



# Clareville Middle School



*Where Children Come First*

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| # Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Term 2 reports sent home to parents.  |
| # Thursday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> | Parent Teacher meetings 6:30 - 8:30 pm.   |
| # Friday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Parent Teacher meetings 8:40 am - 12:00 noon (No classes for students).<br>Teacher Professional Development in the pm (No classes for students).<br><i>East Coast Girls Under 13 Provincial Basketball Championships at CMS. The Boys team will be playing their Provincials at Leary's Brook School in St. John's.</i> |
| # Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> | East Coast Girls U13 Provincial Basketball Championships continue at CMS.   |
| # Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>   | District Holiday - School closed.   |
| # Tuesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Teacher Professional Development Day - No school for students.<br>Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> will be Day 4 on the student timetable.   |
| # Friday, March 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Newfoundland & Labrador Science Centre visits CMS - sessions with Gr 5 & 6.<br>Green Presentations (MMSB) for Gr 6, 7 & 8.  |
| # Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Easter Recess begins - School closed.   |
| # Tuesday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>  | School re-opens. It will be Day 1 on the student timetable.   |

## CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT - Parent Teacher Meetings

Please call our secretary between 9:00 - 12:00 noon or 1:00 - 2:30 pm during the school day for an appointment time. Please note that frequently teachers teaching in several classes have no available slots. For those who would like to make arrangements with a teacher that has no appointment times remaining, please call or e-mail to arrange a mutually agreeable meeting time.

## MATH FUN FAIR - HUGE SUCCESS!

From many reports, all students enjoyed the Math Fair held at Clareville Middle School on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Much thanks goes to Ms. Andrews who spent many, many hours to prepare for this mega-event. Also, to Ms. Pond, Mr. Randell and other staff members who were great in assisting. A big pat on the back to Ms. Drover's Fine Art module students who operated the math booths. Dressed in their black t-shirts, they taught and facilitated learning at their booth extremely well.

## RECYCLING BLITZ ON FRIDAYS!

Each Friday morning we have a Grade 8 team of recycling experts receiving recyclables dropped off from home. The class collecting the most recyclables each month will be treated to a pizza party.

## LUNCHROOM DISMANTLED EACH DAY

We are now well into the routine of breaking down the lunchroom each day. With the tables and chairs out of the way, student use of the gymnasium has increased. The only time the lunchroom is not available for student gym usage is from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. After school activities now see two groups occurring simultaneously, making a big difference in the number of children active in after school gym activities. A big thank-you to all students who stack their chairs in piles after eating lunch. This greatly assists the caretakers in preparing the gym for usage. Special thanks to **Tanner Ujvery, Kyle Marsh** and **Cassidy Smith** for your great assistance.

## SCHOOL'S HOMEPAGE - [www.k12.nf.ca/cms](http://www.k12.nf.ca/cms)

The province's BEST homepage is continually being upgraded by our webmaster, Mr. Parrott. **TIGER Radio CMSR 480** has the Grade 4's hosting the latest program. Listen to Sydnee Hallett as she hosts this broadcast and then Faith Hollohan as she explains the 'Roots of Empathy' program. Gotta love the 'good-bye song'! Also on our homepage, check out pictures of the recent Math Fair that was held on February 13<sup>th</sup> and pictures and details of the award winning 'Roots of Empathy' program being offered to our Grade 4 Vey students by our Guidance Counsellor, Ms. Stanford. **Enjoy this wonderful site compliments of the hard work and dedication of our webmaster, Mr. Parrott!**

## POOR WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURES

Before any decision to close school is made, the administration of our school system has access to the AMEC weather office to acquire the forecast for our immediate area and will also contact the highway's supervisors to get a first hand account of the road conditions. This process begins around 6:00 am. **Status Central** on Eastern School District's website will be updated immediately and our new '**School Connects**' phone system will deliver a taped message to your homes around **6:45 am** informing you what is happening with regards to schooling. If school is in progress, before any decision is made to send students home early, direct contact with Works, Services and Transportation will be made. The snow clearing equipment is scheduled to travel over all main routes just before the dismissal of busses at 2:45 pm. This will assure that busses are strategically placed behind the highways equipment. For example, before the Port Blandford bus leaves Clarendville we would be in direct contact with either Bill Harris or Oliver Pelley, Supervisors with the Department of Works, Services and Transportation, to find the most appropriate time for departure home.

## TIDBITS:

- » Green Street Thanks Parents! **BIG** thank-you to parents of Grade 6 students for their donation of cakes for the recent cake auction. It was greatly appreciated especially at such a busy time of year.
- » **Pancake Breakfast.** Thank-you to all the parents who provided this for us on the last day before Christmas! For your information, it was Ashley and Avery Balsom's mom who arranged this free breakfast for you. Joining her with the planning was Ryan and Brent Wareham's mom and Zach Ennis's dad for cleaning the grill early in the morning. Thank-you to all parents who assisted in any way!
- » Big **MIDDLE SCHOOL** Welcome to our newest students: 8 Organ - **Brandon Reynolds** and in 4 Drover - **Glen Bailey.**

## STUDENT "WAY TO GO'S"

*The 'Way To Go' in all newsletters celebrate the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside our school.*

- ☺ On Sun, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> our **Gr 5 Boys' Basketball** squad played Balbo and looked great in their first game action. In scoring 50 points, all players contributed to a solid team effort. Above all, the boys enjoyed playing the game!
- ☺ Provincial Champ crowned! Congratulations to **Micheal Rayel** who captured the Table Tennis **GOLD MEDAL** in the Under 13 category, earning the title of Eastern Newfoundland Champion for 2008. The tournament was played at Queen Elizabeth Regional High School (St. John's) recently and is the first time in our school's history that we had a provincial table tennis champion. Way to go Michael!
- ☺ Way to go to **Chad Holloway, Katie Power and Mackenzie Dove** for being part of Charles Dickens - 'A Christmas Carol'. Many residents of the Clarenville Area enjoyed the production at White Hills. All school staff who saw the production thought it was wonderful - super job by these three talented CMS students.
- ☺ Way to go to **Michael Tuglavina** who found a piece of jewelry in the gymnasium and brought it to the office to find its owner. Also, Michael drew a picture of a volleyball with flames streaming behind the ball - which is posted at the main office. A masterful job Michael!
- ☺ Way to go to **Gordon Cooper** who found a piece of Elizabeth Sutton's necklace and returned it to her. Elizabeth was so pleased with the act of kindness that she asked if it could make the bulletin's way-to-go's!
- ☺ Way to go to **Adam Mahar** who found a large sum of money recently. What did this Middle School student do? Yes, he brought it to the office in order for the rightful owner be found. Super character!
- ☺ Way to go to **Ryan Perry** who was seen at lunch clearing the Grade 8 table of wrappers that remained after lunchroom dismissal. Great behaviour by one of our grade 8 leaders!
- ☺ Way to go to **Tyson Loder**. Recently, it was determined that there was a student who did not have a locker. Upon hearing this, it was Tyson who immediately offered the boy space in his locker. Super CMS behaviour.
- ☺ Way to go to **Spencer Carter** who suggested to his teacher that they consider donating a cake from their Christmas Cake auction to a class that he thought had very little. Now wasn't that the spirit of the season. Way to go Spencer for the wonderful thought! Also to the students of **7 Parrott**, who did the same for other classes.
- ☺ Way to go to **John Button** who found a digital camera and brought it to the office for the owner to be found. Kalie Mercer from the High School thanks you John! Another great deed by Middle School students.
- ☺ Way to go **Anita Drodge!** On Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>, Kenneth Green lost \$1.00 in the snack vendor at the gym entrance. The next user was Anita Drodge, who received an extra dollar and she did the proper middle school thing by returning the dollar to the office. Thanks Anita!
- ☺ Way to go to **Kevin Manning** - our basketball shooter of the week, who successfully shot three baskets from the center line. Wow! Please don't try this during recess or lunch as the ball may hit someone else accidentally.

## CHRISTMAS WISH TREE - ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS

On behalf of the staff and students of the Clarenville Middle School, we would like to extend a thank-you to all those who helped make our Christmas Wish Tree a big success. Over 100 wishes were granted in a very short time. A lot of very beautiful gifts were brought for the children in our care. 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. A lot travelled afar so that they could fill that one special wish. 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 the Clarenville Caribous Hockey Team and The Clarenville Caribous Booster Club for their very generous donations. 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. Many expressed how difficult times were and how it felt to know that so many caring people still exist in our world. We are sure that because of all of you there were many smiles on the faces of many children on Christmas morning. Many children spoke to Ms. Stanford about the wonderful Christmas they had and the special gifts they received. Together we showed that the Christmas spirit of giving and bringing joy to others lives in the hearts of those involved with Clarenville Middle School.

## KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE

Harbour Grace is the last community in Atlantic Canada in the running for the Kraft Hockeyville competition, which you probably heard about on television. Winning means they host an NHL exhibition game and receive many thousands of dollars for stadium upgrades. Please be reminded that voting started on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and runs until midnight on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are so inclined to vote for our neighbours, please go to the website [www.cbcsports.ca/hockeyville](http://www.cbcsports.ca/hockeyville) to vote, or call toll free 1-866-533-8066.

## UNDER 13 BASKETBALL PROVINCIALS

CMS hosts the Girls Under 13 provincials during the weekend of March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Coaches Ms. Stewart and Mr. Organ are looking forward to participating in and are in the process of putting the finishing touches on this provincial event. The girls look forward to playing teams in their division from Baltimore (Ferryland), Brother Rice (St. John's), Villanova (CBS) and St. Anne's (Dunville). At the same time, under the coaching of Dr. Michael Rayel, our boys team will be travelling to St. Johns to participate in the provincial tournament being held at Leary's Brook. Both teams have practised much and look forward to the experience of competing with high calibre teams from around the province.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN 'TECHSPLOURATION'!

Techspuration NL provides girls with an opportunity to explore trades, technical and technology-related occupations, while creating an awareness about the critical role of work in their lives. This program is sponsored in part by our corporate friends, school districts, Dept. of Education, and the College of the North Atlantic to name a few, and coordinated by the Women in Resource Development Committee Educational Resource Centre. A CMS team of six female students in Grade 8, two from each class, along with Ms. Stewart, will be visiting St. John's on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Students will visit the Hibernia offices at Cabot Place, Cougar Helicopters, view a video on working in the offshore industry, visit the GEO Center to see core and oil samples from Hibernia, and more. Sounds like a wonderful learning experience. In May, our CMS team will join 5 other teams from around the province for two days in St. John's to review and further explore work in the skilled trades.

## CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTS GLOBALLY

Since the middle of November, the Grade 6 Class at CMS has been involved in a pilot project called "Green Street." This program endeavours to provide opportunities to engage students and teachers in environmental learning and sustainability education. The Grade 6 Class has taken the initiative to help educate and engage our school in environmental stewardship and help foster a commitment to sustainable living. Besides promoting recycling, they are also vermi-composting organic waste from lunch and recess in their classroom. Mrs. Sacrey, their classroom teacher, says they have taken their responsibility very seriously and have set monthly challenges for themselves. They want to make a difference ONE ACT AT A TIME. They have also been learning about other cultures and difficulties these children and their families face. After some research the Grade 6 class decided to partner with World Vision Canada and set a goal to raise \$1000. Within their school community, by Christmas they raised over \$800 through a cake auction, a hat and pyjama day. At this time, they were able to send the gift of 1 goat, 2 chickens and a rooster, 2 girls an education, and clean water for a family. Recently, they achieved their goal and sent the gift of an entire furnished classroom and supplied 2 backpacks to students in need. The students, staff and parents of CMS were very proud to participate in this initiative by thinking and acting globally!

Student posting on Ms. Sacrey's Blog which shows the passion of our Gr 6's: My TOTALLY BRILLIANT IDEA for the monthly challenge or a class project is to try to encourage everyone to bring less amount of garbage to school for lunch or recess. You could put stuff in plastic containers or bring drinks that are in recyclable boxes or IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT, bring some kind of organic item and throw the core or peel in the ditch so it will compost. You should NEVER bring food that's in a wrapper unless you REALLY HAVE TO !!! I'M SOOOOOO GOING TO BE AN ENVIRONMENTALIST SOME DAY!!!!!!