



# Clarenville Middle School

“Where Children Come First”

Monday, October 4, 2010

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Information Session – 7 p.m. in the gym
Thursday, Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	School is open – Day 2 in timetable
Friday, Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	School is open – Day 3 in timetable
	Thanksgiving Day Assembly @ 10:45 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day Holiday – No School
Wednesday, Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-Month Recycling Blitz (see entry)
Thursday, Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Autism Awareness Walk (see entry)
Friday, Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kids Eat Smart – Walk To Breakfast (see entry)
Tuesday, Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	School pictures in the afternoon: Grades 7 & 8
Wednesday, Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	School pictures in the morning: Grades 4, 5 & 6



## STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE ELECTED

**Congratulations** to your new student council executive:

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| <b>PRESIDENT:</b>      | <b>✗ SYDNEY WELLS</b>    |
| <b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b> | <b>✗ VICTORIA HARRIS</b> |

Wishing you much success in your year. Ms. Costigan would like to congratulate all 11 teams who offered themselves this year on a great campaign. You were so respectful of each other throughout! Ms. Costigan will be further delving into the democratic process by electing class representatives (1 per class) to serve their classmates on the school council.

## NEW STUDENTS – WELCOME!!!

While our school has welcomed over 20 new students in past years, we have not in recent memory welcomed in excess of 30 new students. This year we are pleased to have 33 new students join our school from all parts of world. For example, Sasha has arrived all the way from Australia. Super!

## **CMS STRIDE**

On Wednesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, the CMS Stride Running Club will begin another exciting year of running. This year we have a state of the art running track in our backyard. Therefore, beginning Wednesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, and continuing every Wednesday until Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. Penney will be holding practice sessions for all interested individuals, students and staff, who would like to become a member of the CMS Stride. Each session will last approximately 30 minutes and students are asked to have transportation arranged thereafter. If students are interested in this great form of exercise, please pick up a permission form at the office.

## **WALK TO BREAKFAST – Province Wide Event**

On **Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Clarendville Middle School, in sync with other schools in the province, will participate in the Kids Eat Smart Province-Wide walk. Students, staff, parents, and guests will begin the walk at 8:45 a.m. and return to the school at 9:15 a.m. to enjoy a nutritious breakfast, prize draws, and entertainment. Parent and friends of CMS wishing to participate are welcome. We invite all participants to contribute a Loonie (\$1.00) to help to assist our school continue to offer our students a free breakfast each and every day of the school year. In addition, we are striving to add more and more fruit offerings to this very important meal. Big thank-you to **Tracey Soper (Jade's mom)** for overseeing this venture. If you are available to assist with the delivery of breakfast to over 310 students, please feel free to call Tracy at 433-2006.

## **SOCCER – ‘Provincial Try-outs’**

**Best wishes to Alex Salomon and Marcus Baker** who were invited to participate in the provincial soccer try-outs sessions this past weekend in St. Johns. What an achievement! The invitation itself, regardless of the outcome, is certainly something to be proud of!

## **JUMPSTART – ‘T-shirts & Sponsoring Programming’**

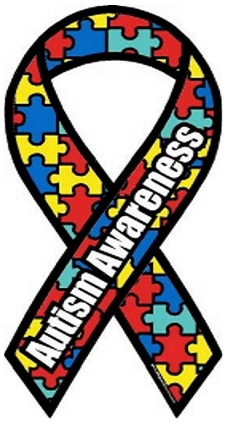
We would like to thank **‘Canadian Tire Jump Start’** for their partnership with our school making possible the physical training sessions, the swimming and hockey programs making sure all students interested are able to participate. As if their financial participation was not enough, they have provided very attractive t-shirts for every student and staff at Clarendville Middle. During a Healthy Commotion Day (being planned at our school by Mr. Randell) this month, Jump Start t-shirts will be given out to our students.

## **NEW AT CMS!**

**BEYBLADES AT RECESS AND LUNCH:** Elementary students are frequently seen competing their Beyblades in friendly encounters. We are pleased to witness students collectively make their rules, take turns and continue to be socially and respectfully engaged with each other. Good practice for their social skills we think! We are considering purchasing a couple of Beyblade stadiums.

**GAMES ROOM:** Through the efforts of Ms. Barnes, our guidance counselor, the art room is transformed each recess and lunch into a games room where a game of checkers, chess, snakes and ladders, etc.

**VIDEO EDITING CLUB:** Efforts are ongoing to enter the movie making industry. We have some students in Grade 8 with some fantastic plans: A Video Editing Club! Stay tuned as they take the lead in this new endeavor and work with other interested students thereafter.



## OCTOBER is Autism Awareness Month

The Clarendville Eastern Autism Chapter and Clarendville Middle School will be participating in a walk on October 14 at 1:45 p.m. to bring awareness to Autism. Our school has four students diagnosed with Autism and the walk will further increase our student's knowledge of the characteristics of this condition and the struggles presented for our students with Autism. It is our school's desire to ask for a small pledge of a dollar per child to aid our local Eastern Autism Chapter in supporting the needs of children with Autism. Big thank-you to Ms. Ennis and Mrs. Vardy (Olivia's mom) for their participation in this awareness event at CMS.

## CMS YEARBOOK AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER!

For the first time in several years, CMS has created a wonderful **48 page soft color yearbook** covering student and school activities from last year. Yearbooks will be available in early October for those who have pre-ordered. We have ordered a limited number of extras that can be purchased at the cost of \$20 from our school secretary, Ms. Pomroy. A BIG thank-you to **Ms. Stanley** (and Ms. Andrews) who spent hours making this possible!

## THANKSGIVING DAY ASSEMBLY

The Grade 4 students are busy preparing and eager for the first assembly of the school year scheduled for a 10:45 a.m. start on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for the Thanksgiving Day Assembly, the grade 4 classes are asking staff, students, and parents to contribute a non-perishable food item for our local food bank. While we have lots to be thankful for, there were many students and adults around us who suffered much loss of property and possessions recently as a result of Hurricane Igor. Our students and staff would like to thank the local **Salvation Army**, guardians of our local food bank, for their tremendous assistance for those in need prior to, and during, the recent hurricane. Much thanks from CMS!

## ATRIUM SPRING DISPLAY – 'An Ennis Tradition'

Big thank-you to Chef Ennis and his creative wife Leanne for their wonderful fall display in our atrium garden. For many years, the Ennis family has not only served the infamous chicken nugget lunch each and every Friday but find the time to decorate our atrium for the students of Clarendville Middle. On behalf of the students and staff, we sincerely thank them for their continued contribution to our school. Check out the display!



## STUDENT DROP-OFF IN THE MORNING

In the near future, we will see a repainting of the lines on our school lot with a clearly defined drop-off zone for students in the early morning. The drop off zone is directly in front of the school where children can safely exit their vehicles without fear of other moving vehicles crossing their paths. Once the student disembarks, the vehicle can pull out into a through traffic lane to exit the lot. We would ask parents to stay as close to the school as possible when dropping off their child and follow this pattern. Students walking to school or dropped off on the outside of the school lot are reminded to always proceed to the school using the cross-walk, but look first before crossing!



## 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 Sammy Humby who noticed on Thursday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> that the tables and chairs were not set-up for the breakfast program. Sammy immediately went about the assembly in order for the students eating a nutritious breakfast. Now that is initiative! Some may have left the area until someone else did this or left to find a teacher. Not our Sammy!
- ! Way to go to Abi Ellis (5P) ; Jolene Feltham (4V) and Ahmad El Dean (4V) all who receive Way-To-Go's for different reasons. Jolene received extra cash back from the vending machine and passed it along to her teacher. Both Abi and Ahmad were seen eating fruit at lunch. While Ahmad was enjoying a plate of oranges, which he loves, Abi was providing nutrition for her body with a delicious apple!

### MID-MONTH RECYCLABLE BLITZ : Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup>

Received last month during our mid-month recycling drive were contributions from the Byrne Family (Matthew and Anna) and from the Avery Family (Tiffany and Ryan). A big thank-you to both families and this month we hope to increase our contribution. On Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, we ask parents to drop off their home recyclables during the morning where members of the CMS Green Team will be ready to receive. Through the proceeds raised, we hope to enhance our lunchroom with **more microwaves** for student usage and purchase of some **new chairs and tables** to replace the older models student use. The recycling effort through your school nets **10 cents** per recyclable which can certainly amount to some much needed funds for our school. Thank-you for your consideration.

### CMS SCHOOL CLOTHING

Our school will be making available school clothing. The following items will be available: hoodies, t-shirts, gym shorts, gym bags, toques, ball caps, etc. School clothing will be available for viewing during the Parent Information session on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and details with pictures will be posted on our school homepage soon.



### NEXT NEWSLETTER

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

- ✓ **Mid-month Recycling Drive - Wed, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
We ask parents to donate home recyclables to Clarendville Middle during the morning drop-off. Students of the school's recycling team will be available to assist. A recycling blitz will occur mid-month throughout the year!
- ✓ Big thank-you to **Corey Brockerville (Central Dairies)** who donated two cases of fresh milk for our breakfast program. **Thank-you, Mr. Brockerville!**