

CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

"Where Children Come First"



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ✓ Monday, June 8th *Seussical Jr.* Musical Performance at 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Tuesday, June 9th *Seussical Jr.* Musical Matinee Performance at 1:00 p.m. [Students only].
- ✓ Tuesday, June 9th *Seussical Jr.* Musical Performance at 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Monday, June 15th Grade 7 & 8 ELA Final Exam
- ✓ Tuesday, June 16th Grade 7 Math Final / Grade 8 French Final
- ✓ Wednesday, June 17th Grade 7 French Final / Grade 8 Math Final
- ✓ Thursday, June 18th Grade 7 Science Final / Grade 8 Social Studies Final
- ✓ Friday, June 19th Grade 7 Social Studies Final / Grade 8 Science Final
- ✓ Tuesday, June 23rd Activity / Fun Day
- ✓ Wednesday, June 24th Grade 8 Graduation
- ✓ Thursday, June 25th Last Day for Students - Reports Cards sent home! Closing Assembly at 10:30 a.m.

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 with any problems or questions in their course area. For example, Monday, after completion of the ELA final, Grade 7 Math teachers and Grade 8 French teachers will be available to answer questions or engage in discussion regarding their course areas. Tuesday, after the scheduled exams, Grade 7 French teachers and Grade 8 Math teachers will be available to assist with preparation for exams scheduled for Wednesday. Students opting to study at home, with a note provided from home, will not be marked absent.

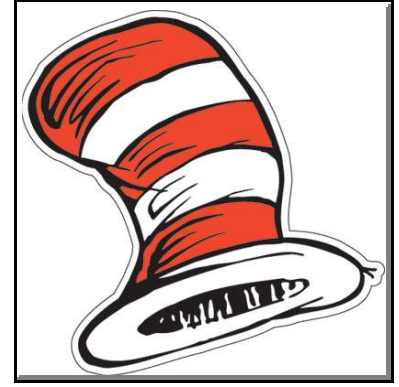
ENVIRONMENT WEEK AT CMS

Provincial Environment week is Friday May 29th to Saturday June 6th. At CMS we will be having activities throughout the week to show that we are indeed going GREEN! For example, **Monday June 1st will be GREEN ME** day where students and staff are asked to show their support for the environment by wearing GREEN. Expect a communication from Ms. Sacrey soon informing all parents and students of the CMS environmental activities planned.



CMS DRAMA PRODUCTION : 'SEUSSICAL JR.'

The cast of 65 students in the Clarendville Middle School 6/7/8 Choir would like to inform the public that they will be presenting the musical *Seussical Jr.* on June 8th and 9th at Twin Cinemas at 7:30 pm. Over the past several weeks the students from CMS have been busy rehearsing for these productions. Tickets are available at CMS.



What is Seussical? Seussical is a musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss. It isn't just a string of stories set to music. And it isn't just one of his stories. In fact, it is a totally new story which weaves together his most famous tales and characters in unexpected ways. These Seussical characters that have become famous throughout the years will meet on June 8th. Some will fall in love, while others will have desperate adventures and some may even save the world! They will travel everywhere, from the Jungle of Nool, to McEligott's Pool and then on to Palm Beach. Dr. Seuss believes in helping a friend, in not giving up, and in keeping a promise. **So why not come out and join in the adventures of Dr. Seuss and let your imagination run wild!**

WAY TO GO!

STUDENT "WAY TO GO'S"

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

- ☺ Way to go to **Grant Pelley**, winner of the 'Celebrating Bartlett 2009 Education Week Poster Contest'. Grant receives at the closing assembly a cheque for \$100.00 (wow!) and three novels about the life and times of Captain Bob Bartlett. Your Resource Centre also gets three of these books and a poster, all due to Grant's art work! SUPER. The June issue of the Teacher's Bulletin will have coverage on Grant's work!
- ☺ Way to go to Courtney Russell and Nikita Brewer who returned money and the extra product received from the snack vendor on Monday that they knew was not their own!
- ☺ Way to go to **Harry Spurrell, John Brentnall and Tiffany Avery** who found a lighter outside the school and quickly brought it to the office so it could be disposed of. Thank-you to our youngest CMS leaders!
- ☺ Congrats to **Emily Quinlan**, winner of the **Clarendville Crime Prevention Committee's Police for a Day Contest**. She will soon be dressed in the RCMP uniform, cruising the streets of Clarendville in the police car. Watch your speed!
- ☺ Way to go to **Shania Ellis (7 Stewart)** who was a great friend to an injured CMS student. While on a playground around home, Felicia Tilley was on a swing and while performing some unique maneuver, fell and hurt her neck. Her friend, Shania Ellis, went to the hospital with her and stayed the whole time - several hours. The neck brace on Felicia's neck not only reminds us of the injury but her good friend Shania!
- ☺ Big thank-you to **Kayla and Natasha Anderson's Dad** who graciously made possible a huge donation to our breakfast program. As a worker on the Terra Nova Oil Rig, he applied for funding for our school's program and was successful in getting \$500.00 What a much needed injection to this great program!
- ☺ Way to go to **Erica Short's mom** who left a lunch for Erica at the main office recently and written on that lunch was a wonderful heartfelt message - what a great mom!!
- ☺ Recently, our Grade 7 Late French Immersion class visited St. Pierre to experience the culture and learn the language. A message from Ms. Avery sums up the experience while chaperoning our students in France: "*Bonjour tout le monde! Greetings from la France. Having a blast; students are enjoying a fantastic trip abroad.*"
- ☺ Way to go to **Sara Price and her mom!!** A couple of weeks ago, **Sara** and the grade 5 hockey group did not have an adult supervisor for their hockey practise at 4:30 p.m. Several of Sara's friends mentioned that her mom would do it if Sara needed her. Upon her call at home, Sara's mom appeared only too glad to come into the school and supervise the group. **Big thanks to Sara's mom!**

The **Heritage Fair** at Trinity on Saturday, May 9th saw over 20 wonderful CMS displays entered which showed much work and research. A special pat on the back to those who made it into the final 7 displays judged at the fair:

- **Sydnee Hallett** (4P) - Resettlement of Silver Fox Island
- **Andrew Moody** (5A) - Buchans Miners
- **Alyson Decker** (5S) - Preserving Our Heritage: The Fogo Island Accordion Group

Also, the following students were selected by the judges for some prestigious awards:

- McCain Literacy Award winner - **Kenneth Greene** [My Great Grandfather - A War Hero]
- Aboriginal Award winner - **Andrew Pearce** [The History of the Vikings in NL]
- Parks Canada Presentation Award - **Mason Strong** [The Newfoundland Cod Fishery]

Congrats to all CMS participants and a big thank-you to Ms. Andrews for overseeing this wonderful experience.

GRADE 5 STUDENTS TOUR WATER TREATMENT PLANT!

On Monday May 25th, all Grade 5's had the learning experience of viewing the plant that provides clean drinking water for the citizens of Clarenville. Mr. Pardy sat with some Grade 5's (Reid Holloway; Emma Hiscock; Nicholas Gosse; and Hillary Walters) at lunch on Monday to get the scoop on their visit. Thanks for the learning experience you gave Mr. Pardy. He is now aware that:

- ☞ The peak water usage for Clarenville is between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. during the week days - when showers and baths are quite active!
- ☞ For every 1 million litres of water, 2 litres of chlorine is added to make it safe for us to drink.

Thank-you to our Grade 5 friends for your sharing of this and more.

INUIT GAMES DEMONSTRATION

Monday, May 25th saw four Middle School students, Kephias Jacobish, Michael Tuglavina, Kennedy Thrasher and Ian Roberts explain and demonstrate various games and activities of the Inuit and Innu cultures. All CMS students participated throughout the day for one hour sessions moving from station to station trying the very challenging activities. The Knuckle Hop for example was a real treat to watch and the Seal Crawl was a true test of upper body strength and stamina. Overall, a great day! Thanks to our four student instructors and to Ms. Dean for conceiving of the idea and making it all happen with the help of Mr. Randell. Look in this week's Packet for pictures and coverage!



TIDBITS:

- ◆ Big CMS welcome to our newest students: 6 Sacrey - Steven Coles and 7 Parrott - April Coles.
- ◆ The Middle School SSA Choir performed at Les Ms. Benefit Concert on Sunday, May 24th. In attendance was the infamous Valerie Long, a provincially renowned musician who has a remarkable ear for quality sound. Valerie sent a note to Ms. Drover - an excerpt reads: "Lisa, your choir was simply beautiful! They looked and sounded so professional and their performance was spirit-filled, along with a solid display of wonderful musicianship!"

BIG CMS THANK-YOU

- ◆ Calvin Drodge of Goobie's Big Stop who provides a continuous supply of turkey and roast beef, making fresh sandwiches possible for CMS students. Our students love them!
- ◆ Dean Carter at 'Sears - Carter's Wholesale' who has established a partnership with CMS. We have been the fortunate recipients of a large screen television and a Wii Fitness system for our special education room. Wow!
- ◆ Fred Gould who is the owner and driver of Seaview Cabs donated a bucket of pennies to our school. We greatly appreciate the \$46.34 donation!

From the Music Room...

We have had a busy, but very enjoyable Spring. At the end of April we attended the Rotary Festival in St. John's. The 4/5 choir, CMS Singers, Beginner Band and Junior Band travelled to St. John's. While in town, the groups participated in a clinic with some very fine clinicians and the Junior Band and CMS Singers got to perform in the evening concert.

Congratulations to the 4/5 choir who received a Silver Standing and to the CMS Singers who received a Gold Standing on their performances.

On May 1st the 4/5 Choir attended Choral Connections. This year, the event was held at our school and the students had a wonderful afternoon of dance with Shawn Silver, singing and a lesson in traditional NL instruments with Fergus O'Byrne and finally a lesson in musical theater with Peter Halley. The day started with a performance from each school attending and then each group attended the above sessions. A wonderful day! (Check out the pictures on our school website)

This past week-end the CMS Singers had an exceptional musical experience. On Sunday, they performed with Les Ms and The Holy Heart of Mary Alumni Choir under the direction of Dr. Valerie Long. It was a marvellous concert and I'm sure the choir will remember this performance for years to come!

Our Choral Finale will end with the 6/7/8 Choir performing in the Musical, "Seussical Jr." on June 8th and 9th at Clarenville Twin Cinemas. The cast and choir have worked hard over the past several weeks and are eager to take you into the magical world of Dr. Seuss.

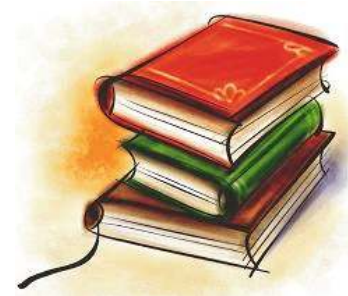
† Tickets are available at the school office. Price \$8.00. Time: 7:30 pm

† There will also be a matinee for schools in the surrounding areas on the afternoon of June 9th

† We will end with a trip to Don Cherry's to celebrate after the final show.

There will be no final music concert, however, band parents may note that the band students will play in the final assembly.

Grade 7 & 8 Students...



Have you started
getting your
course materials
organized and
ready for Final
Exam preparations?