



# CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Where Children Come First”

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## FRIDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon, October 13<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- Tue, October 14<sup>th</sup> No school for students - ‘Teacher Inservice’
- Fri, October 17<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Downhomer Orders (see below)
- Wed, October 15<sup>th</sup> Rice Day at CMS!
- Mon, November 10<sup>th</sup> No school for students - ‘Teacher Inservice’
- Tue, November 11<sup>th</sup> Armistice Day Holiday
- Wed, November 12<sup>th</sup> Picture Re-takes in the morning.



### CHOIR IN OTTAWA - CD FOR PURCHASE

On behalf of Mrs. Drover and the CMS Choir we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and businesses in town who helped in any way in helping our choir travel to Ottawa this past summer. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all students. We are sure all students will have many lasting memories of Ottawa, including their performance in the Rotunda of the Parliament Building, the tour of Parliament Building, singing in the National Arts Center, their Church performance at Orlean's United Church, the rainy boat tour of the Ottawa River, and of course, new friends that were made from all across Canada. If you would like a memento of this great trip, please send along \$10 and note containing the information below by October 17<sup>th</sup> and we will get you a copy of the CD to you. The CD includes the choir singing and a slide show of approximately 30 minutes duration. A big thank-you to Ms. Deanne Snook for putting the CD together and to Mr. Parrott for making us the copies.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
YES, I would like to purchase (#) \_\_\_\_\_ CDs of the CMS Choir trip (Ottawa 2008)

### POOR WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURES

Before any decision to close school is made, the administration of our school system will access the AMEC weather office to acquire forecast for our immediate area. We will also contact the highway's supervisors to get a first hand account of the conditions. This process begins around 6:00 a.m. **Status Central** on Eastern School District's website will be updated immediately. **VOCM, ST. JOHN'S MORNING SHOW - RADIO 1, and OZ FM** will be used at least until our phone messaging system is activated. If school is in progress, before any decision is made to send students home early, direct contact with Works and Transportation will be made. This will assure that busses are strategically placed behind the highway equipment. For example, before the Port Blandford bus left Clarenville we would be in direct contact with either Bill Harris or Oliver Pelley, Supervisors with the Dept. of Works, Services and Transportation, to find the most appropriate time for their departure home.

## ***DownHome* FUNDRAISING**

Our school will be participating in the '**Downhome Fundraising Program**' this year, the only fundraiser of the 2008-09 school year. Proceeds from this program will go to replace the chairs and tables in the lunchroom - which are in desperate need of replacement. Students, staff, school council and many parents have echoed the same. This fundraiser has been carefully chosen and is something that we think many parents may be appreciative of. This fundraiser presents for purchase a special collection of products promoting our wonderful province. Available in the enclosed catalogue is a 12 - month subscription to Downhome Magazine that could be sent as gifts. This subscription is 15% off the cover price and several other items accompany the purchase. You could buy uniquely NL products such as a Fish 'n' Brewis Net, a Peas Pudding Bag or musical spoons. Other products include t-shirts, puzzles, recipe books, local children books, calenders and stationary sets, greeting cards, gift wrap and other stocking stuffers. Lots of selection for reasonable prices. **Deadline for ordering - Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Thank-you for your consideration and/or participation. Clarenville Middle School will receive 40% of the money received. For this, we are really excited!

## **TWO VILLAGES: *Rice Day*: Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>!**

To continue building in students an awareness of global issues, Clarenville Middle School, along with many schools in the province will participate in 'Rice Day' on Wednesday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. During this day students will be asked to bring along a sum of money of their choice and in return **receive a portion of rice along** with their meal. A few years back our school participated in the 'Two Villages Project' helping to construct a school in Nepal. Pictures of this school and the excited students was rewarding and inspiring. This project is to raise funds to help build the **Wollo Community Seed Bank** in Ethiopia to provide a stable food source in the event of catastrophic events, natural disasters or outbreaks of disease. Check out our school's homepage for more information. A big thank-you to **Clarenville Rotary Club** for the donation of the rice. Your partnership is indeed valued!

**STUDENT WAY TO GO'S . . .** Back by popular demand! The 'Way To Go's in all future newsletters will celebrate the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside our school.

- ☺ Way to go to Cody Peddle (7S) who successfully shot a 45 foot basketball free throw on Friday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> without even touching the rim. Wow! Now that's NBA type shooting!
- ☺ WTG to Grace Rose and Shayna Veitch, seen practicing some great dance moves in the gym during lunch.
- ☺ Way to go to Brittany Pelley (Gr. 4) , seen in the gym during lunch on Wed, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> playing ball with several students. A couple of them were more senior students, but Brittany was up to the task - she did great!
- ☺ WTG Ally Decker (5S) who brought back an extra snack that the vendor gave her. Middle School honesty!
- ☺ Story of Middle School Bravery: On Friday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, many Middle School students gathered at Mikala Short's house for spot light. Unfortunately, Nicholas Vey (6D) fell and suffered a serious cut. While many friends were shocked at what they saw, Nicholas was VERY brave and even had the strength to smile on the way to the hospital. Now that was Middle School strength and toughness! Super.
- ☺ Way to go to our new students, members of last year's Balbo Choir, who sang at the Teacher Meetings on Wed, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> . In front of over 300 educators (a daunting task) - you did great. Pat on the back to Amy Short, Christian Hackett, Micheal Keating, Gregory Brockerville and Mackenzie Dove. Great to have you here!
- ☺ WTG to Grace Rose & Zachery Short, provincial team members of Skate NL, for their excellent performance with the Evening of Champions at Mile One last month. They skated with Olympic & World Champs including Kurt Browning, Jeff Buttle, Joey Russell, Joannie Rochette and others. An evening never to forget.
- ☺ Way to go to Ryan Feener (8P) who discovered jewelry in the gymnasium during his volleyball practice and knew it belonged to Hillary Pitcher. Thanks for looking out to this for a classmate Ryan!!
- ☺ Way to go to Hayley and Ryan Snook who were seen walking during the evening with their mom, getting lots of exercise. When asked, Ryan states that they do it each night and walk about 3 - 4 km. Way to go guys!

**UNWELCOME GUESTS . . .** Traditionally this is the time of year when occurrences of Head Lice may occur. Thus far- so good! We would ask that parents monitor their children from time to time. Occurrences of this should be reported to the school and children must be cleared by community health before returning to school. Children are reminded to not share hats, hair brushes or clothing with others.

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

Check out the following features on our school's homepage:

- ✓ CMSR 480 RADIO - check out the school news as read by students.
- ✓ The most recent newsletter!
- ✓ Wollo Community Seed Bank - a student initiative {see feature included}
- ✓ Teacher Webpages. You can access homework, class notes, projects, blogs, etc.
- ✓ CMS After School: Check out what is available for your child to participate in. Keep checking for updates such as **Grade 6 & 7 Girls Basketball** now on Tuesday from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

### **CMSR 480 RADIO LAUNCHED!**

As part of Mr. Organ's resource center program, he has established '**Tiger Radio**' which can be heard by clicking on the appropriate box on our school's homepage. This activity will involve all grade levels on a rotating basis. Every two weeks students will record a news bulletin in both of our nation's official languages, French and English. The Grade 8 students have done a super job in the inaugural broadcast and the Grade 4 choir eagerly recorded recently for the second broadcast. The selected comments were well received by our students and staff:



*"Way to go teachers - what an GREAT addition - Great Stuff! It's nice to see education go beyond the classroom!" - Paul Tilley*  
*"Pass along my congrats to the dedicated professionals that you have working with you as a team." - Albert Trask*  
*"A huge congratulations to the students and staff at CMS. 'Where students come first!' That is really exciting news. I will look forward to the voices of the youth." - Ms. Harnum*  
*"Great accomplishment. Your staff and students should be proud. I will send this to Mary Tucker for our website to promote what your school has done and to share with other schools." - Mr. Darin Pike, Director of Eastern School District.*

### **TIDBITS:**

- Thank-you Michael Keating and Christian Hackett who noticed the incorrect band schedule on atrium bulletin board and informed Mr. Parady!
- Big thanks to Jordyn Cole and parents for the contribution of novels and other reading material!
- On Friday , September 26<sup>th</sup>, Clarendville Middle School participated in the provincial initiative "Living Healthy Commotion Day" - a focus on fitness and healthy eating. Throughout the day students participated in a fitness challenge obstacle course where they demonstrated the various components of fitness. Different classes with each grade level challenged each other for class prizes. In the afternoon all classes participated in a twenty minute Terry Fox walk on the soccer field, followed by a nutritious snack of oranges, yogurt and juice in the Cafeteria.
- Congrats to your new student council executive: President Brandon Randell and Vice President Ryan Feener. Wishing you much success in your year. We had 13 teams offer themselves for elections. Wow! CLASS CALL: We would like to have elected class representatives (1 per class) to serve their classmates on the school council.
- Canteen Products: Fresh Fruit Cup is available each day for \$1.00 as well as fresh turkey and roast beef sandwiches. Yogurt tubes, apple slices and cheese strings are now in stock as well as fresh fruit (50¢ for apples/oranges/banana).



## MIDDLE SCHOOL ATRIUM IN-SEASON

A HUGE THANK YOU to Zach Ennis's parents (Leanne and Brian) who have once again created a magnificent fall scene for our school atrium. Seeing is believing - check it out!

### **BUSSING DEPARTURE TIMES: SEPTEMBER, 2008-2009**

Check out our school's homepage for the scheduled student pick-up time for each bus stop that serves Clarendville Middle School. Unsure of the scheduled stops for your child's bus? Once into our school site click on **CMS BUS TIMES** at the right side of the page. The purpose of the scheduled pick-up time is to assure that no student is waiting any longer than necessary in cold or inclement weather. A bus may be delayed, but **should never** be early!

### **ROOTS OF EMPATHY- GUIDANCE INITIATIVE**

Our school is proud to offer the **Roots of Empathy Program** this year. The program will be implemented by Ms. Stanford in one class, on a pilot basis. Next year we may look at expanding it. Roots of Empathy is an award winning, evidence-based classroom program that has shown dramatic effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children by raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. The program reaches elementary school children from Kindergarten to Grade 8, and it is now offered all around the world. At the heart of the program are a neighbourhood infant and parent who visit the classroom every three weeks over the school year. The students observe the baby's development and learn to label the baby's feelings. In this experiential learning, the baby is the "Teacher" and a lever, which the instructor uses to help children identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others. This "emotional literacy" taught in the program lays the foundation for more safe and caring classrooms where children are the "Changers". They are more competent in understanding their own feelings and the feelings of others (empathy) and are therefore less likely to physically, psychologically and emotionally hurt each other through bullying and other cruelties. In the ROE program children learn how to challenge cruelty and injustice. Messages of social inclusion and activities that are consensus building contribute to a culture of caring that changes the tone of the classroom. The ROE Instructor also visits before and after each family visit to prepare and reinforce teachings using a specialized lesson plan for each visit. Research results from national and international evaluations of ROE indicate significant reductions in aggression and increases in pro-social behaviour.

### **NEXT CMS NEWSLETTER**

- # New Student and Grade 4 survey results.  
**100%** of new student surveyed consider 'Clarendville Middle School a comfortable and safe place to be'.
- # Recent Provincial CRT results for Grade 6.
- # Global Citizenship development.
- # Breakfast Program - we will try to acknowledge the many volunteers that make it happen.

### **SAFETY NOTES**

- When dropping your child at school, bring them close to the front of the school. This avoids walking through and around moving vehicles.
- **Coyotes:** While there have been no sightings around our school, we have a defined area where students play and congregate, while supervised, at the back of our school. Many media reports talk of coyote sightings in and around communities and so our staff will be vigilant in our supervision and education of children.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING from the students and staff of CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL .