody Kelly soon!
- WTG to Matthew Park (7P) and AJ Little (5A) who found sums of money recently and brought it to the office for the rightful owners to be found!
- Way to go to students of grade 5 who freely shared their cookies on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> with students who did not have one. Those cookies sold, by the Guidance Module were HUGE! Also, way to go to Cody Kelly who, when he noticed his classmate, Matthew Byrne upstairs last week during recess, approached Matthew and started a wonderful conversation. Now that is a great classmate and friend!
- Way to go to Cassandra Snow(6D) who was provided an extra bag of chips from the vendor. She immediately gave the chips to Ms. Barnes as she knew that it was the CMS thing to do!!
- Way to go to Shelley Neal, Ashley Avery, and Sarah Baggs who found coins recently, either in the vending machine or on the gym floor. What they did was bring it to the office to find its rightful owner! Super.



- Big thanks to Tiffany and Ryan Avery’s family who have contributed to our breakfast program once again. Much appreciated!
- FYI. Ms. Sheppard and Mr. Penney have successfully completed the CPR and AED (defibrillation) component of their first aid training effective Nov 2010. This is valid for 3 years. Way to go!
- Female Hockey!!! Big congratulations to the Under 12 girls hockey squad who won a Bronze Medal in Gander on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. **CMS hockey players are Tiffany Avery, Kathleen Fillier and Claire Peddle. Way to go girls!!**
- **Big Thanks to Lucas Lethbridge** who donated ‘3 nice paddles’ to the school in December!

## 4/5 CHOIR TO PERFORM AT SHRINER’S CONCERT

On Wednesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, the 4/5 Choir, dressed in black shirt and pants, will be participating in the Clarenville-Bonavista Shiner’s Club annual concert. The purpose of this concert is to raise monies that can be used to transport children in need to and from the Shriner’s Hospital located in Montreal. This is a wonderful cause for our young children to participate in. The concert starts at 7 pm and our choir is first on the program. Choir members are asked to be at the **Clarenville Event Center at 6:30 p.m.** (no later than 6:40 please) and will be ready for pick up at 7:15 p.m. If you are interested in attending the concert, you can send along the ticket money (\$10.00) in an envelope to Ms. Drover and she will certainly arrange the purchase for you. Choir members wishing to attend the concert after they sing, need to purchase a ticket for \$5.00. Tickets are also available at the door, but they may be limited.