



CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

...Where Children Come First!

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CMS Newsletter

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GRADE 7 PROVINCIAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS!

Congratulations to all 19 middle school players and coaches Mr. Randell and Mr. Blackmore on winning the provincials. As Mr. Randell stated in his concluding comments : 'when we started this months ago we started as a group of 19 and today we won as a team of 19'. A picture was taken for the Packet with the 19 athletes holding the banner and all 19 signed! Thank-you to both coaches for allowing all those students interested to participate and for providing a very memorable experience. Way to go to the provincial champs: Taylor Pittman, Lucas Goobie, Brandon Reid, Garrett White, Matthew Goodman, Ben Drover, Josh Winter, Andrew Smith, Andrew Feener, Alex Brannon, Nathan Vey, Matthew Critch, Shane Reardon, Nick Hann, Jon Mercer-Miller, Ryan Lane, Alex Parrott, Justin Abbott, Nolan Porter.

Also, thank-you to Brandon Randell who was called upon to fill in for a player participating in the Kiwanis Music Festival. You did great Brandon!

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEGION WINNERS

Winners! We have been informed that we have 8 winners (YES - 8!) in the Legion Poster and Essay Contest. ALL winners come from grade 5 classes: 2nd & 3rd in Poster ; 1st , 2nd & 3rd in Junior Essay ; 1st , 2nd & 3rd in Black & White Poster. Great achievement thanks to dedicated students and very supportive teachers. More details to come!!

BAR SALE to support BREAKFAST PROGRAM

On Wednesday April 5th interested students will be given a box of bars to sell with all money raised going directly to support the breakfast program at Clarenville Middle School which is free of charge to all. We have 30 - 35 boxes remaining and instead of sending them back we will try to maximize the returns for our program. This newsletter will provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's possible participation. Also, if you can assist at your workplace by selling a box it would be much appreciated.

RECYCLING NOTE: We plan to have a recycling blitz every second Wednesday throughout the spring starting Wednesday April 12th . Each garbage bag delivered will result in a ticket being awarded and entered in a draw for many prizes. Stay tuned for updates as we strive to help the environment.

MARCH WAS NUTRITION MONTH

Some healthy changes are planned for Clarenville Middle School:

- Fresh garden salads will again be sold in our canteen.
- Students and staff eating healthy snacks/meals will be highlighted in our morning bulletin. For example, each day this year Mr. Organ has eaten at least ONE banana.
- Friday's Hot Meal of Chicken Nuggets and fries will only be served with milk, not soft drinks.
- We will look at reducing and eliminating the potato chips in the very near future. Be watching for many great tasting substitutes. Stay Tuned - Be Healthy!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

A reminder to all students to get your yearbook orders into the office as soon as possible. The cost of the yearbook is \$15.00 and will be a great keepsake for all students. Pictures have been included of all school groups and clubs as well as staff. Yearbooks must be pre-ordered to ensure that you get your copy. The deadline for ordering is Friday, May 5th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Spurrell.



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 !**

- ☺ Way to go: to **Rebecca Smith (4Drover)** who had her letter read on VOXM radio the morning of Friday March 10th which celebrated her favourite school - CMS. Today we celebrate Rebecca for her kind words - you and your friends make our school a great place!! Thanks.
- ☺ Way to go: to **David Marsh** who brought along 4 books that were left behind from the 4-5 reading session yesterday. Thanks for taking the time to do this David!
- ☺ Way to go: to **Chris Dalton** who picked up a considerable sum of money earlier this week and passed it along to Ms. Vey. Super middle school behaviour Chris!
- ☺ Way to go to our very talented students who have participated in the winter games and the Air Cadet Squadran who played *O Canada* at a 'Fog Devils' game last month in St. Johns.
- ☺ Way to go: to **Tanner Ujvary (4Vey)** for taking the time yesterday during lunch to visit the volunteers in the kitchen and say 'Thank-you' . Great middle school manners. Also to **Lori-Ann Hollett (4Drover)** for the wonderful note that was passed along to a teacher recently that made the teacher feel great.
- ☺ Way to go: to **Kayla Marsh** who volunteers each and every morning to sell hot meal tickets. Thanks and we greatly appreciate your services!
- ☺ Way to go to **Zachery Austin** and **Brandon Smith** who represented our school and region at the Provincial Chess tournament at Memorial University this past weekend. In St. John's our students played 5 intense games of chess against the best in the province to determine who would go to the nationals. Zachery states "Learning is the key and on Saturday I learned lots to improve my chess game". Brandon won 4th place after playing the tie breaker for the bronze.
- ☺ Way to go to **Ms. Avery** who did a great job Tuesday March 21st presenting to the staff at Matthew Elementary School in Bonavista on Intensive Core French.
- ☺ Way to go to **Chris Dalton (6Davis)** who competed recently in a snowboard competition at White Hills for 12-17 years old and was awarded the prize for 'future snow-boarder' which indicates a skier with good promise in the sport!
- ☺ Also, a way to go to **Kyle Ryan (4Drover)** who found a sum of money and brought it to the office so the owner could be found. Special thanks as well to his pop, Willie Ryan as well!
- ☺ Seen Eating Healthy recently was **Colton Chaulk (6B)** who was eating a very nutritious apple. Way to go to Colton and all students for eating great snacks! Also, seen at the school dance with a bag of BAKED Lays was the very healthy eating Mr. Parrott! Well, no surprise here.
- ☺ Way to go to **Brandon Holloway (7Spurrell)** who showed Ms. Hawkins a fantastic Internet site which teaches typing skills. Thanks Brandon!
- ☺ Way to go to members of the instrumental brass group who were heard performing 'Funkytown' on Wednesday under the direction of Ms. Warren. A great job performing this selection - 'Funkytown' was Mr. and Mrs. Walsh's wedding song, the 1st selection played during their wedding reception. Great job by Andrew Feener, Mark Bennett, Brandon Drodge and Ryan Perry. You would have done a far better job at Mr. Walsh's wedding reception than the group named 'Carmel Squares' he spoke so highly of!
- ☺ Way -to-go to middle school members of the band called "Nameless", who performed at White Hills on Saturday April 1st gathering many positive comments from the audience and teachers in attendance. They even picked up another booking in Placentia. An upcoming group of performers that are already making their mark - congratulations to Shawn Bennett, Nathaniel Drover, Ryan Mercer and Mark Power on the creation of great sound. Accolades come from the well-established musicians of OPA, who were listening to you perform Saturday afternoon: Mr. Organ, Ms. Avery and Mr. Pretty. These three know musical talent when they see it!

TIDBITS

- S Big thank-you to Mr. and Mrs. Norris (Ann's mom and dad) for the large contribution of children books for our resource centre and classrooms. Super contribution for our literacy development!
- S Thank-you to Rex Decker who has volunteered to take a box of bars to sell at NAPO Auto Parts.
- S Welcome to Adrian Bell, who transferred into Grade 8 at CMS on March 6th !
- S Heard that **Brett LeDrew** was eating healthy at the High School Provincial Basketball Tournament at CMS. Brett states that he did eat a banana over the course of Saturday. We wish Brett the strength and determination to eat TWO pieces of fruit next weekend - we'll work with you Brett! Also, way to go to **Kaitlyn Sceviour** who purchased a fruit -cup at last week's dance.
- S Welcome to Marie-Josée Lapalme, a French Intern from Quebec, who is working with our students during french classes. Just ask the students of 4Drover how much they love her activities!
- S Big thank-you to **Hillary Mitchell** (Grade 3 Primary School student) for loaning Mr. Pardy her fake nose and mustache outfit to use in a very important project in 7Spurrell!
- S Grant approved. Through the efforts of Mr. Randell, our school has been approved for a Healthy School Community Grant of **\$300.00** from Eastern Health. The funding is the result of a partnership between Eastern School District and Eastern Health to implement the provincial Healthy Students, Healthy Schools Initiative.
- S Campbells Soup Labels. Big thank-you to the following students and their families for the contribution of soup labels for the school's rewards program : Bradley Greening (100 labels) ; Zachery Barnes (35 labels) ; and Andrew Smith (53 labels).
- S **Scholastic Book Fair**. Thanks to parents who supported the recent book fair. A special thanks goes out to all students who were so helpful in running the book fair. All proceeds will be used to purchase new materials for the resource center.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER . . .



Monday - Friday 3rd-7th : Kiwanis performances ongoing. Good luck to the many middle school performers.

Friday April 7th : Term 2 speak-off in gymnasium at 10:30 a.m.

Friday April 7th and 8th : Grade 8 Provincial Volleyball hosted by our school.

Monday April 10th: Our grade 4/5 choir to participate in the grand opening of the new Sobey's store at 9:30 a.m.

Monday April 10th : The annual CMS Grade 5 'Grandparents Day'.

Wednesday April 12th : Recycling Blitz. Each garbage bag full will earn a ticket for a draw for several prizes.

Thursday April 13th : Easter holidays begin at the end of school today(2:45 p.m.). Deadline for QSP magazine orders.

Monday April 24th : School re-opens with it being Day 7 on student timetable.

Friday May 5th : Deadline for yearbook pre-orders



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MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

We will again offer the magazine campaign which offers hundreds of subscriptions directed at people of all ages and interests. Before you renew your current subscriptions, check out the savings offered by this program. All students have received a copy of the subscription catalogue. This package includes order forms. If you would like to order simply fill out the order form and submit it at the office. The deadline for orders is Thursday April 13th. Proceeds from this campaign go into the school's learning resource program.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN!

8 Middle School Students capture GOLD!! At an atom tournament in Marystown our Atom team played four games prior to the championship winning by scores of 4-1; 2-1 ; 5-0; and 6-1. Scoring for the weekend opened with Spencer Norcott shooting from his blue line and the puck ricocheting off a couple of skates before entering the net. The championship game saw the final buzzer report a score of 5-1 on the scoreclock, over Lewisporte, to capture the gold medals. Congrats. to Middle School players: Spencer Norcott, Shane Hillyard, Jordan Norcott, Marcus Neil, Mark Bennett, Ryan Feener, Nathan Baker; and Ryan Perry.

A BIG THANK-YOU

Prior to the Easter break, the Austin family are transferring out of the Clarendville Area. We would like to thank the whole family for their immense involvement in our school. Their involvement with the hot meal program, school council, Jump Start program, breakfast program, etc. has befitted Clarendville Middle School greatly. Iqaluit's gain is our loss. All the best and much thanks from the staff and students of our school!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Amanda Meunier; Chantel Maloney; Heather Drake; Sabrina Baker; Tanikka Matchem; Teeanna Matchem ; and Stacey King were highly talked about on page 9 , section A, of the March 27th Packet. The pictures and write-up in the newspaper discuss how this middle school youth group helped build positive relationships through the 'mentoring program' at the Moores Road Neighbourhood Resource Centre. Sabrina Baker states : 'If they ever have something like this again I'd like to take part and I'd recommend it to other youth in the area'. That's dedication and true Middle School Volunterism. Way to go girls ! Boy's - where are you??

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION SURVEYS

On the evening of January 26th , a presentation was held at Clarendville Middle School to introduce the concept of Late French Immersion by French specialists. Approximately 20 parents of students in the Clarendville School System attended. The surveys that were sent home to parents of grade 4-6 students was a result of this meeting. The reason for the delay in forwarding this letter to you ? The surveys were received at the Middle School on the afternoon of March 9th and as a result of parent teacher meetings and no school for students on Friday March 10TH , the letters were outdated. This together with a desire on behalf of staff, administration and council to further dialogue on the implementation of this program lead to a delay in parents receiving the survey. The returned Late French Immersion surveys have been forwarded to district office with the following results:

Grade 6 Application for Enrolment:

6 students out of 66 = 9%

Expression of Interest : Grade 4:

11 students out of 46 = 24%

Expression of Interest : Grade 5:

8 students out of 51 = 16%

DID YOU KNOW?

*A new TIGER TRACKS feature
added to your school newsletter*

- ✓ Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.
- ✓ The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (Now get this...) The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
- ✓ The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000.
- ✓ If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.