



CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

...Where Children Come First!

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CMS Newsletter



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September 6, 2005

Principal: Mr. Craig Pardy

Assistant Principal: Mr. Tom Walsh

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 the staff, students and programming at your Clarenville Middle School and look forward to another year of providing quality learning experiences. For those parents new to our school I hope this newsletter helps to inform you of schooling here at the Middle School. If you have any questions or concerns, please stop in to speak with your child's teacher, Mr. Walsh (Asst. Principal) or myself. With parents and teachers working together we can be assured of providing optimal experiences for our children.

Important Dates To Remember

- ☞ Instrumental & Choral sessions begin **Wednesday Sept. 7th**
- ☞ Opening Assembly: **Thu, Sept. 15th at 10:30 a.m.** Parents welcome!
- ☞ Grade 7 & 8 Modules to begin **Thursday Sept. 8th**
- ☞ Parent Information Session **Tue, September 20th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**
- ☞ **No school for students Friday Sept. 30th - teacher professional development session**
- ☞ Chocolate Fund Raiser will run from **Sept. 23rd to Oct. 7th**
- ☞ School Pictures : Grades 4-6 **Tue, Oct. 11th** / Grades 7-8 **Wed, Oct. 12th**
- ☞ **No school for students Friday Oct. 28th - teacher professional development session**
- ☞ Term 1 Report Cards sent home: **Thursday December 1st** . Parent Teacher Meetings: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thu. Dec. 1st / 8:40-12:00 Fri. Dec 2nd
- ☞ No School for students Fri. Dec. 2nd : Parent meetings (a.m.) / Teacher In-service (p.m.)
- ☞ **Grade 7 & 8 Comprehensive Assessments** : ELA - Feb. 6th / Math-Feb. 7th / Sci. Feb. 9th
- ☞ Term 2 Report Cards sent home: **Thursday March 9th, 2006.** Parent Teacher Meetings: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thu. Mar. 9th / 8:40-12:00 Fri. Mar. 10th
- ☞ No School for students Fri. Mar 10th : Parent meetings (a.m.) / Teacher In-service (p.m.)

Welcome New Staff Members

Welcome to those new members of our staff: Ms. Melissa Spurell who is a math and science specialist who has taught for the past number of years at Heritage Collegiate, Ms. Daphne Pond-Bowring, Ms. Peggy Fleming, and Mr. Matthew Blackmore who have taught at our school in the past, either as substitute teachers or replacement teachers. A warm welcome is also extended to Mr. Walsh who returns from the principalship position at Anthony Paddon Elementary in Musgravetown and Ms. Michelle Davis and Ms. Brenda Norris who are joining our staff for the first time. Good luck and best wishes to Ms. Budgell as she embarks upon her role for the 2005-06 school year as K-6 Program Specialist for the Vista/Burin Region this year.

Staff Assignments 2005-06

Principal: Craig Pardy , Assistant Principal: Tom Walsh
 Grade 4: Lisa Drover, Mary-Lou Vey
 Grade 5: Peggy Fleming, Peggy Pye
 Grade 6: Rowena Avery, Trudy Davis, Matthew Blackmore
 Grade 7: Ray Parrott, Melissa Spurrell
 Grade 8: Marilyn Waye, Gerry Organ, Phillip Noel
 Sp. Needs: Christine Hawkins, Daphne Pond-Bowring, Rosiland Roberts, Suzette Chatman
 Librarian: Gerry Organ
 Guidance: Roberta Stanford
 Educational Psychologist: Michelle Davis
 Music: Amy Warren , Lisa Drover
 Technology: Ray Parrott
 Phys-Ed: Keith Randell
 French: Rowena Avery, Trudy Davis, Marilyn Waye
 Student Assistants: Angela Sheppard, Brenda Norris
 Secretary: 'To be announced'
 Caretakers: Scott Stringer, Dave Piercey
 Community Health Nurse: Gina Spurrell
 RCMP Liaison Officer: Cpl. Rubert Baker



BUS REGULATIONS

Students are to behave in a responsible manner when travelling on the bus. Students are reminded that the driver has complete authority on the bus regarding seating and conduct. Repeated misbehaviour will result in the suspension of bus privileges. A detailed statement of the school's bus rules follows:

1. The driver of a school bus is in charge at all times. He is responsible for the students while travelling to and from school.
2. Students are not permitted to board a bus unless the driver is present.
3. Students are to line up and board the bus in an orderly manner.
4. Students are to behave in an orderly fashion. Misbehaviour cannot be tolerated.
5. Students must be on time for the school bus.
6. Students are not permitted to eat or drink while riding a school bus.
7. Throwing garbage on floor of bus or through bus window is not permitted.
8. Students are not to put their arms or head out of bus windows.
9. Students must be seated according to the driver's seating plan.
10. Students are not to tamper with bus windows or emergency doors.
11. Student misbehaviour on the bus can result in detentions, warning letters and/or bus suspensions.

HOT MEAL PROGRAM

The cost of each Hot Lunch is \$3.00 and tickets (book of 5 for \$15.00) will be sold each morning, starting tomorrow, in our atrium. These tickets can then be used whenever desired by the student. The hot meal program menu is as follows:

- Mon: Chili, roll, fruit snack, milk
- Tue: Nachos/Cheese, fruit, milk
- Wed: Chicken Noodle Soup or Kraft Dinner, roll, fruit snack & milk
- Thu: Spaghetti, garlic bread, snack and milk
- Fri: Chicken nuggets, fries and drink.

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! Mary Brown's or Pizza will be substituted on occasion when volunteer teams are unable to attend.

Breakfast Program Begins Monday Sept. 12th !

This program is available free of charge to our students - the more students that avail of this service the more pleased we are. Juice, toast and cereal are available. If you wish to contribute to this program, all donations are greatly appreciated. All monetary donations are matched financially by the 'Kid's Eat Smart Foundation'.

SCHEDULE OF STUDENT ASSEMBLIES : 2005 - 2006

DATE	GRADE	THEME
Fri, Oct. 7	4	THANKSGIVING
Thu, Nov. 10	6	REMEMBRANCE
Thu, Dec. 22	7	CHRISTMAS
Mon, Mar. 6	Staff	EDUCATION WEEK

DATE	GRADE	THEME
Thu, Apr. 13	8	EASTER
Fri, May 19	5	ENVIRONMENTAL
Wed, June 22	Admin	YEAR END

A Message to Parents

Your goals as a parent and the goals of the school for your child are the same. Full cooperation between home and school is important. The following suggestions are intended to help you make a contribution to your child's success in school:

1. Parental support along with regular and punctual attendance are the greatest factors in school success. Parents who permit a child to be absent from school unnecessarily place a handicap upon the student's opportunity to succeed in his/her studies.
2. The nature of our courses is such that some work outside of class is needed. Even though written work may not be assigned, there is usually a need for extra study in the subject. You can help by providing for home study. A quiet room with good lighting is important.
3. A wholesome attitude toward school is important for your child's success. Students can learn little from a teacher they do not trust or believe in. The wise parent will bring his/her questions and problems to the principal and teachers. Support your school.
4. You may further help the school to serve your child's interest:
 - (a) Make it your business to know your child's teachers.
 - (b) Write full explanations with dates of absences and sign them yourself.
 - (c) Expect a report card at the end of each 12 week period.
 - (d) Study report cards carefully.
 - (e) Refrain from telephoning students during the school hours except for real emergencies.
 - (f) Cooperate with the school in carrying out disciplinary action when such action is necessary.
 - (g) Teach your child respect for the law, authority and the rights of others.

We care for and want the best for your child!

CONSUMABLE CHARGES

The consumable cost is \$27.00 for students in Grades 4 to 8. This cost will cover the student's French workbook, agenda (containing school standards and rules), student insurance, student ID cards, cost of photocopying resource materials/handouts, and the cost of in-school presentations. Students in Grades 4 are asked for an additional \$10.00 to cover the cost of their music book and recorder while students in grade 7 & 8 are asked to pay an additional \$10.00 for materials and supplies related to their module courses. Also, Band Students will be levied an additional \$20.00 cost to help support the band program.

CALENDER FOR 2005- 2006 SCHOOL YEAR

Total number of teaching days are 190 (including 5 Professional Development days for staff : no school for students on these days), 3 statutory holidays and 2 administrative days for a total of 195 days for the 2004-2005 school year! Please note the following dates:

- School opens for students on Tuesday, September 6th, 2005.
- Teacher In-service Friday Sept. 30th : No school for students
- Monday, Oct. 10th : Thanksgiving Day Holiday.
- Teacher In-service Friday Oct. 28th : No school for students
- Thursday, Nov. 11th : Armistice Day (Remembrance)
- Thursday, Dec. 22nd to Wednesday January 4th, 2006 : CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Thursday, April 13th to Monday, April 24th, 2006 : EASTER BREAK
- Monday, May 22nd, 2006 : Victoria Day Holiday - No School.
- Thursday, June 22nd, 2006 : Last Day of School for Students

Other Important Start-up Info...

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS AND SCHOOL'S INTERNET HOME PAGE

The following days 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, curriculum outcomes for each grade level are now a part of the GREAT looking school 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 . Check out the student work that has been posted from 2004-05 .

TIM HORTONS: HUGE thanks for their contribution of school bags packed with school supplies for our students. A valued partnership that makes schooling much more enjoyable for many of our children!



SCHOOL CLOSURES

In an effort to give parent ample time to prepare for a school closure, the following days will involve professional development sessions for staff at Clarendville Middle School. There will be no school for students on these days: Friday Sept. 30th , Friday Oct. 28th .

STUDENT LOCKS

Clarendville Middle School will supply combination locks to students as soon as they arrive at our school. No other locks will be permitted on school lockers. The combinations to these locks are computer generated and can be found instantly. The rental cost of those interested in obtaining a lock will be \$3.00 for the year. The locks must be returned on or before June 22nd 2006.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2005 - 06

Dan Mercer - Chair	Richard Power	Trudy Davis	Troy Mitchell	Robyn Squires
Cpl. Rupert Baker	Lorne Squires	Vanessa Austin	Dr. Vasanthan	
Craig Pardy - Principal	Tom Walsh	Paul Tilley	Wanda Green-Baker	

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL

If inclement weather results in a school closure, the announcement will be made over the local radio station, CKVO 710 and CBC Radio, as soon as possible. If school is cancelled during the school day, an announcement will be made on the radio and students will be informed early enough so they can call home.

PLEASE PLACE NAMES ON ALL STUDENT CLOTHING & ITEMS

'Clothes, Clothes everywhere!' The amount of student clothing unclaimed at our school is 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.

SCHOOL REPORT CARD

We are in the process of posting our 2004-05 school report to our school's homepage, as well as student awards presented in June 2005. The report card informs parents and visitors of data gathered and the quality of school life for our students. A copy of this report card can be made available to you upon request to our school secretary.