



Clarendville Middle School

“Where Children Come First”

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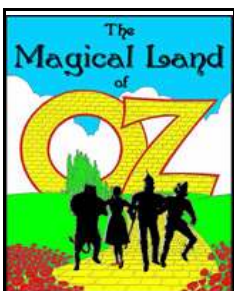
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Tuesday June 1st Drama production ‘Annie’ @ 7:30 - Clarendville Events Centre
- ✓ Wednesday June 2nd Grades 4-6 : Viewing of Shrek 4 at Cinema
- ✓ Thursday June 10th Gr 5 Drama: ‘The Magical Land of OZ’ @ 7:00 - Events Centre
- ✓ Thursday June 10th Final school newsletter released
- ✓ Friday June 11th Deadline to order yearbook (\$20.00)
- ✓ Monday June 14th Grade 7 & 8 ELA - Narrative or Informational Text
- ✓ Monday June 14th Grade 8 High School Orientation session - 12:45 pm
- ✓ Tuesday June 15th Grade 7 Math Final / Grade 8 French Final (am)
- ✓ Wednesday June 16th Grade 7 French Final / Grade 8 Math Final (am)
- ✓ Thursday June 17th Grade 7 Science Final / Grade 8 Social Studies Final (am)
- ✓ Friday June 18th Grade 7 Social Studies Final / Grade 8 Science Final (am)
- ✓ 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 @ 10:30

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL PRODUCTION

On Tuesday, June 1st, the 6/7/8 choir members of CMS will present “Annie Jr., The Broadway Musical Production.” This production will take place at the Events Center. Tickets are now available from the school office for \$5.00. There are approximately 45 choir members participating in Annie and we can sell a maximum of 300 tickets. The tickets will be sold from the main office at school and **IF** there are any remaining tickets, they will go on sale at the door on the night of the concert.



GRADE 5 MUSICAL: THE MAGICAL LAND OF OZ

This grade 5 musical will be held on Thursday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarendville Events Centre. Tickets are \$5.00 and will go on sale at the school office starting on Monday, June 7th.



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.

CMS represented at **Trinity Historica Fair**. Way to go to our 4 CMS presenters: Kathleen Fillier - Mistaken Point; Ian Roberts - The Inuckshuk; Victoria Pike - The S.S. Truxton and S.S. Pollux; and Brooklyn Smith - The CN Tower. All students had an excellent day on Saturday, May 8th and enjoyed the Blacksmith presentation, some good old fashion games with historic themes, (puzzles, Guess the Definition and Find the Name), and story telling by Dale Jarvis. All children received Participation Certificates and medals of slate. Victoria Pike received an award from Rising Tide for her enthusiastic presentation, while Kathleen received Canada's History for Kid's Award, and will receive a complimentary 2 year subscription of Kayak, a kid's history magazine. Big thank-you to the judges, Amy Short (8P), Ms. Fillier and Mr. Pike.

Way to go to two of our grade 5 students who found a large sum of money which we kept at the office in order to find its owner. Before long, a student comes to the office and provided information regarding the amount and description.. Big thank-you to **Riley Smith and Matthew Avery** – great deeds by two great students!!

Way to go to **Elaina Pittman** from Ms. Budgell and her grade 4 class. The class sends a pat on the back to Elaina for her work in the canteen last week by being very courteous and helpful. Instead of sending the class order back to the classroom – she came to their class and made the necessary substitutions! How thoughtful!

Way to go to **Sydney Hallett** who was once again seen eating fruit during her recess and lunch time breaks! Also, to **Sarah Pauls** who is always overheard using great manners in and around the school. Just ask her good friend Claire Peddle, she definitely agrees!

CMS YEARBOOK 2009-2010

For the first time in several years, CMS will offer a '**48 page, soft cover yearbook**' covering students and school activities ranging from grade 4 through grade 8. Ms. Stanley wishes to inform students and parents that if they have school related pictures from this school year (2009-2010) and would like to see them included in this year's yearbook please send them to the school, **no later than June 4th**. You can either burn the pictures to a CD, copy them to a flashstick (jumpdrive) or e-mail them to the following address: **cmsyearbook2010@hotmail.com**. If you decide to e-mail the pictures, please separate the pictures into groups (ie. all olympic pics or all Christmas pics) and include the description in the subject box to help with sorting! As well, it is very important that students don't copy someone else's facebook pictures and submit them....the quality of the pictures is poor anyway....so NO facebook pictures! Students and parents are reminded that the deadline to order a yearbook is Friday June 11th and the cost is \$20. Ms. Pomroy, our wonderful secretary, will certainly look after your order.

ROTARY MEMBERS PROMOTE LITERACY!

Earlier this month, members of the Rotary Club of Clarendville visited our Elementary classrooms to share a book and engage in a discussion much to the delight of over 180 students. The members left Clarendville Middle School a donation of reading material totalling approximately \$500.00 . Much thanks to our Rotary Club and special thanks to our wonderful readers including Ronan O'Shea, Richard Power, Ern Warren and Jeff Bailey to name but a few.

TIDBITS!

- Cst. Kevin Foley (RNC), Sgt. Scott Noseworthy, and Cst. Kevin Newell (RCMP) visited our school earlier this month for Crime Prevention meetings with Ms. Stanford. They commented how impressed they were with our students – especially commented on how polite our students were. Great stuff!
- Kudos to the work of students in 4Vey. Last week two students were seen picking up litter around the back of the school and have apparently started a **Go Green Club!** Another pat on the back to Joshua Little and Grace Payne. Super initiative!
- **Career Fair.** Ms. Stanford wishes to congratulate all students for their behaviour during last Friday's Career Fair. In the gym, all presenters commented on what good listeners the students were. Now, that's the CMS way! Special thanks go to Jade Soper's mom, Tracey, for helping with lunch. Thank-you Ms. Soper!
- Brochures for the City Stars Summer Volleyball camps in St. John's are now available at the office. You might want to apply soon given that the NLVA will no longer be offering camps - they have handed this over to City Stars who will be offering the only camps in St. John's this summer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY WALKS FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Did you know that everyday in Canada three people are diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, better known as MS? These people are mostly your mother or your sister, as twice as many women are diagnosed as men. It is a condition that affects the nervous system. MS sufferers can experience a wide range of symptoms including mobility and fatigue issues. It affects some worse than others. It is very variable and unpredictable. There is no cure. May is MS Awareness month. On April 23, Bonnie Brentnall and sons Joshua, Jacob and John raised \$130.00 for the MS Society of Canada. The Brentnall family is organizing their first MS Walk in Clarendville on May 30. The walk will start at the Clarendville Events Center with registration at 1 pm and walk at 2pm. This is a 1 km walk. Pledge sheets and registration forms are available on line at <http://www.mssociety.ca/>. Please register under St. John's walk. Our team is called Clarendville Brentnall Believers. You can also contact Bonnie Brentnall at 427-4325. If you are not a walker, you are also welcome and encouraged to please drop by that day and make a donation.


INTERESTED IN A GOOD SWEAT?

Planned for the next school year (2010-2011) is an opportunity for interested students to learn how to greatly improve their physical conditioning. Students in grades 7 & 8 will have an opportunity for a 30 minute session, once per cycle, at the end of the day to work with a certified personal trainer in our gymnasium. The training will be for those interested in a major sweat and the workout may be tailored on occasion to enhance one's capacity to improve in a certain sport, i.e. Volleyball. This new opportunity for our students to enhance their physical development is in the early stages of planning and will be conducted by our own Mr. Penney and Mr. Ryan Power on occasion.

GRADE 7 & 8 FINAL EXAMS

Good luck to Grade 7 & 8 students with their upcoming exams. All final exams will be written at 8:45 a.m. and students requiring more time will be asked to bring their exam to the Science Lab at 10:45 a.m. **STUDENTS WISHING TO STUDY AT HOME?** Grade 7 & 8 students will need a note from their parents in order to proceed home after writing an exam to study for upcoming exams. It is understandable that students may wish to study in the quiet confines of their homes. There will be NO instruction or scheduled classes during exam week. Instead, teachers teaching the next scheduled exam will be available in the classrooms to help or assist with any problems or questions in their course area. For example, Monday, after completion of the ELA final, Gr 7 Math and Gr 8 French teachers will be available to answer questions regarding their course areas. Tuesday, after the scheduled exams, Gr 7 French and Gr 8 Math teachers will be available to assist with preparation for the exams scheduled for Wednesday. Students opting to study at home, with a note provided from home, will not be marked absent.

Robotics



ROV COMPETITION

A few weeks ago, Clarendville Middle School students competed in this province's first MATE Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Scout competition at The Fisheries and Marine Institute under the direction of Mr. Trevor Coates and Mr. Chad Spurrell. The competition was geared towards Jr. High students as they constructed an ROV that was able to execute specified tasks in the Marine Institute's Flume Tank. Tasks were defined by the Marine Advanced Technology Centre in Monterey, California and modeled real world ocean technologies that might occur at the Loihi seamount, an active undersea volcano located off the coast of Hawaii.

Our CMS ROV team put a tremendous amount of time, energy and effort into the construction of their vehicle and their efforts certainly paid dividends. Throughout the construction and competition stages, students were consistently engaged in active learning that demonstrated their commitment and teamwork skills. Our students conducted themselves admirably and were proud ambassadors of CMS. From the competition they gained invaluable learning experiences, great memories, a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment and a third place finish. With the skills and knowledge gained from this year's competition, we can only hope that next year's ROV season can shape up to be just as successful. The following e-mails received after the event sum up the experience well. Mr. Clarence Button, who is the Science, Technology, Robotics, Internships lead teacher at O'Donel High School in Mount Pearl, writes in an e-mail:

Congratulations on your school's team performance at this competition. I would like to convey the special comments from the referees on the superbly respectful, civil and courteous behaviour your students exhibited. You must be proud of them. They excelled in this regard.

Mrs. Sherry King writes in an e-mail:

Awesome!!!! What a totally amazing experience at the Marine Institute on Saturday. Watching the ROV's at their finest, retrieving and doing missions was really amazing!! The students did truly an amazing job! It was nail biting to watch them perform their missions! I had no idea what it was all about when I went....sooo glad I did go. I think they really enjoyed it!! Their placement was an added bonus!! Thanks and 'Hats off' to Mr. Spurrell and Mr. Coates for the hours [and I mean hours] of time they spent with the students over the last week making the robot!! Real dedication on their part!! CONGRATULATIONS to all!

Mrs. Vanda Dove writes in an e-mail addressed to Mr. Coates and Mr. Spurrell:

I had been meaning to jot you a note for the last two weeks. I wanted to say thanks for your involvement in the robotics competition, it was a great experience and my daughter really enjoyed it. I know you both put in a tremendous amount of time after school, nights and weekends and went well beyond what you had to do in your roles. Hats off to you both for doing a great job and placing in the competition. It makes all the difference to the kids when they have such dynamic teachers interested in going the extra mile. Thanks again!

IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER: **SCIENCE AT OUR FINGERTIPS!** The Grade 6 Science trip this week to the District Environmental Centre, located in the deep wilderness of Salmonier Line, was a huge success and learning experience. **We can't wait to share the highlights with you!**