



Clareville Middle School

“Where Children Come First”

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, December 1st
Friday, December 3rd
Thursday, December 9th
Friday, December 10th

December newsletter released.
Term 1 student reports sent home
Parent teacher meetings: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Parent teacher meetings: 8:40 a.m. – 12:00 noon

* Parents are asked to please call CMS at 466-7558 for an **appointment time** at the following times to assure that our secretary is present to speak with you: 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. our secretary is finished for the day.
NO SCHOOL for students on Friday December 10th - Teacher PD.



TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVED

We are pleased with the morning traffic flow where students are dropped off close to the school in the drop-off zone (yellow grid). Parents are asked to please use this zone and not drop-off students in the through-traffic lane. Also, in the afternoons, busses will now load behind the school, making available many more parking spaces for parents to pick-up their children. We would ask parents during afternoon pick-up to not stop in the through-traffic lane but in a designated parking spot or in the drop-off zone (yellow grid). See December's newsletter for further details.

SCHOOL ARTISTS TO VISIT CMS

In January, two local artists from the Bonavista Peninsula, will visit and spend a day at our school. Jason and Rosiland Ford, from Middle Amherst Cove, will bring in a 12foot section of hard-wall to designate as a studio space for demonstration of ceramics and textiles. Jason will have a pottery wheel and Rosalind will bring along her screen-printing equipment. Both artists will have works in progress, samples, sketches, tools and other inspirational materials to show CMS students. During this morning, both artists will demonstrate the “how to’s” of their work. Parents are invited to feel free to come along for the demonstration. In the afternoon, one of the artists will teach a workshop, while the other will continue to demonstrate in his/her travelling studio. The workshop will see students making leaves to attach to a single tree.

MID-MONTH RECYCLING BLITZ

November's Mid-Month Recycling Blitz once again saw a big increase in the contributors from October. A big thank-you to the **students and their families** for their contribution of recyclables on Wednesday, Nov. 17th. On Wednesday, December 15th, we ask parents to drop off their home recyclables during the morning where members of the school's green team will again be ready to receive them. Thank-you for your participation.

CMS - A SAFER SCHOOL

Congratulations to the grade 7 & 8 module students who successfully completed the **St. John Ambulance First Aid Course on Tuesday, November 16th**. Mr. Daryl Feener, instructor, writes the following after leaving the school and marking the exams: *“Just finished correcting the first aid exams and I am pleased to say everyone passed the course. They were a terrific group and I thoroughly enjoyed my day. Certificates should be received within 3 - 4 weeks. Please announce my congratulations to the group.”* Way to go students and teachers who completed the course and we are very excited that we now have 22 trained staff and students at CMS making our school MUCH safer! Certified First Aid individuals at CMS are:

Jenna Beach	Makayla Short	Courtney Russell	Noah Bowering
Sydney Wells	Kyle Clarke	Tyler Crewe	Brady Blundell
Ben Maidment	Dylan Nippard	Adam Mahar	Luke Burton
Jake Marshall	Gordon Cooper	Darren Strong	Shannon Mose
Mr. Randell	Ms. Andrews	Mr. Penney	Mr. Stringer
Mrs. Sheppard	Alicia Gould		

CMS HAS RECORD NUMBER PARTICIPATE AT VOLLEYFEST!

VolleyFest Success! How really do you gauge success? Well, we can say that we had two CMS boys teams competing in the final four teams at Provincial Volleyfest, with one of these grade 8 teams having to squeak by one of our grade 7 teams to advance. All girls teams, and there were 3, played extremely well with one of these teams coming up short in the single elimination play-off against a very strong Corner Brook team. While this speaks to the ability level of all teams, the factor that we think indicates success the most is the fact that we had over 70 students participate, accounting for approximately 50 % of all intermediate students. Couple this with their achievement and we can celebrate success. Big thank-you to all players and coaches for representing our school so well with superb sportsmanship and solid character. Fun was had by all! Just ask 7Power – sure looked like they were a solid team, supporting each other with high fives after each point, whether it was their point or not! Super!

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY – BEST EVER?

The CMS Remembrance Day Assembly, hosted by our Grade 6 students, was a huge success. There appears to be a consensus, that it may have been the best assembly we have held at CMS. Why? Here are few pieces of the assembly that some have mentioned:

- ◆ The Emcee’s, Faith Hallohan and Holly Hains, did a remarkable job speaking clearly at all times, solemnly when required and enthusiastically when appropriate! Super!!
- ◆ Riley Smith’s solo during the choir performance was amazing. CMS should support him on a province-wide or nation-wide tour. Maybe the very talented Luke Sawler, our own Claire Sawler’s brother, who played the Last Post on his trumpet!
- ◆ The public speakers: Stephen and Emily did a fantastic job!
- ◆ The choirs, under the direction of Ms. Drover and the accompaniment of the talented Ms. Lundrigan, were angelic and deeply appreciated by all.
- ◆ The Grade 6 students and teachers, who orchestrated the proceedings, showed great character at all times, spoke clearly and passionately during all parts.
- ◆ Finally, the audio technology co-ordinated by Mr. Organ, allowed for quality sound while the master of visual arts, Mr. Parrott, compiled yet another astounding slide and video display for all in attendance.

Overall, a fantastic assembly that honoured and paid tribute to our veterans. In the words of Mr. Jack Barry, *“the behaviour of the students who were sitting for over an hour was fantastic. It was exceptional with no room for improvement. The assembly was put together, which took lots of time, to perfection.”* Way to go CMS students, whether you were performing or active listeners in the audience. **WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**

FIDDLE AND LISTEN AT THE SAME TIME – POSSIBLE?

Lorch and Dan Anderson (psychologists conducting an experiment) showed two groups of five-year-olds an episode of *Sesame Street*. The kids in one group were put in a room with lots of very attractive toys on the floor. As you would expect, the kids in the room without toys watched about 87% of the time, while the kids with the toys watched only about 47% of the show. Kids are distracted by toys. But when they tested the two groups to see how much of the show the children remembered and understood, the scores were exactly the same. The results stunned the two researchers. Kids, they realized, are a great deal more sophisticated in the way they watch than had been imagined. “We were led to the conclusion,” they wrote, “that the five-year-olds in the toys group were attending quite strategically, distributing their attention between the toy play and viewing so that they looked at what for them, were the most informative parts of the program. This strategy was so effective that the children could gain no more from increased attention.”

GRADE 6 MATH CLASS VISIT

Way to go students in Grade 6 Math! During the week of Oct. 25th – 29th, Mr. Pardy visited a Math class ongoing in 6Stanley and asked if he could ask the class a question. The class listened intently – very good listening skills! The students were asked the question, “If I could give my good friend John Brentall this much money, \$ 0.006770, what could you do with it?” Hands immediately shot up but John was overheard saying to his classmates at the back of the class, “**Not much it’s not even a dollar!**” While John was 100% correct, Lydia Miller’s hand was chosen from the many raised and she represented her answer extremely well to Mr. Pardy and her classmates. Classmates listened and nodded their approval. Kudos to all those Math students who could so easily represent the value of the numeral so well! Impressive!

CMS STUDENT STORY

Way to go to Nicole Johnson (8P). While enroute to Volleyfest this past Friday in Mr. Pardy’s van travelling on the TransCanada, Nicole called her Grandmother to wish her a happy anniversary as all Nicole’s relations were gathered for the big event. Nicole informed her Nan of where she was and who was with her, and expressed her best wishes for a GREAT ANNIVERSARY very, very, well! **The conversation ended with “I love you Nan. Have a wonderful night”.** Way to go Nicole for superb conversational skills and being such a wonderful granddaughter!

CMS ROVING REPORTERS - \$20,000.00 !

CMS has received funding from the Department of Trade, Innovation and Rural Development to initiate an extra-curricular, multi-media/roaming reporters club. Students, under the guidance of Mr. Coates and Mr. Organ and community mentors, will utilize iPod Touch media capabilities to capture real time video of school and community events. Students will participate in studio-like reporting, utilizing green screen technology and they will engage in multi-media production, video editing and graphic design, to create more polished media productions to be broadcast through our school’s webpage. Each student participant will be assigned a 32 GB, 4th generation iPod Touch. Through the training component they will learn how to use the iPod, as well as greenscreen and audio and video recording technology. They will also be taught the fundamentals of effective interviewing and reporting. We are currently in discussion with post-secondary institutions and media outlets regarding student training. We’re very excited about this project because it opens up new directions in technology. It also enables us to use technology with which the middle school student is very comfortable and familiar. We believe that this will provide students with an excellent skill-set in a fun and dynamic learning environment. Information about student applications and selection will be forthcoming. Way to go to Mr. Coates and Mr. Organ for making this happen!



STUDENT “WAY TO GOs”

The ‘Way To Go’ section in all newsletters celebrate the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside CMS.



- ☆ **Way to go to Nastasha Ryan – we are proud of her knowledge of social studies!**
- ☆ **Way to go to Nicholas Baker** who enrolled in the swimming module this term and was unable to swim at the start. Not a stroke! Guess what? Nicholas can certainly swim now! We’re so proud of this achievement, Nicholas. Pat on the back to the teacher as well – Way to go Ms. Ennis!
- ☆ **Way to go to Ian Roberts** who, at the end of the school day on Friday, stayed behind to organize his desk **and** a classmate’s desk. His classmate was very pleased to return on Monday morning to a very tidy, organized work space. What a GREAT DEED!
- ☆ **Way to go to Kennedy Thrasher (6D)** who, while making a purchase of chips at our vending machine, two bags can out. CMS thanks Kennedy for bringing the 2nd bag to the office because it was the right action to take. **Great stuff Kennedy!**
- ☆ **Way to go to Shelley Neil (6D) who** found a sum of money recently and brought it to the teacher in the gym for the rightful owner to be found.
- ☆ **Way to go to** Reid Holloway, Hillary Walters and Taylor Lambert who cleaned up their lunch table fully at the end of their meal even though it wasn't their litter. Now that is super CMS behaviour - great team work!
- ☆ **Way to go to Jacie Rosenau (7P) and Jacob Walsh (8P)** who were a great help to the Grade 6 students and teachers in preparing for the Remembrance Day assembly. Both put up wall displays in the gymnasium. Big thank-you to you both for your assistance!!
- ☆ **Way to go to Ryan Snook** who found a large sum of money last week and brought it immediately to the office so the rightful owner could be found. Also, to **Sammy Humby** and several other students who helped with the safe cleaning of the Turtle Aquarium and fish pond early Wednesday morning!
- ☆ **Way to go to Rebecca Pardy (5A)** who was in the corridor outside the main office during recess time on Wednesday Nov. 10th and noticed her schoolmate, Jackson Whiffen (Grade 4). Rebecca walked up, said hello and shook Jackson’s hand. Now that is the CMS behaviour that we LOVE to see! **Good job spreading CMS friendship Rebecca!** Also, big thank-you to Nina Verster’s sister, Ruby (Grade 3), who assisted her mom and Mrs. O’Connor prepare lunch on Wednesday Nov. 10th. Ruby was working during her day off from Clarenville Primary as teachers were being in-serviced!



- **Congrats to Isaiah Rayel (6D)! Isaiah** won the **Championship Gold** (Under 13 division) in the **Central Open Table Tennis Provincial Championship** held in Springdale on Saturday, October 23rd. This event is one of the major provincial tournaments conducted by NL Table Tennis Association (NLTTA).
- **Dancing duo!** Lunch time on Wednesday, in the atrium, two great dancers, **Jolene Feltham and Sharnee Loder** were performing dance moves as they were watched by **Emily Quinlin and Hillary Mitchell**. These two Grade 8 girls were very supportive and very appreciative of these young dancers and showed their appreciation VERY well. We are proud of our young dancers as well as our SENIOR students who were great role models!
- **Stephen Bennett and Emily Quinlin speak to School Administrators.** Way to go to both speakers on doing such a great job on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. Mr. Organ and a person from the board office stated what a wonderful job you did! Great CMS ambassadors.
- **Welcome to Cody Power (5P)** who recently joined the Middle School team. When asked recently how he was enjoying life in 5Penney and at Clarenville Middle School, he stated, “GREAT!!” We’re pleased you are with us Cody!

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