



# Tiger Tracks

## Clarendville Middle School

*Where Children Come First!*

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### CMS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 21st, 2007

*On behalf of the staff of Clarendville Middle School we wish all of the parents and students we serve, a very enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation. A huge thank-you for all your support throughout the year and we sincerely look forward to working with those students returning, and their parents, in the 2007-2008 school year. A special welcome to the grade 3 students from Clarendville Primary who will be joining our school community in September. If the time spent with you during your school tour is any indication, we will have a great upcoming year. Also, best wishes to our graduating grade 8 students as they join the Clarendville High family!*

**CLOSING AWARDS ASSEMBLY:  
THURSDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> @ 10:30 A.M.**

### TERM 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Three students recently represented our school at the Lion's Zone Elementary Speak-off. The three, Elizabeth Organ (4 Vey), Courtney Toope (5 Andrews) and Hannah Tilley (6 Avery), did an excellent job. All were confident and well-spoken. Way to go, girls!

### VOLUNTEERS - THANK-YOU!

From the bottom of our hearts we thank all those volunteers who worked in our school this year. You all add tremendously to our school. Special thank-you to **Mrs. Brenda Thistle** who will be moving to Corner Brook next year and to Mrs. Adrienne Goodman whose son is graduating to the high school. We hope all other volunteers will be returning for the 2007-08 school year. **If a parent of next year's grade 4 students**, or a current student, is able to assist with the hot meal program, please call Mr. Parady or Ms. Winsor!

### STUDENT AWARDS 2006-07

**Principal's Award**, Presented to the Most Well Rounded Student: **ALEXANDER BRANNAN**

Clarendville Middle School Male Athlete of the Year 2006-2007: **ANDREW SMITH**

Clarendville Middle School Female Athlete of the Year 2006-2007: **CANDACE GEORGE**

Clarendville Middle School Graduate Musician's Award 2006-2007: **ALLIE DAVIS AND SHANE REARDON**



### Important Dates to Remember 2007-2008

- Tuesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> Administration Day  
{Teachers return to school}
- Wednesday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> **First day of classes for students. Full day.**  
-Big welcome to our new grade 4 students!  
-Newsletter coming home today!
- Thursday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Meet The Teacher Night – 7:00 p.m.
- Monday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> No School for students – School development
- Tuesday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> No School for students in Vista Region
- Wednesday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> No School for students in Vista Region
- Monday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- Monday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Armistice Day Holiday
- Wednesday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> **Term 1 Student Reports** released.  
Parent Teacher meetings Thursday Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> (evening) and Friday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> (morning)
- Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Last day prior to Christmas
- Monday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> School reopens
- Monday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Holiday - No School for students
- Wednesday Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> **Term 2 Student Reports** released.  
Parent Teacher meetings Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> (evening) and Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> (morning)
- Thursday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of School/Easter
- Tuesday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> School Reopens
- Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Victoria Day Holiday
- Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Discovery Day Holiday
- Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> Last day of school for students
- Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> Administration Day {Teachers last day of school}

## RECENT STUDENT "WAY TO GO'S"

The following items were published in the daily morning bulletin. The intention is to celebrate the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside our school. **We have much to be proud of !**

- ☺ Way to go to some true middle school behaviours highlighted last week: Way to go to **Jamie Keats, Shania Ellis and Olivia Winsor** who found money and passed it along to the office in order that the owners be found!
- ☺ Way to go was sent into the school from Mrs. Heather Toope (**Kelli's Mom - 5A**) and sent especially to **Ms. Andrews and all the 5A music group** for the wonderful deed mentioned in this newsletter {See 'Middle School Parent and Teacher Actions Celebrated'}.
- ☺ **Way to go to** all those who assisted in the clean-up of the gymnasium after Tuesday night's concert. SPECIAL thank-you to Colton Chaulk and Dylan Ballett who worked up a big sweat moving many chairs and tables.
- ☺ **Way to go to ALL performers** at last night's show. As stated by Mrs. Brenda Rose (Grant's mom) and Mr. Neil Norcott (Spencer and Jordan's dad) the show was amazing. They, as well as all staff, were very proud of you all! Congratulations. BIG THANK-YOU to Ms. Drover for spearheading and creating the whole show and her trusty and talented Mr. Drover who worked his magic with the bands! SUPER!
- ☺ **Way to go to** Term 3 Intermediate Public Speakers. According to Mr. Organ, the content of the speeches was great and he was 'blown away' with the delivery. Kudos to our senior public speakers: Candace George ; Rafah Khan ; Alexander Brannan ; Danika Carter and Harry Burton.
- ☺ **Janeway Telethon** this past weekend! Several Middle School students made appearances on the telethon such as Jenna Beach and Adam Mahar, who raised over \$800.00, and Robert Greeley and Jacob Walsh who also raised a significant amount of money for this very worthwhile venture. Big thank-you to **Shane Smith (8Waye) and family** for their contribution of 152 Campbell soup labels for our rewards program. A true family venture!

- ☺ **Way to go** to our **Girls Choir** who performed recently at the Cancer Relay at Clarendville Stadium. By all accounts they sang wonderfully. Special way to go to Hannah Tilley and Ashley Balsom who addressed the gathering with kind words and who introduced the choir at this meaningful event.
- ☺ Way to go to those Middle School students who did a great job at the recent High School Musical Concert. A great job was done by **Alexander Brannan, Joshua Winter and Harry Burton**. Also deserving special mention are the admission specialist Claire LeDrew and the musical director Mr. Drover!
- ☺ **BIG Way to go to** David Marsh; Jonathan Carson; Kayla Marsh and Natasha Anderson who served breakfast recently. Great deed by a great group!
- ☺ Thank-you to : Kaitlyn Hicks , Samantha and Leah Bracegirdle for your kind words that made a teacher feel REALLY good!!
- ☺ Thanks to Troy Mitchell for his presentation to our grade 6 classes on drug awareness and thank-you to Paul Tilley and Gayla Rose for their work with the grade 6 classes on behalf of Junior Achievement (business basics).

## TIDBITS

- ☺ **Congratulations** to Jessica Abbott whose poster was chosen as a winner in the Police for a Day Contest. Jessica was wearing the RCMP uniform last week and got to spend a day patrolling with a Cst. Trevor O'Keefe.
- ☺ Welcome to **Devon Luscombe (5Pye)** who recently joined the friendly students of CMS and to **Stephen Bailey (6D)** who re-joined his friends.
- ☺ Big Thank-you to **The Rotary Club** which donated **\$570.00** worth of books to our Elementary classrooms.



## STAFFING NOTES

We are pleased to announce that re-joining the staff is **Ms. Melissa Spurrell** who will return after Christmas from maternity leave. Ms. Spurrell will be teaching grade 6 Math and Science as well as Math and Science in grade 8. Also, Mr. Walsh will be remaining at the board office for the 2007-08 school year working as Math Itinerant for the region and Ms. Budgell will assume the principalship of Clarendville Primary school next year. While Ms. Budgell's replacement for the year is undetermined we are pleased that **Ms. Winsor** will be remaining as Asst. Principal in 07-08. Unfortunately, we have outgoing members of our staff as well. Best wishes to **Mr. Fitzgerald** and **Ms. Andrews** who are scheduled to return to their former positions. Our longest standing out going member is **Ms. Suzzette Chatman** who has been with our dedicated team for many years and our loss is Anthony Paddon's gain. To all three members, we thank-you for your dedication to the students and parents of Clarendville Middle School and wish you all the best in your future endeavours. We hope to have the opportunity to work with you again in the future.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT SAFETY

- ☺ **Bike Helmets.** We have many students riding their bikes to school. In September we will inform students that helmets are mandatory. Any student caught riding without a helmet will NOT be permitted to ride bike on school grounds. We CANNOT risk one of our students getting seriously hurt. To our many riders, PLEASE wear a helmet when riding your bike!
- ☺ **Water Safety.** The summer months and water seem to go hand in hand. We would ask all students to be constantly aware of the dangers water presents and for parents to take the opportunity to discuss this with your child. NEVER swim alone and never ride in a boat without a life jacket. We want to see all students return in September!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT AND TEACHER ACTIONS CELEBRATED!!

- ☺ One morning in early June a mother dropped off her two children at school. When the youngest, a student in class 4Drover, was removing a few items from the back of the van, he accidentally pulled a new HP Printer that was laid in the back out unto the ground. Upon hearing the crash as the printer hit the pavement, the mother got out of the vehicle, smiled and immediately began to inform her son not to worry! "Accidents happen", she stated. **A way to go is**

issued to **Mrs. Ann Vey (Matthew and Adam's mom)** on demonstrating the patience and understanding that so many Middle School parents have. Super parenting!

- ☺ On the evening of Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Andrews hosted a barbeque for her female music club consisting of every girl in her grade 5 Andrews class. This group had previously performed at a seniors home in St. John's, at the main entrance to the hotel that they stayed in, and earlier at the Kiwanis Music festival. During the barbeque it was discovered that Kelli Toope's (student of 5A) grandmother had not been well and didn't get a chance to hear the group. What did they do? The Music Club proceeded to Kelli's grandmother's house and performed outside the window. An amazing deed by an amazing Middle School group! **A way to go is sent to Ms. Andrews and the 5A music club** from Kelli's mom Mrs. Heather Toope. A true learning experience for our young learners!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTIONS FOR 2007-08

- ☺ **Heritage Fair** – before the 07-08 Heritage Fair we will have the description, judging procedures and participation posted on our school's homepage. This was discussed and raised by many parents who were unfamiliar with the event. We will enhance our participation, organization and feedback to students in the coming year.
- ☺ **Sporting Participation** - Again next year we will strive to maximize participation in our sporting teams while seeking the highest skill level possible. Information on this direction will be forthcoming to parents early in the new year.
- ☺ **Late French Immersion (LFI)** - Next year a group of grade 7 students will be the first group of students enrolled in LFI in our region. A big welcome to the 12 students from Balbo and their parents who will be joining our school in September to participate in this program. Teachers will be Ms. Rowena Avery (Language - approx. 43%) and Ms. Marilyn Waye (Math and Science 30%).
- ☺ **Guitar Club** - Offered in the grade 7 & 8 music program for the first time, students can select to enroll in guitar classes with Mr. Gerry Organ. We would hope to reach as many students not enrolled in band or choir as possible. The after school guitar clubs for students in grades 4 through 8 will continue next year.
- ☺ **Girls and Boys Choir** - In addition to the full group choirs, Ms. Lisa Drover will alternate each cycle, a practice session for a boys and girls choir. Great stuff!
- ☺ **Instrumental Band** - Grade 5 students will be starting their instrumental development in early September next year. Mr. Drover will be working with an **additional 3 hours** a week in developing our instrumental musicians next year.

## 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR NEWS

- ☺ Available from your middle school in September 2007 are copies of **Webster's French English Dictionary (Canadian Edition)** for \$3.00.
- ☺ **Student exercise books.** Please purchase the **Hilroy 'type'** exercise, with no wire and ONE subject only. We **will** have a healthy supply in our canteen as well as pencils. Remember, **NO liquid white-out** permitted in the building!
- ☺ Please **mark all** school supplies and articles of clothing (tag preferred I'm sure) in order that we can find the rightful owner if anything is misplaced. A great practice!
- ☺ All **school newsletters** and **curriculum outcomes** will again be accessible through our school's home page in the new school year.
- ☺ **Senior Choir Trip.** Our choir will be heading to Ottawa in order to represent the province during the July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day celebrations!
- ☺ **School clothing. Every attempt** will be made to make available to students and parents in late September and early October: School shorts, sweatshirts, hoodies, t-shirts, etc.

## MISSING CLOTHING? LUNCH BAG?

In an effort to get these items back into the hands of students and parents, the school atrium will be displaying the vast amount of personal items left in the school. Parents are asked to stop by during the following times :

- ☺ Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- ☺ Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**Again, PLEASE place your child's name on their personal items for 2007-08 !!**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS : "TOP OF THE LINE"

The staff and students of Clarendville Middle School would like to sincerely thank all those drivers serving our school for their professionalism and cooperation over the 2006-2007 school year. The challenges presented with the safe transportation of students are significant at times, especially during the winter months, but you have performed your jobs admirably. A **huge thank-you** to drivers of the following runs:

- ☺ Northwest Brook: Mr. Clyde Soper
- ☺ St. Jones Within: Mr Ross Stringer
- ☺ Port Blandford: Mr. Rod Vardy
- ☺ Clarendville: Mr. Vic Romaine
- ☺ Clarendville Subdivision: Ms. Amy Vardy
- ☺ Clarendville: Mr. Ralph Balsom
- ☺ Clarendville High Birchy: Mr. Dennis Vardy
- ☺ Goobie's & Ivany's Cove: Mr Oliver Green

## BABYSITTING COURSE OFFERED TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

On Saturday, June 16, 2007 the Clarendville Middle School and the Canadian Red Cross sponsored a babysitting course for over 20 students in grades 6-8. Students covered topics such as 'How to Care for Kids', 'Good Food for Kids', 'Games and Safe Toys for Children of Different Ages'. They also learned what to do in an emergency, how to keep kids safe and basic first aid. Students stated that the part of the course they enjoyed the most was the bathing and feeding of babies. Changing diapers ( although important) appeared to be the least enjoyable. In order to receive certification as a babysitter , students had to pass a test with a mark of 75%. Congratulations to all participants on successfully completing this course and thank-you to Ms. Stanford, Ms. Cheryl Barrett, and Mr. Drover for your participation.