



# CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**“Where Children Come First”**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

- Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Term 2 student reports sent home
- Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Parent teacher meetings: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Parent teacher meetings: 8:40 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis Music Festival
- Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Next School Newsletter
- Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 4/5 Choir at Rotary Music Festival – St. Johns
- Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 6/7/8 Choir & 7/8 Band at Rotary - St. Johns
- Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 7/8 Choir and Band in Lewisporte for Performance.

## **GOVERNMENT MINISTERS VISIT CMS**

On Monday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> we were pleased to have a visit from the Honorable Susan Sullivan from the Dept. of Rural Development, Innovation and Trade, as well as the Honorable Ross Wiseman, our government member who is Minister of Environment and Conservation. The two ministers were very interested in the school's 'Roving Reporter - iPod project' and wished to speak with teacher sponsors Mr. Coates and Mr. Organ as well as some students. This project certainly puts us on the cutting edge for i-reporting and media productions!

## **A VERY SKILLED SKIER ON CMS STAFF**

Students were informed recently that a member of our CMS staff was a national level competitor in cross-country skiing some years back. Our own **Mr. Coates**, when attending university, was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the country {YES- 5<sup>TH</sup> in CANADA!!}. Now that is awesome! We have also learned that his younger brother was a **medal contender** in almost every national competition he participated in, and was invited to move away from home to further train and develop as a national skier. Guessing that Mr. Coates is the closest to being an Olympian of all CMS staff! Rumour has it that Mr. Parrott is very skilled in gymnastics!

## **A FEW YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

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

## CMS UNOFFICIAL 'GOOD MANNERS' STUDY

**Tyson Hunt (5A)** was holding the entrance door one winter morning allowing students to enter CMS. Mr. Pardy decided to make a study by counting the number who thanked him. The results were not good! 7 out of 60 students entering, (11.6 %), thanked him. 88.4% forgot their manners! Wow. While we accept the challenge with regard to manners, we do believe they are certainly on the upswing since this result was released to students! Worthy to note that the following students were overheard saying thank-you: **Lydia Miller; Jessica Hicks; Andrew Pearce; and Dylan Nippard!** Now that's GOOD!

## THE TRAVELLING PANTS?

The story of **'The Travelling Pants'**! Weeks before Christmas a male student in 7Avery was missing his jeans after changing in the gym change room. In the jeans was his \$20.00 bill! After checking the lost and found, change room, and other rooms in the school, it was determined that the jeans must have left the building accidentally. Yesterday, the jeans were discovered in the lost and found, three weeks later and guess what was inside the pants pocket? Yes, the \$20.00 bill was still there! Ryan Wareham thanks the person for returning the jeans after they realized that they weren't their own!!

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FILMS CMS CLASSROOMS

Clarenville Middle School was asked to participate in an Inclusion Video Project with the Department of Education, Student Support Services Division. The Student Support Services Division has contracted Distance Education and Learning Technologies (DELT) at Memorial University of Newfoundland to produce a series of brief video clips that support professional learning around inclusion and the service delivery model. The videos will be placed on the Department website and will be used by school districts for professional learning purposes. The film crew obtained video of teachers and students at *work in 7 Stewart, 8 Roberts, 6 Stanley and 7 Avery* capturing images of co-teaching and differentiated instruction. In addition, they taped an Intermediate

English Divisional Meeting, chaired by Mr. Power, catching teachers collaborating on student literacy and interviewed our Mr. Organ. Stay tuned for its release!!

## MID-MONTH RECYCLING BLITZ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23!

A big thank-you to the **students and their families** for their contribution of recyclables to date. On **Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</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. Also, donations can certainly be dropped off directly at the Depot in Clarenville Middle School's name.

## BIG WELCOME, MS. PEARCE!

**The students and staff extended Mr. Piercey best wishes** as he accepted a new caretaker position at Clarenville High School effective Monday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. We thank Dave for both his work at CMS and fostering a good relationship with the staff and students. While not far away we'll see him from time to time. We sincerely wish him the best of luck in his new position! Filling the vacancy, we welcome **Ms. Judy Pearce** who has joined our staff.

## 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 jackets** to our selection of clothing. Deadline for school ordering is **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**



**BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS NEWSLETTER, THE CMS WEBPAGE WILL HAVE OVER 400,000 HITS! CAN WE HIT HALF A MILLION BY JUNE? WHY NOT MAKE IT YOUR OPENING PAGE?**

# STUDENT "WAY TO GO"

The 'Way To Go' section in all newsletters celebrates the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside CMS. The following have been published in morning bulletins up to and including January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Lots more to come!



- ★ **Way to go to Sarah Baggs on the excellent usage of manners around the school!**
- ★ **Way to go to those students below who discovered money in the school and brought it to the office to find the owner:**
- ★ **Hayley Butt and Shelley Hann**, two of our senior students, found a large sum of money during the morning of Monday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium. The \$15.00 which Joshua Avery had taken to school to purchase meal tickets had fallen out of his pocket during early morning play in the gym. Big thanks to the grade 8 girls from Joshua and the staff of CMS!
- ★ **Evan Stacey** who found a considerable sum of money under a bench at CMS and brought it to the office. Evan represents one of the youngest students of our school, a grade 4 student. Great DEEDS by both our youngest and most senior students.
- ★ Maybe the school needs a lesson plan for students on increased care of their money!! HA!!!
- ★ **Way to go to our friend Cody Kelly** who found a meal ticket on the floor on Wednesday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and immediately brought it to the office. Another example of CMS kindness!
- ★ **Way to go to Matthew Park (7P)**, one our school's newest students who held the door yesterday morning to allow several students to enter the building during the early morning hours. Super deed Matthew and thanks from the staff and students!
- ★ Way to go to **Tristan Welsh (4B)** who, on Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> while playing a game of basketball, was witnessed by a teacher shooting two 3-point shots. Wow! Great shooting Tristan. Also, Tristan was heard using the word **nemesis!** **Not often we hear that word from our grade 4's!** Way to go Ms. Budgell. You are developing some great word choice!
- ★ Way to go to **Tristan Welsh (4B)** and **Tyler Hunt (4B)** who were a great help in getting the gym set-up for the pancake breakfast. Both boys carried juice, pancake mix, syrup, plates, etc. from the storage room to the kitchen. Thank-you boys!
- ★ Way to go to **Spencer Dean** who received an extra bag of Doritos from our snack vendor and brought it back to his teacher. Also to **Melanie Clouter and Jessica Flood** who found a sum of money and brought it to the office to find it's owner! WE are very proud of your positive CMS actions in and around the school.
- ★ **Way to go to Josh Avery, Ben Peddle and Stephen Bennett** who found money outside the school building and passed it to a teacher to find the rightful owner! Our future looks bright with this type of behaviour!!
- ★ Way to go to **Suzzette Hillier (4B)** and her classmates who thanked the wonderful parents who made pancakes for us before Christmas. Ms. Wareham stopped into the office to send out a way to go to Suzzette. After visiting the fine students of 4B, it was discovered that other students in the class such as Faith Cumby thanked a parent as well. A spoken '**Thank-you**' is a great way of saying you appreciate something and creates a SPECIAL feeling for the person receiving it, as it sure did for Ms. Wareham!
- ★ **Way to go to Ryan Avery** who found the bag that contained another student's swim gear. Without this bag, the student would not have been able to go swimming. Big thank-you to Ryan for his assistance here!
- ★ **Also, to our own Ms. Pelley**, who found a sum of money and brought it to the office as it was not her own. Mr. Organ has claimed the money but states he was totally aware of laying the 25 cent piece on the staffroom table while he got a glass of water from the cooler. Nevertheless, a big thank you to Ms. Pelley for bringing this 25 cent piece to the office!
- ★ **Way to go to Abby Ellis and Tanisha Cooper** who saw a wallet in the gymnasium and after some investigation, found that it belonged to Jolene Feltham. On behalf of Jolene and the staff, we thank you girls for your great deed!
- ★ **Way to go to Madison Sweetland (4B)** who was overheard during recess using great manners in the school. The teacher thought it really deserved a way to go! You are setting a good example Madison!



# CMS TIGER TIDBITS

- ▶ Seen reading a great book recently was **Aliyah Jefferson-Trowbridge (6D)**. Aliyah's book was 'The Voyage of Dawn Treader', by C.S. Lewis and one of the 'Chronicles of Narnia'. The Dawn Treader is the first ship Narnia has seen in centuries. King Caspian has built it for his voyage to find the seven lords, good men whom his evil uncle Miraz had banished when he took over the throne. Enchanted world indeed!!!
- ▶ **Way to go to our own Ms. Costigan** who was just accepted for her **Master's in Education Program**, thus becoming a student again. **In order to get in this graduate program**, you need the right qualifications, skills and academic ability. We knew Ms. Costigan would be a GREAT candidate! Congratulations Ms.!
- ▶ **Congratulations to Lucas Walters (8P)** who successfully won the **Grade 8 Term 1 Math Challenge** – indeed it was challenging! In fact Lucas was the only student to solve it for Ms. Harris and what is more amazing, he was the only grade 8 student to successfully do so in the history of the challenge.
- ▶ **Thanks to Samantha White (5A)** who brought into the school some Campbell's Soup labels as she and her family are very aware that we are still collecting these labels and cashing them in for educational points. After so many points, we may cash in on some equipment for our school!
- ▶ **Big thank-you to the two grade 8 girls** who built the snowman guard outside the main entrance last month! The quality of the snowman was very high and the smiling face represented the happy students and staff of CMS. Way to go to **Sydney Wells and Shanyn Mose from 8 Roberts**. Magnificent job!



It is that time again! The **Scholastic Book Fair** is once again at CMS! We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us. Students will visit the Book Fair during class time and can purchase books during that visit. If you are unable to visit the Fair, look over the attached Highlights flyer with your child and use the Student Wish List form to select books. Then, simply send it and the correct amount of money to school with your child.

Join us for a special Family Event where you'll find books for every person in your family. Don't forget to enter our Family Event Draw. You could win \$50 in books – \$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom! Look for the Puppies... yes, we have puppies for sale. For every purchase of **\$25.00** or more you will receive a beautiful puppy for **FREE**. Puppies are also sold for **\$12.50 each**.

We accept cheques made payable to our school. Sorry, **NO** credit Cards PLEASE! We hope you will join us at the Book Fair. **Special Thanks to TRACEY SOPER, CMS Resource Centre Volunteer, and all STUDENT VOLUNTEERS.**

*Sincerely, Sabrina Andrews, Learning Resource Teacher/ Book Fair Coordinator*

**Book Fair Dates:** Tuesday, Mar.22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>

**Times:** Tue – Thu. (8:45 – 2:45). Closed 12:00 – 12:20 each day. Fri. (8:45 – 12:00)

**Location:** Social Studies Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

**Family Event Date / Times:** Thursday Evening (during Parent-Teacher Interviews, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

**P.S. Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the book fair, up to \$6 goes back to our school? This allows us to purchase needed books and educational resources.**

NEXT NEWSLETTER : Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Coverage of 'Beauty View Farms', a dairy farm owned by the family of CMS students Jordan and Samantha White from Port Blanford.