



# Clareville Middle School

“Where Children Come First”

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> Last Day for Students - Reports Cards sent home!  
Closing Assembly at 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.  
Buses departing CMS at 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Wednesday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> First day for students - Welcome new students and Grade 4's! Full day :  
8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- ✓ Tuesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Parent Information Session : Gym @ 7 p.m.
- ✓ Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> No school for students in Clareville School System
- ✓ Thursday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> No school for students at CMS - Teacher PD session
- ✓ Friday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> No school for students at CMS - Teacher PD session

**Note:** the above scheduled school closures may provide an opportunity for family planning if you know the start-up schedule. The staff PD (professional development) opportunities above are mandated for every school in the province, with the only difference being the flexibility in when they occur.

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## ALLERGIES AND LIFE AT CMS

Within the CMS family we have several students who have serious peanut allergies. We ask parents and students to be very cognizant of what they bring into the school. In the lunchroom, we have several peanut free tables available for children with allergies. A concern would be bus travel where in addition to these serious allergies, we are concerned with possible choking. While at the school, we have three individuals trained in first aid but on the bus it may be a different story. We would ask all bus travelers to please eat a snack if desired before getting on the bus.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Eastern School District will be offering a Summer School in Clareville from June 28 - July 23, 2010. The **Summer school is open to all students in grades 7-12**, whether they failed one or more courses, or passed their courses and simply want to better prepare themselves for the 2009-2010 school year. Classes will be offered in most courses (grades 7-12), dependent on numbers, and will end with students writing an exam. Registration will be held at Clareville High School Cafeteria on Friday, June 25 from 3:00 - 7:00pm . This registration will be for Summer School, as well as, supplementary exams. For further information contact Maurice Kelly at 466-3401 ext 225 or e-mail [mauricekelly@esdnl.ca](mailto:mauricekelly@esdnl.ca)

## TIDBITS!

- ☺ Big Thank-you to **Kelsey Clarke's dad** who presented to Ms. Vey's grade 4 class on 'Rocks and Minerals'. The students loved it and learned lots. Kelsey loved having her dad with her! In addition, the Grade 4 classes would like to thank **Joshua Little's mom** for taking the time over the past two days, to spend time with the grade 4 students and provide face painting for those interested. There were lots!
- ☺ **Regional Special Olympics** were held at CMS on Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> and all the athletes had a very enjoyable day. We supplied a complimentary meal of chicken nuggets and fries, a legendary meal at CMS, to the student athletes, parents and their coaches. Who prepared this meal? None other than **CMS's Chef Ennis** and his wonderful assistant **Mrs. Ennis**. The meal was loved by all! Thanks to the Ennis's who are always there to lend a hand
- ☺ Big CMS Welcome to **Nina Verster** who joined the fine students of 4V for the first time this month. Nina transferred from South Africa where she had only one bus delivering students to her school!

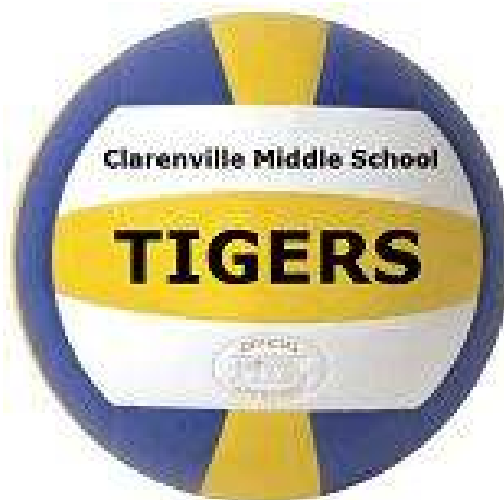
## CMS STAFF RECEIVE PROVINCIAL AWARDS

The Newfoundland and Labrador Volleyball Association (NLVA) held their provincial awards banquet on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> with CMS receiving **3 MAJOR AWARDS!**

\* **Coach of The Year – Mr. Power.** Taking the Grade 8 boys team through the 2010-11 season winning practically all tournaments, maximizing the playing time of all players on his team and giving attention to the conditioning level of his players made for an outstanding year. The championship game in the Gr. 8 provincials saw this team play Balbo – all CMS players were utilized fully and the team won in 2 sets with NO substitutions. Believing in all players and playing in a stress free environment contributed to the exceptional year. Worthy of note here, was that **Mr. Coates team** shared the same philosophy and while not receiving the wins over the year, MOST certainly displayed tremendous growth in skill and games-man-ship!

\* **Team of The Year (provincially) – Grade 8 Boys.** Tremendous! *Noted above.*

\* **Community Builder Award – Mr. Randell.** Look at the banners on the gym walls and give attention to the great number of participants in our program, all as a result of the vision, dedication and capacity to build by Mr. Randell. Much the same as our choral program, which cannot be built in one year but several, we strive for participation and skill levels. This past January we sent **five boys teams and three girls teams** to Volleyfest in St. John's. The idea that one school, our CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, could send eight teams (89 students) to a volleyball event is just truly remarkable. Arguably more remarkable, CMS had a team in the gold medal match of every division in which we entered. As well, teams played in the championship match of both the boys and girls divisions of grades seven and eight. Kudos to Mr. Randell, a very deserving recipient – a true builder!



# SCIENCE AT OUR FINGERTIPS!

The Grade 6 Science trip in late May to the District Environmental Centre, located in the deep wilderness of Salmonier Line, was a huge success and learning experience. Students learned about edible plant life, succession, climate change, nature profiling and a whole lot more. They even made paper! Some other highlights were:

- **Ms. Davis**, when applying the toppings to her hamburger, always applies ketchup last, after the mustard and relish. She has done it for years she says! Who would have known?
- **Shayna Veitch** lead **Victoria Moulton** around blindfolded in the forest. Boy, did she travel fast. Give Victoria credit, she hung on to Shayna's shoulders and never let go once!
- **Natasha Sceviour** developed the hiccups while on a guided nature tour in the forest. Other than the teacher speaking, and Natasha's hiccups, it was very quiet!
- We learned how to distinguish between Spruce and Fir trees. Do you know? The needles on the spruce tree spins between your fingers when rolled, while the fir {flat} does not. Also, the moose LOVE the fir – it's their favourite food!
- Playing the camouflage game in the woods, poor **John Button** found himself trying to stay still in an ant's nest! Erica Short had clothing that did blend in with the forest, except the bright neon coloured hat. The best camouflaged, according to the teachers, was **Ben Maidment**; but the winner both times the game was played was **Harrison Tilley**.
- **Dylan Cumby** says that he dreamt he was climbing a steep cliff in his sleep and woke up exhausted!
- During a huge hike, **Tyler Hillier**, who is recovering from a broken foot, decided to wait with his friend **Gordon Cooper** and **Ms. Stanley** at the roadside, a kilometre away from the centre, for a ride. **Mr. Pardy** was to return with his truck to pick up the wary travellers. Unfortunately, Mr. Pardy took the wrong turn in his truck and missed them altogether. Poor Tyler ended up walking all the way back after all. We thought **Ms. Davis** was bad with directions!
- **Cody Blackmore, Jordan Mahaney, Brady Whalen, Dylan Russell**, and **Ms. Stanley** had a friendly game of scrabble at 10:30 pm. All were enthusiastic about creating new words!

A great trip with SUPER well-behaved students. Big thank-you to Ms. Stanley and Ms. Davis for planning the trip and also to **Mrs. Vey (Lorne's mom)** and **Mrs. Short (Erica's mom)** for your expert supervision. We already look forward to next year's field trip!

## CMS YEARBOOK 2009-2010

For the first time in several years, CMS will offer a '48 page soft color yearbook' covering students and school activities ranging from grade 4 through grade 8. Students and parents are reminded that the deadline to order a yearbook is Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$20. Ms. Pomroy, our wonderful secretary, will certainly look after your order.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Huge thank-you to Mrs. Marie Norcott who for the past number of years looked after the scheduling for our school's program. In fact, the program started with her involvement. On behalf of the staff and students at CMS, a sincere appreciation. We look forward to working with Mrs. Tracey Soper (Jade's mom) who will be taking over this function. Tracey has MUCH experience after year's of planning at Clarenville Primary.

## NEWS FOR 2010-11

- ★ Be watching our homepage over the following days for the 2010-11 school calendar containing school closures, reporting times and school assemblies.
- ★ Also on our homepage will be an **online store** of sorts where you can purchase quality items that you may find beneficial for your households and at a good price. We have a partnership with our food supplier and available to you in the new year will be items such as fully cooked chicken strips (just thaw and serve); 5 lb bags of regular cut french fries, crispy 'all white meat' chicken nuggets, and large rolls of saran wrap and tin foil to name some.
- ★ **New traffic plan** for our school. Ever drop off a family member or friend at the St. John's airport? We will be implementing the same traffic flow design for CMS and CHS. Only busses will be routed behind the school. Coming in September!
- ★ **New Council Members.** We will be looking for interested candidates for our school council early in the new year to fill the vacancies formed by our exiting members. September newsletter will carry the changes therein.

## PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLAY VOLLEYBALL

Big thanks to **Mr. Randell** for the wonderful event held on the evening of May 27<sup>th</sup>. The match of the year was played between the grade 7 boys volleyball club and their parents. The parents and Mr. Randell greatly enjoyed the friendly games and delicious snacks which followed while the students were in awe that their parents were so skilled! Ha! A fun evening was had by all and the note received from a parent serves as a testament to the annual event and the coaches valued efforts:

*Hi Mr Randell,*

*Last night when I sent the pictures, I had intended to mention something and I am confident that I speak for all of the parents when I do so. A huge "THANK YOU" to you for all of your hard work, time, effort, patience and guidance over this past year with all of our boys. You have fostered confidence, skill, motivation and a special "team spirit" in them which is something I am grateful for and I am sure Dylan and all of the boys are as well. They admire you as a coach and it is evident when they speak about you and when they play together. I also realize that time after school, all of the practices that have been arranged, tournaments, and even the social get-together is not something that you even have to do as a Teacher...it is extra that you CHOOSE to do. For that especially I am even more grateful! I understand that time is valuable and we all wish we had more hours in our days (God knows I do). The fact that you give up some of your day to benefit OUR boys is to be admired. I think you are an excellent coach, Teacher and friend to the boys. Thank you again.....from all of us!!*

## HEALTH PRESENTATION

On Friday, May 28, the grade 7s and 8s had an interesting guest speaker. Cara Lewis, from Planned Parenthood, came out from St. John's to discuss sexual health with our junior high students. Cara gave a very informative presentation and encouraged students to ask questions. The grade 7 and 8 students have been studying the topic of sexuality in their health program and the presentation was a great way to learn more about this topic. Thank you to Cara for coming to Clarendville Middle School and thank you to the students for acting so maturely.

## MISSING CLOTHING ? LUNCH BAG?

In an effort to get these items back into the hands of students and parents, the gym entrance will be displaying the vast amount of personal items left in the school. Parents are asked to stop by during the following times: ! Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and ! Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. **PLEASE place your child's name on personal items for 2010-11 !**

**VOLUNTEERS - A HUGE THANK-YOU...** From the bottom of our hearts, and at the bottom of our last newsletter for 09-10 we thank all those volunteers who worked at CMS this year. You all add tremendously to our school. Special thank-you to those parents whose children are graduating to the high school. We hope all other volunteers will be returning in 2010-11. 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. Pardy!