



CLARENVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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CMS Newsletter

TIGER TRACKS

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MIDDLE SCHOOL REVISITS PAST

School Heritage Fair HUGE Success! Congratulations to all students who participated. The following students from **Clarenville Middle School** were selected by a group of judges on April 28th to represent our school at the **Regional Histor'ca Fair** on May 6th at Trinity {see section below}: Natasha Anderson; Jody Mercer ; Curtis Pearce ; Kyle Marsh ; Hillary Power; Taylor Harding; Emma Howell; Deidre Pond; Ashley Button; Jenine Sheppard; Gabriel Shea; Hannah Tilley ; Nicholas Moody; Garrett White; Jordan Penney; Nicholas Skiffington; Erica Strong; Ian King; Sydney Toms; Amy Feltham; Mark Bennett; and Ryan Feener.

The Clarenville Historic Society also sent judges to select the top three projects dealing with topics involving Clarenville and/or Shoal Harbour. Special awards choosing three projects from the above that represented the towns of Clarenville and Shoal Harbour in a historical manner were:

First Prize: Hannah Tilley with her project "Scholar John Tilley" won an autographed hard cover book by author Kevin Major.

Second Prize: Erica Strong with her project "Clarenville and the Railway" won an autographed paperback book by Kevin Major.

Third Prize: Jenine Sheppard's project "Giant Canada Geese" won her the book "Journey Through Time: Clarenville History"

Clarenville Middle School would like to thank the adjudicators, parents, staff and all others who were involved in making this event such a success. Please look at our school website for these winners and the names of the representatives attending the District Fair.

CMS EXHIBITS AT REGIONAL HERITAGE FAIR

Clarenville Middle School would like to congratulate **all participants** at the Regional Heritage Fair held at the Rising Tide Theatre set in Trinity on Saturday , May 6th. Special tip of the hat to those 8 who finished **in the top 20**: Natasha Anderson; Hillary Power; Taylor Harding; Gabriel Shea; Emma Howell; Nicholas Moody; Erica Strong and Sydney Toms. **Winners of special awards:**

National Fair (1st Place): Hilary Power - "The Beothuks" Off to Halifax to represent the region!

Communications Award: Erica Strong - "Clarenville Railway"

Hon. Laurier L. LaPierre Medals: Emma Howell - "Red Bay"; Taylor Harding - "Growth and Decline of the Nfld Railway"

DRUG AWARENESS SESSION HELD

We hope all students enjoyed the entertainment on April 28th and learned more about the consequences of drug use. We remind students that it has been the policy/practise for many years that any student caught smoking on or around school grounds, or hanging out in a smoking area, will be suspended from school. Why? Whether you have permission to leave school grounds or not, we have the responsibility of guarding CMS students from dangerous products/activities between 8:15 a.m. (arrival at school) and 2:45 (departing school). **Why do we have this rule?** • Nearly 5 million people in Canada are addicted to tobacco • 50% chance that smokers will die prematurely as a result of smoking • 2nd hand smoke causes 4,700 deaths each year in Canada. • Tobacco is a 'gateway drug'. The Surgeon General reports smokers develop other drug dependencies. **CMS CARES!**

NEW ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR CMS

Recently CMS purchased the SCAN-C assessment kit for auditory processing disorders in children. It is also an excellent tool for evaluating children for ADHD to determine whether auditory processing difficulties are contributing to behaviour. The test can be given to children who have normal peripheral hearing but poor listening skills, short auditory attention span, or difficulty understanding speech in the presence of background noise. The waiting list at the Janeway for auditory testing is now over one year. Janeway states that this is a good screening tool for auditory processing difficulties while we wait for the more comprehensive assessment at the Janeway. We will then be able to put some accommodations in place for our students while waiting for the Janeway assessment.



RECENT WAY TO GO'S

The following items were published in the morning bulletin. The intention is to celebrate the many wonderful deeds that occur at CMS. We have much to be proud of!

- Way to go to **Tinikka Matchem** who brought to the office \$1.00 that the vending machine gave her incorrectly. Thanks for your honesty and for showing true middle school behaviour Tinikka! It's not the dollar it's your action we celebrate.
- Way to go to the many **band students** for your skill and superb behaviour during last week's trip to St. John's. The performances at the Rotary Musicfest were great. While the senior concert band may have started a little shaky at Cochrane United Church as a result of no warm-up/tuning, they most certainly finished strong throughout! The assistant manager at Super 8 Hotel stated that it was the most well-behaved group that ever stayed at the place. Middle school makes their mark again. Congratulations students!!
- On Sunday May 7th a **'Sharing Our Cultures'** event was held in our gymnasium profiling cultural heritage from MANY other cultures for our public. Way to go to **Claire LeDrew**, the only middle school student attending this educational event.
- Way to go to **Ryan Perry** (5Fleming) for proper body maintenance after swimming on the band trip in May. After sliding down the hotel slide, Ryan went back to his room to shower away the chlorine and apply his body spray. One piece of advice Ryan - don't use too much 'Axe' - 'a little dab will do ya'. Instead of attracting many girls, as shown on T.V., it set off the smoke detector in the hotel and lead to all the girls and others exiting the hotel with alarms sounding. After an hour or so the room was aired and no one was worst to wear - a learning experience - 'too much of a good thing may not bring the results you desire'! Ha.
- Way to go to **Tyler Chaulk (8Waye)** who was overheard by two teachers using great manners with the volunteers working in the cafeteria. Super stuff!
- Way to go to **Mr. Vic Romaine**, one of our great bus drivers. On Tuesday May 2nd Mr. Romaine entered the office to express concern about the safety of a student. The day prior, a grade 8 student got off the bus only to walk down the side and cross the road behind the bus. Mr. Romaine was concerned that when the Emergency flashers were shut off and traffic started to move, this student could have been hit by an on-coming car. As stated by this concerned bus driver - **all students should cross the road 'in front' of the bus while traffic is stopped.** CMS- Where Student Safety is Paramount. The student was thankful Mr. Romaine!
- Way to go to **Nicholas Smith (5Pye)** who participated in the district Special Olympics yesterday and represented the Middle School fantastically competing in many activities. Nicholas captured 5 ribbons (1st, 2nd, two 3rd) in the event. Nicholas's 1st place finish was in the shot put. Super! Be watching the school's homepage for shots of Nicholas in action. Way to go Nicholas!!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, May 22nd

School Holiday - Tuesday is Day 6

Monday, May 29th @ 7:00 PM

Alladin Jr. Performance

Tuesday, May 30th

Golf Session with Jim Stick

Tuesday, June 6th @ 7:00 PM

Phantom of the Op'ry

Wednesday, June 7th

Elementary Lion's Speak-Off at the Random Island Lion's Club.

Thursday, June 8

Envirofest

CMS Final Exam Schedule (7-8)

Monday, June 12th - French

Tuesday, June 13th - Social Studies

Thursday, June 15th - ELA

Friday, June 16th - Science

Monday, June 19th - Math

HOME PAGE CELEBRATED

We received an e-mail that captures how many feel when they visit our school's homepage. The e-mail was addressed to our webmaster, Mr. Parrott:

"May I offer my congratulations to you as webmaster of the Middle school website. I have just been perusing it though will have to come back at another time as you have managed to put so much information in there it is impossible to dig it all out in one trip. It has been a little nostalgic for me seeing pictures of the kids, classrooms, art projects, etc. You see, I have been a retired teacher from CMS since 1998, just before the current building was opened. Buildings change, staff changes, children grow up and move on. Technology changes and challenges us all. But that feeling in the gut when you see today's kids in today's setting is the same wish I were still at it (Though retirement doth have its pleasures!) Thank you so much for the work you have done on this site. I'll be back. God bless you in all your endeavours"

Big thank-you to Mrs. Elsie Sullivan, a recently retired staff member for recognizing what we believe at CMS: that we have the most attractive and most comprehensive webpage of all schools in the province. Check it out at www.k12.nf.ca/cms



TIGER TIDBITS

- Members of the Grade 5 & 6 Middle School provincial Basketball champs were invited to participate in a 4 team invitational tournament at Roncalli on April 17th and 18th. After strong play they advanced to the semi-finals and won that game. In the final game with St. Francis our team was leading for awhile, however St. Francis came back and won by one point (26-25). What a nailbiter! Coach Power states "The girls played skilfully and enjoyed the tournament." Way To Go to : Hillary Pitcher, Alexis George, Maggie Hughes, Kaely Mercer, Danielle Baker, Stephanie Fleming, Emma Howell, Hilary Power, Holly Kelly, and Jeanine Sheppard. See the Full Story in the Monday May 1st Packet.
- Congratulations to **students of 5Pye** for taking part in "Classroom Care", a Reading is Giving Program'. They read 100 books in less than 2 months and as a result Scholastic Book Club will donate 100 books to kids in need.
- Happy Belated birthday to **Stephen Goobie** (8Noel) who celebrated his 14th birthday on Monday April 24th.
- Welcome to **Adam Piercey** (8Organ) who transferred in from Heritage Collegiate, Lethbridge. Welcome Adam!
- CMS girls play strong at grade 9 & Under basketball provincials! Under the coaching of Mr. Perry and Mr. Hughes, our girls came up short in three games against St. Catherines, Mount Pearl, and St. Lawrence but continue to build their skills against these powerful squads. Way to go to Stephanie Butt, Meagan Perry, Emily Hughes, Zoe Price, Mykala Pardy, Katie Walsh, Katie Hawkins, Allison Button & Brittany Avery.
- Congrats to **Nathaniel Drover and Brett LeDrew** who played with the grade 9's middle school alumni from the high school at the provincial grade 9 and under basketball tournament this past weekend and advanced to Sunday's play with 3 other top teams. The team came up short against the powerful St. Catherines squad in the cross-overs. Great showing guys - playing in Provincial 'B' - you know you're in tough territory.
- 13,000 **Campbell Soup Label** points have been achieved. From this, Mr. Randell will be purchasing 6 Badminton rackets (\$20 ea. - Black Knight) and 2-3 Ultimate Frisbees. Great. Keep the labels coming!! Value - approx. \$150
- Campbell Soup Labels - Big thank-you to the following students and families for contributing labels: Robert-Paul Barron (35); Corey Thistle (100) & Zachery Barnes. Much thanks- be sure to thank our big supporters at home!
- **Grade 4 and 5 choir** dazzled the audience and judges during Friday's Rotary Music Fest. We were the only school participating from outside the Avalon region. The middle school is proud of the way you all performed and the excellent way you behaved throughout the day! Great comments by Mrs. Valerie Long - the adjudicator. BIG thank-you to Ms. Drover for making it all possible and the parents who chaperoned.
- Grade **4-6 Basketball** Tournament held at your middle school on Friday May 5th saw teams from Shoal Harbour, Musgravetown and Random Island. Students had lots of fun and enjoyed the friendly competition. Both our Middle School boys and girls teams (all 4 teams entered) played for the gold medals. Great character and skill! Big thanks to coaches Mr. Donnie Power, Mr. Keith Randell, Mr. Paul Perry and Mr. Jim Hughes and the wonderful network of parents for making it possible. Kim Mercer's and Michelle Hughes' domination over the chip fryer would have impressed Chef Ennis!
- Campbell soup labels : Kyle Ryan (4Drover) - 50 ; Rochon Family (many) Nicholas and Erica Brown and family contributed many soup labels and cereal box tops. Tremendous support for our program.
- Congratulations to **Emily Vey** and **Emily Hughes** who won \$25.00 as a result of their names being drawn from the magazine order subscriptions.
- Winners of the Poetry Contest: Congratulations to **Jordan Penney** and **Corey Thistle** , our two winners of the CMS Elementary Poetry Contest and **Allie Davis** and **Patrick Garrett** who placed 1st and 2nd in the Intermediate contest. Be watching our 'top notch school homepage' for these two winning poems. Thank-you to Mr. Organ for making this all possible.
- Campbells Soup Labels - over 200 received from Shane and Jessica Smith and family! Tremendous contribution - thank-you so much.
- **Bike Helmets** - No bikes on middle school grounds unless a helmet is worn. Riders without helmets will be asked to NOT bring their bikes to school for 1 week. If helmets are not adjusted properly riders will be asked to park their bikes for the day. 'CMS- Where safety is number 1'

NEXT Tiger Tracks NEWSLETTER : TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2006

IS THE MEDIA KILLING OUR CHILDREN ?

Clareville Middle School is very pleased to inform parents that in October of this year we will be having an international speaker, Dan Frazell, present to our parents on media and our children. Dan Frazell is a member of the Bangor Maine Police Department. Officer Frazell has travelled the US and Canada extensively giving this presentation over 500 times to parent groups, PTA's, teacher conferences and at DARE officer trainings. His session is a hard look at some of today's top music, TV programs, video games and the Internet and the effects that these venues can have on children. More information on this session will be in our September newsletter.

Grade Six Criterion Reference Test (CRT)

The Department of Education will be administering the Elementary Assessment to grade six students from **May 30 - June 9, 2006**. All strands of the English Language Arts curriculum and Mathematical components will be assessed. A brochure discussing our Provincial Elementary Assessment including what is being assessed, the format, marking and your role as a parent is enclosed for grade six parents. The schedule for your grade six child is as follows:

Week One		
Date	Test Component	Approximate Time
Tuesday, May 30th	Number Operations	80 minutes
Wednesday, May 31	Demand Writing 1 Patterns and Relations	50 minutes 40 minutes
Thursday, June 1	Informational Reading	80 minutes
Friday, June 2	Number Concepts	80 minutes
Week Two		
Date	Test Component	Approximate Time
Monday, June 5	Shape and Space	80 minutes
Tuesday, June 6	Listening Data Management and Probability	45 minutes 40 minutes
Wednesday, June 7	Demand Writing 2	50 minutes
Thursday, June 8	Speaking/Mental Math	80 minutes
Friday, June 9	Poetic Reading	75 minutes
<p>Grade six parents are encouraged to read the enclosed brochure. If you have any questions, please feel free to call your home room teacher.</p>		

It is not too late to order your copy of the **2005-2006 school yearbook!** If you have not already ordered one and would like to - simply bring your form and \$15 to the office. Don't miss out - capture those memories!

POLICE FOR A DAY CONTEST

This contest is open to all Grade 4-6 students. Students are asked to design a poster that shows police at work in the community. The poster should focus on Community Policing Ideas. (ie. Working with children, visiting schools, bike safety). Poster should be no bigger than 14 x 17 sheet size and no smaller than 11 x 14. Deadline for all posters is Thursday, May 18th. There will be two winners for the contest with winning students being a **POLICE OFFICER for a DAY** during the week of May 22- 26th. Students are asked to see Ms. Stanford for further details.

UPDATE on the recent MAGAZINE SALE

Please be advised that the QSP magazine order was sent, express mail early last week. It usually takes 12-16 weeks (depending on the subscription and the number of issues) for the order to be processed. If you have not received your magazines within 16 weeks call the customer service number indicated on the back of your pink order form (1-800-667-2536). If you need a copy of your order, contact Mr. Organ, at the school. A sincere thank-you is extended to everyone who supported us during this activity.