



Clareville Middle School

“Where Children Come First”

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| ✓ | Tuesday, November 10th | Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 a.m. |
| ✓ | Wednesday, November 11th | Remembrance Day Holiday - No School |
| ✓ | Thursday, November 12th | School Clothing - ready for home delivery |
| ✓ | Tuesday, December 8th | CMS Christmas Concert |
| ✓ | Monday, December 14th | Grade 4 / 5 Choir Christmas Musical |

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS RE: ‘FLU SEASON’

On Friday, October 30 we sent home, via your child, communication from Eastern School District related to H1N1 vaccinations at school and in particular a consent form. **The material referenced in the communication below can be attained on our school’s homepage or the ESDNL homepage.** As vaccine becomes available, an immunization team will be providing the H1N1 vaccination to students at school wherever feasible and possible. Attached is information on the vaccination and a consent form. If you want your child to receive the H1N1 vaccination at school, please complete the attached consent form and return to your child’s home room teacher as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you can call your local Public Health Nurse or the toll-free H1N1 telephone line at each of the regional Health Authorities. Additional information is also available at each health authority’s website. **If you wish to have your child vaccinated at school, please complete and return the consent form sent home with your child.**

RELATED NOTICES:

- The **Minister of Education** has advised all school districts that effective immediately, all regional events will be suspended for a 14 day period - until November 13, 2009. It will be reviewed again at that time by the Department.
- Student Tests/Quizzes - ‘Pause’.** While teachers at CMS will continue to assess our students’ knowledge and understanding of the outcomes throughout a particular unit, our school has decided not be using **the summative ‘unit ending exams or quizzes’** until we return to somewhat normal, healthier times.
- School work covered.** For those who are absent from school please check your teachers’ web pages to see work covered in class during your absence. We look forward to your return to school!

CMS - A PEANUT AND SCENT AWARE SCHOOL

Several students in our CMS family have serious allergies to peanuts and also to strong scents. While we are proud of the peanut free products we serve in our canteen and hot meal program, we ask parents to be aware of the products brought to school by their children. There is a greater selection of peanut free products than ever before available for staff and students. As well, **AXE** body spray and similar deodorants can be very problematic for all members of the school population, in particular those with scent sensitivities. Together we can continue to make schooling safer for those students in our population that face many barriers in their young lives. Thank-you to all!

TIDBITS

- ⇒ A BIG Middle School welcome to three students who transferred to our school in October: **Cody Wiseman** (Gr 8); **Angel Mahaney** (Gr 4); and **Jordan Mahaney** (Gr 6). Great to have you aboard!
- ⇒ Ms. Stanford and Ms Vey will be starting the babysitting club for grade 6 students within the next few weeks. The club is open to both boys and girls. Registration cost is \$30.00 . We will run two sessions this year if the need exists. The first group will go before Christmas and the second group will start after Christmas. Students were asked to sign up at the office.
- ⇒ **SEF Club**. Very pleased to see this club begin as it demonstrates healthy living and inspires us all. A big way to go to Mr. Penney and Ms. Andrews who became members yesterday during recess as well as **Darren Strong** who becomes the 1st student member of the SEF Club. What is this club ? **SEF** - represents staff and students **Seen Eating Fruit!**
- ⇒ Student Survey Results (Grade 4 and New Student Surveys) from Friday Oct. 16th can be found on our homepage. **100% of new students to our school in grades 5-8 are 'glad to be at CMS'**. See student comments that were included in survey!
- ⇒ Congratulations to **Ms. Ennis** who convocated from MUN in October!

THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE FRIENDS:

MERCER'S MARINE - for the usage of their trailer in transporting band equipment to and from St. John's. **WALMART** - for the donation of 12 photo frames that hold and display Ms. Avery's module students' quality work in the atrium. **CRAIG'S LOCKSMITHING** - for the donation of video cameras throughout our building and the excellent installation of the wiring. **CANADAIN TIRE JUMP START** - for their participation in our skating and swimming programs by making the program accessible for all students. **GOOBIE'S BIG STOP** - for the supply and delivery of fresh turkey and roast beef used in the sandwiches provided daily for our students.

FRENCH HELP CENTRE

We are pleased to offer a French Help Centre for any student in Grade 6 to 8, Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Resource Centre. The centre began **Monday, Oct 5th**. Two Grade 12 students, Courtney Holloway and Rebecca Rideout, both CMS alumni, operate the Centre. Way to go girls!

GRADE 4 and 6 CRT INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

We have received the school results from last year's CRT for the current grade 4 and 7 students. In June they participated in this provincial assessment and collectively did well. The parent copies of individual student results will be forwarded home as soon as possible after their arrival at the end of November. We have looked at the overall results and here is a sample of some CRT questions needing attention:

1. **69.9 ÷ 0.3** While given four possible answers, only **47.2%** of our Grade 6 students last year answered correctly. (Correct Answer: 233)
2. **The ratio of boys to girls in a choir is 1 : 5. If there are 5 boys, what is the total number of students in the choir?** Given four possible answers, only **26.4%** of our Grade 6 students last year answered correctly. (Correct Answer: 30)

Overall, the section on **Shape and Space** yielded the least desired results for Math while **Listening** in English Language Arts indicates an area needing our focus.



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 Mr. Penney who ran a 42 km** Marathon in early October and did extremely well. While he admits that he was tired and struggled slightly in the last 7 km, it is quite clear that the other male teachers on staff would NEVER reach the last 7 km mark. Way to go sir - your training has certainly paid off! Word has it that **Ms. Cole** is training for next year's marathon! Shhhhh!

! **Way to go to Ben Peddle (5P)** who ran in a provincial meet in St. John's in October and finished 10th out of over 120 runners. Now that is awesome - Super run Ben!!

! **Way to go to Sarah Pauls (Grade 5)** who, all by herself, attempted to put back up on the wall yesterday morning outside 4B room, a large banner that had fallen down over the weekend. A very thoughtful act indeed Sarah. Thank-you from the grade 4 students and the staff of CMS.

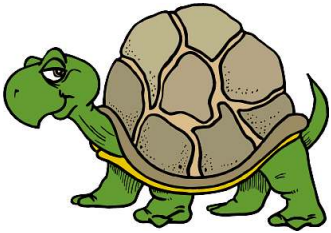
! **Way to go to Alicia Anderson and Lydia Miller(5A)** who assisted Mr. Pardy and the caretakers by stacking chairs at the end of lunch. Also, to **Ryan Hillyard (4V)** who came along and asked if we would like help and then proceeded to help us out. BIG THANK-YOU to all three for super deeds!

! **Way to go to Jordan Jacobs** who noticed that a fellow grade 4 student wasn't playing with anyone at lunch time and quickly proceeded to invite the young boy to play with him and his friend Tyler Howse who were playing ball. Way to go Jordan who displayed the CMS way- YAHOO!!

! **Way to go to all grade 4 choir members** on the super sound created for the Thanksgiving Day Assembly. Ms. Budgell, Ms. Vey, and Ms. Drover are very, very impressed with your talents!

! Way to go to **Dylan Russell** who found a sum of money on Friday past and passed it along to his home room teacher, Ms. Davis, **in order for the rightful owner to be found.**

! Way to go to **all CMS students who** were so patient on Monday October 26th when we were not permitted to use the main entrance due to the tiles being replaced. **Remember the 3 girls who held the door by the canteen for all to enter? A BIG way to go to Mackenzie Palmer , Sarah Pauls and Faith Hallahan** who held the door for nearly 35 minutes and informed the students getting off the bus that the main entrance wasn't available. What a super service for your peers!



TURTLES: A teacher from another school was in our building and saw the wonderfully healthy looking CMS fish in our atrium. He asked a staff member if we would be interested in adopting two turtles, with their own aquarium. He stated that he wouldn't ask if he didn't think they would be cared for. We told the teacher from Little Heart's Ease that CMS will certainly adopt and care for his turtles. When they showed up, we were pleasantly surprised at how large they were. Ms. Ennis has graciously volunteered to look after them. No easy task here! The students love them. We have since purchased a LARGE aquarium!

KIDS EAT SMART PROVINCE -WIDE WALK TO BREAKFAST

Big thank-you to Mrs. Tracey Soper (Jade's mom) and her mom who, along with members of Clarenville Scotia Bank, volunteered to assist in serving all students a very healthy breakfast. The students enjoyed a choice of cereal, toast, juice, milk and fresh fruit. After a morning walk, it appeared all had a great appetite! Big thank-you to **Amy Short's** parents and others who recently donated food and juice products for our breakfast program.

CLARENVILLE PLANS OLYMPIC SIZED CELEBRATION!

Beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 14th the town of Clarenville will host a two hour event celebrating the arrival of the Olympic Torch Relay as it makes its way across Canada towards Vancouver and the opening of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. This event will take place outside at the new Clarenville Events Centre on Blackmore Avenue, rain, snow, or shine, and feature national as well as local performers including Sláinte, our own CMS grade 4/5 choir and Rising Tide Theatre. The Town of Clarenville encourages everyone to catch the Olympic spirit and come out and cheer on the torch bearers as they make their way through Clarenville to our community celebration site!

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

The Grade 6 students are planning the Remembrance Day Assembly scheduled for Tuesday Nov. 10th at 10:45 a.m. A sneak peak of the ceremony is the Boys Choir singing a song called **Hero of War Rise Against** which can be found on You Tube. Mr. Parrott is going to use the slide show that they have there and Ms. Drover has Curtis Pearce and Mr. Organ playing guitar. **Jesse Avery's parents**, as well as the staff, are excited about seeing this performed at our assembly! In all likelihood, our high school friends will be joining us as their gym has been reserved by Eastern Health for possible vaccinations.

GRADE 6 STUDENT DONATES EDUCATION RESOURCE

Ryan Snook participated in The Heritage Fair in May 09 with a project on Terry Fox. As a part of his project, he had a collection jar. When he went to St John's for a dental appointment this summer, he went to the Terry Fox Foundation to meet **Heather Strong, Provincial Director of the Terry Fox Foundation**, who had sent Ryan some information for his project. When he had spoken to her prior to this, she said she would love to see Ryan's project. Ryan decided not only would he bring it in to show her, but also to let her keep it. She was very excited upon receiving it and stated she would use it quite a bit. Recently, Mrs. Strong e-mailed to highlight the involvement of Ryan's project. Her e-mail to Ryan reads as follows:

I just wanted to check in now that the 29th annual Terry Fox Fundraising campaign is 'in the books', to say hello and share some of the exciting things that Ryan's display has been a part of over the last couple of months...

- *Firstly, the total coin deposited from the jar was \$14.34 - THANK YOU Ryan!*
- *Secondly, Fred Fox (Terry's brother) was in town for a plaque-unveil ceremony and he visited my office and enjoyed looking at the display that is prominently displayed in my main lobby*
- *As well, we had a Film Screening fundraiser where we showed the movie "Terry" and charged a donation for admission. This event took place on Memorial University Campus and we had Ryan's display at the admission table for all to see.*
- *We also had a Silent Auction event for the Foundation. That event is one of our largest non-run fundraisers with more than \$3,000 raised this year. The display was at the auction alongside some of the bidding items for people to admire throughout the night.*

Thank you Ryan once again for donating that display to the Foundation. I really appreciate having it and having the couple pictures of you and your Dad.... I hope you have a terrific school year and I look forward to seeing you any time you are here in metro.

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