

# Clarenville Middle School

‘WHERE CHILDREN COME FIRST’

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### WELCOME!

Welcome to Clarenville Middle School! To those parents and students returning for another year and also the **students and parents new to our school**, we hope you have an exciting year. We are very proud of our staff, students, and programming at your Clarenville Middle School and look forward to providing quality learning experiences to our students. Special welcome to **Ms. Amy Cahill** who joins our staff and will be teaching the English Language Arts (ELA) block in two Grade 9 classrooms and **Ms. Suzanne Hawkins** who will replace Ms. Marilyn Harris while on maternity leave in Grade 7 Late French Immersion (LFI). As stated in June's newsletter, we are pleased to have **Ms. Melissa Spurrell, Mr. Mike Brown, Ms. Alma Green and Mr. Paul Stewart** join our teaching staff. **Mr. Derrick Oake**, after the closing of Clarenville Primary, will have Clarenville Middle as his new home and we are pleased to have his warm personality and strong work ethic as part of our custodial staff. Finally, **Ms. Kathy Haines and Ms. Pat Senior** return to our school as student assistants for the 2011-12 school year.

We have some **new programming initiatives** for the 2011-2012 school year which we will attempt to frame for you during the upcoming parent information session on Tuesday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. For those parents new to our school, I hope this newsletter helps to inform you of schooling here at the Middle School. If any parent is available to volunteer at our school as a Resource Centre Volunteer; a breakfast program attendant; or **assist with the delivery of meals or the making of sandwiches** for our children, please contact Mr. Organ or Mr. Pardy. We would love to have you join our team! With parents and teachers working together we can be assured of providing optimal experiences for our children.

### DATES TO REMEMBER!

Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

Student Registration forms are due. These forms contain parent contact info and student health concerns. Please be sure to add your **e-mail address!**

Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Opening Assembly @ 11:00 a.m.**

Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

**Parent Information Session: Gym @ 7 p.m.**

Thursday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

*School 'Opening' Dance* – 8:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

CMS Cross-Country Run/Walk @ 11:00 a.m. (parents welcome)

Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>

No school for students in Clarenville Middle and Clarenville High – Teacher PD

Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Day Holiday – No School.

**Note: Please see our school homepage for a list of important dates for the entire school year.**

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – mark on your calendar!

Please reserve **Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** for our **Parent Information Session in the school gymnasium** where we will introduce all staff, highlight directions for schooling at CMS for 2011-12, and allow time for you to see your child's classroom. The following items are on the agenda:

- Introduction of staff
- Programming Overview: Block Timetabling; Daily Physical Education; Instrumental and Choral Delivery; Intermediate Math and Science Labs; French; Differentiated Instruction; Intermediate Modules & Class Groupings.

In addition, at **8:00 pm**, Ms. Lundrigan would like to meet with any parents of students in 7 – 9 expressing interest in our band program. It is NEVER too late to join this wonderful group!

## CMS YEARBOOK AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER!

CMS has again created a wonderful **'48 page soft-cover, 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, Ms. Andrews and Mr. Parrott** who spent countless hours, even throughout the summer, making this possible!

## PLEASE PLACE NAMES ON ALL STUDENT CLOTHING & ITEMS

'Clothes, clothes everywhere!' To protect your investment and help us get the items back to your child, please place names with a permanent marker on clothing tags, lunch bags, school bags, footwear, calculators, etc.

## STAFF ASSIGNMENTS 2011-12

Principal:	Craig Pardy
Assistant Principal:	Gerry Organ
Guidance:	Arlene Barnes (full time at CMS)
Grade 7:	Ray Parrott, Marilyn Harris, Rowena Avery, Sabrina Andrews, Charlene Stanley
Grade 8:	Rosiland Roberts, Paul Power, Michael Penney, Mike Brown, Lisa Drover, Trudy Davis
Grade 9:	Melissa Spurrell, Amy Cahill, Debbie Costigan, Paul Stewart, Sandy Stewart
Instructional Resource Teachers:	Christine Hawkins, Alma Green, Angela Ennis, Rosiland Roberts, Daphne Pond-Bowring
Technology/Network:	Trevor Coates, Mike Brown
Homepage:	Ray Parrott
Librarian:	Sabrina Andrews
Music:	Ann Lundrigan (Instrumental), Lisa Drover (Choral)
Physical Education:	Keith Randell, Michael Penney
French:	Rowena Avery, Paul Power, Trudy Davis, Debbie Costigan, Marilyn Harris
Secretary:	Geraldine Pomroy
Caretakers:	Scott Stringer, Derrick Oake
Student Assistants:	Angela Sheppard, Marie Pelley, Pat Senior, Kathy Haines
Late French Immerison Aid:	Nancy Villeneuve
Community Health Nurse:	Shona Stoyles
RCMP Liaison Officer:	Cst. Derm Roul
Breakfast Program:	Tracey Soper




## MAKING CONTACT WITH YOUR CHILD

Our very skilled and talented secretary, Ms. Pomroy, will be at her desk from 8:15 am - 12:00 noon and 12:45 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, Ms. Pomroy's day will end at 3:30 p.m. **Every attempt will be made** to have an administrator in the office area during lunch time. An e-mail to either the secretary or administrator will assure that **a message is delivered to your child**. If convenient for you, a phone call made outside the lunch hour time frame would certainly make contacting your child more time efficient for all. **Either way we look forward to serving you!**


## SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS AND SCHOOL'S INTERNET HOME PAGE

The first **school day of each month** will mark the release of a school newsletter. The night before the scheduled release, the newsletter will be posted on our school's homepage. All newsletters can be found by clicking on the 'Newsletters' box located in the side bar. Again, your school's homepage address is [www.k12.nf.ca/cms](http://www.k12.nf.ca/cms). Check out the student work and activities that have been posted from previous years.

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## Programming For The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Student

“No 21<sup>st</sup> century skills implementation can be successful without developing core academic subject knowledge and understanding among all students.”

*MILE Guide for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills: Milestones for Improving Learning and Education*

Much education literature now challenges schools and school districts to determine whether we are preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is obvious that times are changing and the skills needed by students in their working lives will be different from those years ago. CMS will be looking at all our programs and courses to determine whether the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills are actualized in all our program deliveries:

- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Information Technology
- Collaboration
- Flexibility / Adaptability
- Innovation / Creativity
- Global Competence
- Environmental Literacy

**Remember: These skill acquisitions rely upon mastery of the core subject areas as the foundation blocks!**

## HOT MEAL PROGRAM & FREE NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST

The cost of each Hot Lunch remains \$3.00 and tickets (book of 5 for \$15.00) will be sold each morning in our atrium. These tickets can then be used whenever desired by the student. Also available each morning is a free nutritious breakfast where students have access to toast, cereal, fresh fruit, yogurt, and pure orange/apple juice. The hot meal program menu is as follows:



- Monday - Taco's, fruit and milk
- Tuesday - Chicken Burgers, fruit and milk
- Wednesday - Chicken Noodle Soup or Kraft Dinner, roll, fruit snack & milk
- Thursday - Pizza and milk
- Friday - Chicken nuggets, fries and milk

Again, **if any parent or friend is available to assist in the delivery of a hot meal, please inform the office.**

We would love to have you join our wonderful team!



### START-UP NEWS

**Mid-month Recycling Drive:** Wednesday, Sept. 14<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!

**NEXT NEWSLETTER - MONDAY, OCT. 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2011**

Read a review of Mark Fenske's article, "**Forget the tutor – a run may help your kid's grades more**", found in the Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 edition of 'The Globe and Mail'. Mark Fenske is a neuro-scientist and co-author of 'The Winner's Brain: 8 Strategies Great Minds Use to Achieve Success'.