



Clareville Middle School

“Where Children Come First”

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday May 18th Grades 6-8 will take part in a Health related survey from **Queen’s University** – please see insert for details.
- Friday May 21st Career Fair - lot’s of exciting career paths!
- Tuesday May 25th Grade 6’s overnight at District’s Environmental School
- Tuesday June 1st Drama production ‘**Annie**’ @ 7:30 - Clareville Events Centre
- Monday June 14th Grade 7 & 8 ELA - Narrative or Informational Text
- Monday June 14th Grade 8 High School Orientation session - 12:45 p.m.
- Tuesday June 15th Grade 7 Math Final / Grade 8 French Final
- Wednesday June 16th Grade 7 French Final / Grade 8 Math Final
- Thursday June 17th Grade 7 Science Final / Grade 8 Social Studies Final
- Friday June 18th Grade 7 Social Studies Final / Grade 8 Science Final
- Tuesday June 22nd Activity Fun Day
- Wednesday June 23rd Grade 8 School Leaving Ceremony
- Thursday June 24th Last Day for Students - Reports Cards! Closing Assembly at 10:30 a.m.

CMS READING PROGRAM



On Wednesday, March 31st students from Grade 4, 5 and 6 participated in the Hackmatack Reading Program. In the past few weeks many of the students at CMS have been reading book after book for this program. Initiated by the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries, CMS joined in a partnership with the Clareville Public Library to help students have easy access to the books. The Hackmatack program is one that encourages students to read the books that have been nominated for the Canadian Children’s Choice Award. On Wednesday, our students voted on the book of their choice. Each student had to **read 5 books** (fiction or non-fiction) and **complete 5 Reading Logs** in order to vote at the voting party. We had over 30 students registered for the program but only 10 of those students were able to complete the required work in time. One student was chosen to receive a \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Chapters Book Store. Victoria Pike was the lucky girl!! The names of all the students who were successful in completing the program were: Lacey Avery (4 V), Kayla Anderson (6S), Sydnee Hallett (5 A), Leen Sharaf El-Dean (6S), Kaeleigh Fitzgerald (6D), Victoria Pike (4B), Lucas Lethbridge (4 V), Kathleen Fillier (4B), Ryan Snook (6S), and Shayna Veitch (6S). Congratulations to all students for their participation in this terrific program!



CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MOTIVATING STUDENTS TO WRITE

On Thursday, April 1st the Grade 5 Andrews class was interrupted by an unexpected visitor. Some mysterious individual (who seems to be male?) entered the classroom at about 9:01 a.m. He was armed with a ripe banana and muttering, “Nobody Move”. He or she rapidly moved to Ms. Andrews’ desk, grabbed her purse and within 5 seconds was out the door. The students have compiled a *Suspect Description* of the perpetrator and have established that the individual wore a black hat, had long black hair, wore a reddish-orange checked shirt and jeans. The crime took place so fast that the students are still unsure of the perpetrator’s glasses – were they sunglasses or regular eye glasses?? As the day went on the students began to compile a list of suspects. Suddenly, 5 Andrews became a team of forensic experts. They took finger prints of each suspect and asked several questions as to their whereabouts at the time of the theft. There has been a lot of interest, excitement, and enthusiasm about *WHODUNIT!* At the end of the day Ms. Andrews did get her purse returned and the thief? All roads lead to the hairy arms and a tattoo. Well, the students have narrowed the list down to three staff members: Mr. Parrott, Mr. Power, and Mr. Randell. Please be reminded that all suspects are innocent until proven guilty!

WELCOME TO OUR STAFF!

Susan Galway has been hired by Eastern Health as a Youth Outreach Worker for 12-18 year olds in the Clarenville and Shoal Harbour Area. Susan will spend time at 3 schools in the Clarenville System and also the Community Youth Network (Youthtube). Her mandate will be to act as a respectful support person and a contact for young people. Susan will be available for them if they have concerns, needs, challenges, or are just looking for someone positive and non-judgemental to speak with. Welcome to the Middle School Susan!

Susan can be reached:
by email at susan.galway@easternhealth.ca
or by phone at 466-5700

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Through the efforts of Mr. Penney, our CMS Cross-Country team has had some practices recently and attended the first meet of the year at Balbo Elementary. The students are eager to begin the running season and will practice prior to Lunch on weather appropriate days. Below is a schedule for upcoming meets. CMS students must have a permission letter, which can be picked up at the main office, signed before each meet.

Wed, May 19 Random Island Academy
Wed, May 26 Clarenville Middle School Run

TIDBITS!

BIG THANKS TO:

! **Tina Smith** and **Cody Stacey’s** parents who each recently donated a microwave for our lunchroom. We now have 6 microwaves to better serve students at lunch! ! **Mercer’s Marine** for the use of their trailer in bringing musical instruments into St. John’s for the recent Rotary Music Festival. ! **Kaitlyn Sceviour’s (now at Clarenville High)** mom and dad who graciously donated a Christmas Tree to our school as well as a healthy supply of Campbell Soup labels.

Way to go to 3 Middle School students on some super deeds recently during Juno Day at CMS: to Abby Ellis (4V) who assisted many students, staff and visitors by holding the main door of our school as they entered. **Super Helpful deed # 1!** **Super Helpful Deed # 2** goes to **John Brentnall** (5A) who offered to join the drum dancing with a grade 4 student who needed a partner. Great stuff. Finally, **Super Deed # 3** goes to **Tiffany Cross** (4B) who got up during a lively song and started a large portion of our school dancing to the live music at the front of the gymnasium. It was super exciting and a great deed for many who needed to move after being seated for a long period of time!



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.

- ☉ **Way to go to Matthew Simmons (5A)** who held the main door for staff, students and visitors to enter recently. What a great deed!
- ☉ **Way to go to Michael Rayel and Isaiah Rayel** who both finished first in their respective divisions at the NTV Provincial Closed Table Tennis Tournament 2010 held during the April 10th / 11th weekend. Michael won the Gold in the **2010 Western Open NL Table Tennis Championship Male Under 15** Category held Feb. 13, 2010 in Corner Brook MUN gym as well. Great achievement guys! We plan to begin a CMS Table Tennis Club in the near future. Stay tuned for details.
- ☉ **Way to go to Matthew Clouter(5P) and Ali Peddle(7C)** for being so brave recently having to undergo medical procedures! Matthew went through oral surgery with a significant amount of dental work performed all in one setting. Ali, had her tonsils removed! Both showed great bravery and recovery time. Super tough.
- ☉ **Way to go to Sarah Decker (4B)** who recently returned .25 cents to the office after receiving too much change from the latest Grade 8 cupcake sale. Now that is true CMS behaviour from one of our youngest students! Super Sarah.
- ☉ **Way to go to Sydnee Hallett** who was walking around recess time eating a very nutritious apple. Gotta love the healthy eating!!

THE JUNO'S AT CMS



On Tuesday, April 13th, CMS was honored to be one of the four schools in NL, chosen to host a concert for students of our school and surrounding schools. This was part of the Juno Outreach Program from Ruckus on the Edge which provided us the opportunity to hear some great musicians in concert and participate in afternoon workshops with the three bands that performed earlier in the day. The bands were: Matthew Hornell and The Diamond Minds; Andrew James O'Brien and The Searchers; and Kilavtiup Songuninga (Strength of the Drum).

The following message received from the Director of the Juno 2010 Education Out-Reach Program recently, celebrating Tuesday, April 13th Juno Day at CMS sums up the experience:

Hi Ms. Drover,

I think we all had a wonderful day, don't you? I've been spreading the word about the reception we all got and the hospitality of CMS staff and students! Can't wait to read the journal entry (FYI - a grade 4 CMS student wrote one!) The students were very well behaved, and I'm so impressed with their politeness. Does one's heart good to experience a day like we shared on Tuesday. I can't thank all of you enough.

Cheers! Linda (Juno 2010 Education Outreach Director)

This past weekend's edition of the Telegram saw full page coverage of the Juno Program, containeding photos taken at CMS and also the aforementioned journal entry written by **our own Julia Price**. Way to go Julia!

CMS BASKETBALL CHAMPS!

CMS Tigers Grade 5 Boys won the **2010 East Coast Mini Under 11 Boys (B) Provincial Basketball Championship and in so doing, won our first provincial banner.** All players received their Gold medals and a school banner which is being hung on the gym rafters this week. Congratulations to all students and special mention to the following students who received individual recognition at the provincial tournament:

Game 1:	MVP: Aaron Feltham	Most Spirited Player: Ben Peddle
Game 2:	MVP: Isaiah Rayel	Most Spirited Player: Ian Best
Championship:	MVP: John Brentnall	

This past weekend, the **grade 8 Boys basketball** squad participated in an invitational tournament at our school to end basketball season. The **CMS Tigers** won two games and lost one game before advancing to the semis where they came up a little short on the score board against the eventual gold medalists, Holy Trinity Tiger. The following words are from coach Rayel summing up his experience and feelings:

“CMS Tigers gave their best to represent CMS and always displayed their skills, prowess, positive attitude, and sportsmanship during the games. I’m so proud of our players! Our scorekeepers did a great job. Kudos to Isabelle, Mackenzie, Jordyn, and Amy. Their performance surpassed the efficiency of most scorekeepers during provincial tournaments. Parents who manned the canteen and students who collected fees at the door did an awesome job as well.” **Great job to all and big thanks to Coach Rayel!**

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Shanon King, a middle school alumni, graduated from Clarenville High School in 2001, at which time he decided to pursue his post secondary studies at Abbotsford, British Columbia. After graduating in 2005 with his Aviation Management degree from Fraser Valley University’s joint program with Coastal Pacific Aviation, Shanon worked as a flight instructor in the Vancouver area. In 2006 Shanon decided to broaden his horizons as he accepted a position with Beijing Panam International Aviation Academy. Through his work as the Flight Standards and Safety Manager, Shanon spent a year and a-half working in Northern China, and Inner Mongolia. After a brief return to Canada, Shanon attended MUN for a semester of leisure studies. Since 2008 Shanon has worked with Macau’s flag carrier, Air Macau, as a First Officer on the Airbus A321. Wow - those are huge planes Shanon!

GOLD MEDAL HAUL FOR CMS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS:

April has been quite the month for our school volleyball teams. Three provincial titles, a silver and a bronze medal captured in recent weeks mark the greatest stretch of success ever by our volleyball teams. Just before Easter our Grade 7 boys volleyball team captured the provincial pre-bantam title with a straight set win over Macdonald Drive Elementary from St. John’s. In the same tournament our Grade 7 girls team came away with a silver medal. A difficult task to surpass but the torch was passed on to our grade 8 teams at the end of the month who had their chance to play for provincial gold. Both teams had outstanding results as the boys and girls team both won the Tier one provincial bantam championship. The boys defeated Balbo Elementary in straight sets and the girls who travelled to Corner Brook defeated St. Michaels from Bell Island also in straight sets. Special mention to Adam Mahar who was selected the most spirited and effective player at the pre-bantam provincials and to Christien Barron and Kirsten Chatman, most spirited in their respective bantam tournaments.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

During the recent speak-offs, the following students were selected to represent our school in regional speak-offs:

Gr. 4: Nicholas Woolfry	Gr. 5: Sydnee Hollett	Gr. 6: Jesse Avery
Gr. 7: Mikaila Barnes	Gr. 8: Curtis Pearce	

Curtis Pearce placed 1st in the Grade 8 division of the Kiwanis Speak-off. Congratulations to all students who performed so well, and a big thank you to Ms. Andrews who did an excellent job with the planning!