



CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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CMS Newsletter



TIGER TRACKS



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Clarenville Middle School (Home of the Tigers!) has revamped its newsletter - as you can tell! Welcome to "TIGER TRACKS". We hope you find it interesting, informative, and timely. To read TIGER TRACKS on-line, visit our school website at www.k12.nf.ca/cms and click on Newsletters. Now, on with the show...

IN THE NEWS . . .

GOLD



CMS TIGERS PROVINCIAL CHAMPS



In Corner Brook on Saturday April 9th, the crowd, many of which were parents of students from our school, saw the Middle School Boys Volleyball Team crowned provincial grade 8 & under champions. The gold medal game saw our boys come out on top with scores of 25-20 and 25-22 over the very talented Beaconsfield Saxons team from St. John's. This is the team that squeaked by our team in our invitational volleyball tournament earlier in the year. A HUGE WAY TO GO to the coach **Mr. Randell** who spent many, many hours working with this team to create a very talented squad - the tops in our province. **Congratulations** to the provincial champs who went undefeated throughout the tournament: Andrew Upshall (voted tournament M.V.P.); Josh Ennis ; Josh Davis; Jonathan Howell; Matthew Power; Jordan Pittman; Lyndon Goobie; Kenneth Neil; Zachery Caines; Justin Borja, Robert Kelly and Kendall Fitzgerald. Mr. Randell would like to thank all the parents from grade 7 and 8 teams for their support throughout the season. He states that not only was it a pleasure to work with the students but the parents as well. **Way to go middle school parents!**

MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS PARTICIPATE IN ROTARY FESTIVAL

As is the tradition, the Intermediate Band and the Grade 6 Band will be travelling to St. John's to participate in the Rotary Musicfest on Tuesday May 3rd. The Intermediate band will be leaving our school around 11:30 a.m. to perform at their clinic at 2:55 p.m. while the Grade 6 Band will leave after school. Both groups are performing in the evening concert at St. James United Church. The Grade 6 clinic will be held Wednesday morning. Both groups will be returning on Wednesday. Ms. Warren sent a letter to all parents on Friday April 8th providing much more detail about the trip. Parents are asked to complete the form attached to the letter and return to the school.

MORE NEWS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Saturday April 9th our girls teams, Grade 4&5 and 6&7, competed in the hotbed of provincial basketball, St. John's. Playing against strong competition during each game, our girls showed great skill, poise and sportsmanship. Our junior team, with 11 grade 4 students, played the grade 5 team from St. Peter's and the game ended with a score of 66 to 4. Coach Power stated that the girls struggled shooting against the much taller squad but **ALWAYS** remained pleasant and positive. Outstanding, girls! The provincial 'A' division is a very high calibre of basketball and according to the coaches, to reach this level, teams should compete at the level. Way to go to the middle school girls basketball teams, both junior and senior, and to the very dedicated coaches - Mr. **Donnie Power** (Gr 4/5) and Mr. **Paul Perry** and Mr. **Jim Hughes** (Gr 6/7). Thank you for your much-valued involvement.

VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL CAMP

The regional try-out camp for the provincial team will be held at our school gym on Friday April 19th and Saturday April 30th. This camp will be run by highly qualified coaches and open for male and female students in grades 7 to 11. While there is a significant range in ages, it will expose interested middle school students to some great coaching and better prepare them for future years in the sport. In fact, they will be just as interested in the younger players as they will be selecting several teams. The cost for the 2 day camp is \$20.00 and students can register online at www.nvla.net For further information, feel free to contact Mr. Randy Manning at the high school.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations are extended to all students who participated in the public speaking competition held in March. Participant's included **Alexa Thorne, Alexander Brannan, Carol Avery, Christian Pearce, Danika Carter, Kimberley Greening, Cassie Bishop, Hilary Power, Jamie Sweetland, Robert-Paul Barron, Hannah Tilley, and Brittany Drover**. This was one of the best speak-offs ever with 12 amazing speeches. In the end, **Cassie Bishop** and **Hilary Power** were awarded 1st place and runner-up respectively in the Junior division, **Jamie Sweetland** and **Brittany Drover** in the Senior division. Again, an excellent job by all participants.



LOCAL POETRY CONTEST

With April being **National Poetry Month** our school, through the efforts of Mr. Organ, is sponsoring a contest to discover the creative poets at Clarendville Middle School. Five cash prizes of **\$20.00** each will be awarded to the winner of each grade level. The prize money is possible due to the recent Book Fair - what better way to contribute money raised than to motivate students for the betterment of their literacy skills. The poem can be any type, be any length or take any form. The final copy must be typed or written in pen. Students can really impress the judges if they illustrate their page margins and/or cover (not required, but it helps!). Interested students can submit **ONE** entry. It must be received at the office on or before Friday April 22, 2005. If students have any questions, feel free to speak with our Resource Librarian, Mr. Organ. Winning entries will placed on the school's homepage under '**CMS NOW**'.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Schools in the Clarendville System of the Eastern School District (Balbo Elementary, Clarendville Middle and Clarendville High) are still exploring the possibility of hosting international students in the upcoming school year. This will be a unique opportunity for our students and communities to learn more about different cultures around the world and open our doors to students from other cultures. In order for this to be successful we must have some members of our community who are willing to host these students. Please inform Mr. Parady, Ms. Stanford or Ms. Winsor at 466-7558 if interested in hosting. Accommodations are paid for by the international exchange program

HERITAGE FAIR

The **District Heritage Fair** is May 7th. Interested students should put on their thinking hats and start working on their projects. Our class and school fairs will be held April 26th (Day-2). Since the grade 5 curriculum involves Newfoundland cultures, **all** grade 5 students will be expected to do an individual project. Other students will be informed if this project is compulsory for them. We wish to encourage all students to participate in this fair due to the wonderful learning experience. Also, any parent who could serve as a judge for one or both of these events please inform the school.



RECENT WAY TO GO'S

*The following items were published in the daily morning bulletin. The intention is to celebrate the many wonderful student actions and deeds that occur in and outside our school.
We have much to be proud of!*

☺ **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TAKE BRONZE AT PROVINCIALS:** The grade 7 boys team played extremely well at the provincials on Saturday March 19th at Avondale. They came home with the bronze medal falling just short of a silver or gold. The three teams that medaled all went three games with each other. After the round robin our middle school team was in second place in our 5 team division. We won our first play-off match then lost to the eventual gold medal team from Mount Pearl in three games. This loss put the Tigers into the Bronze medal match which they won in straight games. Congratulations to all members of the grade 7 squad and a special thank-you to **Mr. Randell** for making it all possible!!

☺ **WAY TO GO:** to **Josh Ennis** who competed with over 60 Grade 9 and Under basketball players from around the province over Easter for the provincial team. Joshua, a grade 8 student, made the cut after two days and was **one of only 24** players invited back to the 3rd day. A great achievement to compete at the provincial grade 9 level and be chosen for the last day of competition.

☺ **WAY TO GO:** to the **students of 5 Budgell** who completed on Monday April 4th the reading of over 100 books, a project by Scholastic Book Clubs. Prize? The donation of over 100 books to an underprivileged school. Again, a great initiative by the students of **5 Budgell** to help others. Previously it was the World Vision project. Great middle school dedication!!

☺ **WAY TO GO :** to **Jared Harding** and **Nathan Vey** who, as older middle school students, donated their recyclables this month to younger students. For Jared, it was provided for his younger sister Taylor. Super!

HOT MEAL PROGRAM MENU

MON : Pizza from Pizza Delight & milk. **Occasional**

Substitute: Mary Brown's chicken, taters or fries and milk.

TUE: Nachos and Cheese, fruit and milk

WED: Chicken Noodle Soup, sandwich, and milk.

THU: **Rotation of meals :** Tacos / Hamburgers and carrot sticks (**this week's selection**) / Spaghetti with garlic bread / served with fruit and milk.

FRI: Chicken nuggets, fries and choice of drink.

★ Turkey sandwiches, again thanks to Mr. Calvin Drodge (Goobie's Irving), are available daily for purchase.

STUDENT LATENESS FOR CLASS

Please be advised that the following practice regarding student absences / lateness is in place at our school. The purpose is to accurately record those who are frequently late returning from recess and dinner breaks and intervene on any student whose parent expects them at school but didn't show up for class. A safety / security issue! The practise is as follows:

❶ Phone calls will be placed to the home in cases where students do not show up for school. Parents are asked to inform school's secretary of your sons/daughters absence prior to start of class.

❷ Students receiving more than 2 late slips (for reasons other than medical and direct parental or teacher permission) will have home contacted and a meeting at the office. Subsequent lateness will lead to a detention during lunch hour. Let's be on time!!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Clarenceville Middle School in partnership with Kids Eat Smart Foundation and Clarenceville Rotary Club have successfully completed the first week of the program. The program exists because there is a proven link between good nutrition and a child's ability to concentrate and learn. Clarenceville Middle School now provides breakfast and lunch for all students made possible through the fantastic volunteers. No child should be hungry at our school. The lunch program costs \$3.00 per meal with The Rotary Club of Clarenceville and our school supplying meals to those without the financial resources to do. The breakfast program is free for all, a stipulation of The Kid's Eat Smart Program. Currently, we have toast, cereal, milk, juice (apple/orange) and working on having yogurt and fresh fruit available. Our wish is for all students to enjoy a good breakfast during a quality social time with their peers and teachers.

The breakfast program at Clarenceville Middle School is headed by Ms. Winsor who is forwarding a letter attached to this newsletter to better explain the program. While we are not permitted to charge for breakfast, we had many parents of students who would like to contribute to the program. The letter provided will shed some light on this. We would like to **thank** the following groups/individuals who have already participated or consented to do so: Walmart, RCMP Clarenceville Detachment, The Packet, Middle School Retired Teachers group headed by Mr. Rod Nicholl, Scotiabank, Pentecostal Church support group, SGE Group, Clarenceville Middle School Staff, Mrs. Marie Norcott, Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Carmel Smith, Mrs. Adrian Goodman, Mrs. Regina Bailey, Mrs. Alice Hayley, and Mrs. Wally Haines. Also, to 'Don Cherry's Sports Grill' who, in the process of moving to their new location on Manitoba Drive, recently donated over 200 boxes of cereal and lot's pancake mix for our breakfast and lunch program. A very generous donation by a very community minded business. Much thanks!

TIDBITS



Congratulations to ALL those students in grades 4-6 who participated in the Great Canadian Geography Challenge before the Easter break. A special nod to those who represented their class in the school challenge : 4 Vey [Nathan Baker] 4 Drover [Victoria Brannan & Mark Bennett] 5 Pye [Justin Abbott] 5 Budgell [Kieran Vasanthan] 5 Pynn [Luke Sawler] 6 Davis [Garrett White] 6 Avery [Jared Harding]. A pat on the back to our school winners: 1st Place [Garrett White] 2nd Place [Justin Abbott] 3rd Place [Luke Sawler] GREAT ACHIEVEMENT!

Welcome to Jenny Benoit (6 Avery) and Tanika Bugden (5 Pye) who have just transferred into our school A big middle school welcome!

3 PROVINCIAL WINNERS! We've heard that there are 3 winners from the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Essay / Poster Contest. Two are from CMS, which amounts to an outstanding achievement. Imagine, the whole province - 2 winners. Official announcements will be made later with the Packet and an assembly to follow!!

Body spray or deodorant in High school corridor upstairs! It has been brought to our attention that several high school students have mentioned that our students who occupy classrooms in the high school corridor spray a substance that provides an odour that bothers some. Students are reminded that neither the corridor, nor the classroom is a place for such an application as MANY are very sensitive and bothered with such a spray and SEVERAL have serious allergies. Please be advised - respect your fellow students!

7 & 8 Girl's Volleyball : Mr. Randell requests your uniform to be returned as soon as possible.

Discover Canada through National Maps and facts about our great country . Check out this FREE website - www.atlas.gc.ca

Also, heard of a great website on The National news recently, free of charge for those who wish to access an updated atlas of Canada. Check it out: www.canadiangeographic.ca/atlas

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Wednesday, April 15th

Neal O'Leary Concert at our gymnasium in the evening. \$8.00 - adult ; \$6.00 for students and children. Tickets available at the school.

Tuesday, April 26th

Bottle Drive.

Thursday, April 28th

Combined Choirs - Spring Concert.

Friday, April 22nd

Deadline for student poetry contest. [see newsletter item]

Tuesday, May 3rd

Intermediate (7&8) and Grade 6 Band leave for Rotary Music Festival in St. John's. [see newsletter item]

Saturday, May 7th

Regional Heritage Fair held at our school.

Saturday, May 14th

Flea Market. Call to book a table (\$10.00 / ea.)

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Two new additions to our website: ① "CMS Now!" is a collection of recent 'goins on' at CMS. ② "Student Work" is the start of a great compilation of work samples from our talented students. Why not make CMS your first stop on the internet! In *Internet Explorer*, click Tools, Internet Options, and then type www.k12.nf.ca/cms as the address for your homepage. Click Apply, and the next time you go on-line, you'll go right to Clarendville Middle School On-line.