

Clarencville Middle School



NEWSLETTER: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Clarencville 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 Clarencville Middle School and look forward to another year of providing quality learning experiences. We have some new programming models for the 2009-2010 school year, which the upcoming parent information session will attempt to frame for you. For those parents new to our school, we 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; an active listener for a developing reader; 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.

SCHOOL DISTRICT LOOKING FOR WORKERS

Eastern School District is currently recruiting a good pool of casual employees in the fields of caretakers and school secretaries for its schools. Our workforce is aging and there is some potential for long term employment opportunities in the next couple of years. Any interested CMS parent is asked to refer to the ESDNL website where an application is available for downloading.

JOIN THE SCHOOL COUNCIL! (Troy Mitchell - Chair)

Wondered about what's going on at the school or how some decisions are made? Join the School Council! This is a way for parents to engage with the school and to have input on the operation of CMS. The Council is made up of staff, parents and community volunteers. They meet as a group every month to consider the quality of teaching and learning at the school. Some members' terms have concluded and this fall we have three (3) vacant Council positions. We invite interested parents to submit their names to the CMS office at 466-7558. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, September 25, 2009**. In the event that there are more than three interested people, ballots will be sent home for an election.

PLEASE PLACE NAMES ON ALL STUDENT CLOTHING & ITEMS

"Clothes, clothes everywhere!" The amount of student clothing unclaimed at our school during the 2008-09 school year was amazing. 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.

MAKING CONTACT WITH YOUR CHILD

Clarendville Middle School has seven hours of secretarial time each day. Our very skilled and talented secretary, Ms. Pomroy, will be at her desk from 8:15 am to 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 pm. **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. Again, the night before the scheduled release, the newsletter will be posted on our school's homepage. Also, teacher web pages to inform parents of homework assignments and class notes, will be a significant part of our school homepage. We ask parents to be on the look-out for these! 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. Check out the student work and activities that have been posted from previous years. A virtual archive of life and learning at CMS!

CMS CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

The CMS Running Club will be lacing up their sneakers for another exciting year of fun, fitness and friendship. The club will be hosting weekly practice sessions and also attending scheduled meets at other schools. If you are interested in joining this group please pick up your permission slip at the main office and pass it in to Mr. Penney during the first practice session on Tuesday, September 22, from 2:45 - 3:30 on our school soccer pitch.

"NOTES" FROM THE MUSIC ROOM...

All Choirs have now met at least once. We are excited to begin another musical year at CMS!
Below are a list of choirs and their respective practice times for 2009-2010:

4/5 Choir:	Day 3 (12:20 - 12:40)	Day 2 (11:00 - 11:30)
6/7/8 Choir:	Day 7 (11:30 - 12:00)	Every Monday after school until 3:45.
SSA (Girl's Choir):	Every 2 nd Thursday at lunch! (Every Thursday when a performance is approaching.)	
Boy's Group:	Day 6 (9:45 - 10:15)	

- ♪ Dress code is black pants / black CMS shirts for performances.
- ♪ New choir members can order shirts in October (letter will be forwarded at that time).
- ♪ We will be selling vegetable hampers in October. All proceeds will go towards the Choral program.
- ♪ Band schedules have been sent home to all students! Please make every effort to bring your instrument on your assigned day. Check out the Middle School homepage for this schedule in the very near future.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION - LOVE TO SEE YOU ALL!

A big welcome to those individuals joining our Middle School Team on a permanent or replacement position for the 2009-10 school year. **Please reserve Thursday, Sept. 24 @ 7:00 pm for our Parent Information Session** where we will introduce all staff, highlight directions for schooling at CMS for 2009-10, and allow time for you to see your child's classroom.



STAFF ASSIGNMENTS 2009-10

Principal	Craig Pardy
Assistant Principal	Gerry Organ
Guidance	Roberta Stanford
Grade 4	Lisa Drover, Mary-Lou Vey, Carol Budgell
Grade 5	Sabrina Andrews, Michael Penney, Trevor Coates
Grade 6	Trudy Davis, Charlene Stanley
Grade 7	Ray Parrott, Sandi Stewart, Rowena Avery, Debbie Costigan
Grade 8	Jill Cole, Paul Power, Tina Hanrahan
Special Needs	Christine Hawkins, Roberta Stanford, Rosiland Roberts, Daphne Pond-Bowring, Angela Ennis
Technology/Network	Trevor Coates
Homepage	Ray Parrott
Librarian	Sabrina Andrews
Music	Ann Lundrigan (Amy Melanson) / Lisa Drover
Physical Education	Keith Randell, Michael Penney
French	Rowena Avery, Paul Power, Trudy Davis, Debbie Costigan, Tina Hanrahan
Secretary	Geraldine Pomroy
Caretakers	Scott Stringer; David Piercey
Student Assistants	Angela Sheppard, Kathy Haines, Brenda Norris
Late French Immerison Aid	Nancy Villeneuve
Community Health Nurse	Shona Stoyles
RCMP Liaison Officer	Cpl. Rupert Baker
Breakfast Program	Marie Norcott
Chair of School Council	Troy Mitchell

CMS SCHOOL CLOTHING

Through the efforts of **Ms. Angela Sheppard**, our school will be making available school clothing beginning on Monday, Oct. 5 and ending on Friday, Oct. 16. Sizing shirts will be available at the school during this time. Ordered items will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, Nov. 10. More information will be forthcoming in October's newsletter. The following items will be available in Navy or Black: Full Zip Hoodie (\$45.00), Zipped Fleece (\$45.00), and T-Shirt (\$15.00).

START-UP NEWS

! Bus Times. Not sure of your bus arrival time? Once into our homepage, click on CMS BUS TIMES. 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. The bus may be delayed, but should never be early!

! Games. Any home with games that may be utilized in our games room such as 'Snakes and Ladders'; 'Guess Who'; 'Checkers'; 'Go Fish'; etc. would certainly be welcome.

! Breakfast Program. We would like to thank Ms. Marie Norcott for scheduling the Middle School Breakfast program. If any parent or friend can assist in this worthwhile cause, please call Marie at 466-7683.

! Student exercise books. In future, please purchase the Hilroy 'type' exercise, with no wire and one subject only. We have a healthy supply in our canteen as well as pencils. Remember, NO liquid white-out permitted in the building!

! Again, please mark all school supplies and articles of clothing (tag preferred I'm sure) in order that we can find the rightful owner if anything is misplaced. A great practice!

! Games Room Open Lunch Times. Games will be available for students each and every day in the Art Room during lunch hour. Games such as Chess, Snakes and Ladders, Scrabble and Trivia Games will be available for those interested.

! FRESH Fruit Cups are available each day at your canteen for the low, low price of \$1.00! As well, fresh, homemade turkey sandwiches available each day for \$2.00. EAT HEALTHY!

CALENDAR FOR THE 2009- 2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Total number of teaching days are 190 (including 5 Professional Development days for staff: Sept. 29 and 30; and Oct. 22 and Oct. 23), 3 statutory holidays and 2 administrative days - for a total of 195 days for the 2009-2010 school year! Please check our web page for all pertinent dates. Please note important dates upcoming:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Sept. 24, 2009 | Meet The Teacher Night 7:00 pm / Grade 5 Parent Band Meeting 8:00 pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tue, Sept. 29, 2009 | No School for students in Vista Region |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Sept. 30, 2009 | No School for students in Vista Region |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mon, Oct. 12, 2009 | Thanksgiving Day Holiday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thu, Oct. 22, 2009 | Staff PD - No School for students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fri, Oct. 23, 2009 | Staff PD - No School for students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Nov. 11, 2009 | Armistice Day Holiday |



STUDENT "WAY TO GO'S"

Back by popular demand, the 'Way To Go' in all future newsletters will celebrate the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside our school.

- ☺ **Way to go to Laura Baggs (5P)** who was seen doing the chicken dance on Hibernia Drive just before school opened. Like Mr. Penney, she was excited to start school!
- ☺ Also, way to go to **Faith Hallohan (5P)** who quickly approached a new student in her class to welcome her to CMS. Now that is great stuff!
- ☺ **Way to go to three Grade 8 students** who were very helpful to our substitute, Ms. Fleming, on Friday past. **Way to go to Shane Hillyard , Ian King and Gregory Brockerville** from 8P for your great assistance. **Also, to our youngest students Jade Soper and Lacey Avery** who after hearing that their classmate **Coady Stead** had bumped his head, came to the main office to ask how he was doing. Now that's super classmates!

HOT MEAL PROGRAM & FREE NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST

The cost of each Hot Lunch is \$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. Also available each morning is a free nutritious breakfast of toast, cereal, fresh fruit, yogurt, and pure orange/apple juice. The hot meal program menu is as follows:

- Monday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich (not processed cheese), fruit snack, milk**
- Tuesday: Chicken Caesar Wraps, fruit and milk**
- Wednesday: Chicken Noodle Soup or Kraft Dinner, roll, fruit snack & milk**
- Thursday: Tacos, snack 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 team!



NEXT NEWSLETTER - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009: ➤ New Student and Gr 4 survey results
➤ Vegetable Hampers reminder from Music department ➤ Student participation school policy for extra and co-curricular events ➤ Updated After-School Calender for 2009-10.