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...Where Children Come First!

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CMS Newsletter

TIGER TRACKS

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IS MEDIA VIOLENCE KILLING OUR CHILDREN?

Dan Frazell, a police officer from Maine, U.S. will be in our area to present to parents on this very important topic. Given the incidents of violence that we have seen in the province over the past few weeks, this topic is a very timely one for all educators and parents. During his dynamic, multi-media presentation, Officer Frazell will take a hard look at some of today's top music, top TV programs, video games and the internet. He will examine in detail the impact these venues have on our children. During his talk Officer Frazell will answer the following questions: How powerful an influence does media have? Are video games merely just entertainment? What characteristics of the media should we know about? What can we do to lessen the effects? Officer Frazell has travelled throughout the US and Canada to give this presentation. The evening is being jointly sponsored by the Clarenville Area Crime Prevention Committee, the Clarenville RCMP, the Clarenville Middle School and the Clarenville High School. **It will take place starting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday October 26th at the Clarenville High Gym.** For more information contact our school counsellor, Roberta Stanford .

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DESSERT NIGHT:

On Tuesday, October 3, 2006, the staff of CMS will spend the evening showing their appreciation to all those who volunteered at our school throughout last year and this year. The evening will start at 7:00 p.m. and run for approximately 1 to 1½ hours. All volunteers are welcome to attend. The staff will provide a variety of desserts, along with tea and coffee throughout the evening. Sit back and enjoy the background music as you sample some very tasty food. Be sure to come along for this delightful evening. If you have any questions, you can contact Ms. Vey or Ms. Stanford.

TWO VILLAGES - NEPAL PROJECT

Clarenville Middle School will again show its support of an international project started right here in our community. The goal is to raise funds to complete the other half of a school that will service over 500 students in the country of Nepal. *On Thursday, Oct. 12th a host of entertainers from the area will perform a benefit concert that will hopefully complete the funds required. A great initiative! Tickets for the concert can be purchased at the Middle School and other areas around our generous community.*

RECYCLING

We will have a recycling blitz every second Wednesday with **Wednesday, October 4th** being our first blitz. Each full garbage bag of recyclables delivered will result in a ticket being awarded and entered in a draw for many individual prizes such as cow pencils; stuffed cow toys; and other great items plus, a class prize for the one with the largest amount donated. Stay tuned for updates as we strive to help the environment.



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 at CMS. **We have much to be proud of!**

- ☉ **Way to go to Colton Chaulk (7P).** Saw a new student standing in the lunchroom without a table and invited him to join him and his friends at their table.
- ☉ **Way to go to Justin Baker (4Vey)** who found tickets on the floor and brought them to a teacher to find the owner. The teacher was very pleased Justin!
- ☉ **Way to go the Christian Pearce (7P)** who was seen walking responsibly in the corridor last week. Nothing new here, but thanks to the teacher for bringing it to the way-to-go feature!
- ☉ **Way to go to Shannon Pike and Kyle Ryan** who found a walkman and brought it to the teacher so its owner could be found!
- ☉ **Way to go to Ms. Drover.** Received a letter from the program development specialist for music in the Dept. Of Education. Lesley Cross thanks Ms. Drover for her considerable time, effort and commitment in presenting at the Summer Music Institute. Ms. Cross writes, *“Your work was extremely well prepared and presented. There were many very positive comments concerning your sessions; you inspired and motivated the teachers in attendance and I know that your work will be reflected in their own music classrooms this September. Thank-you for your outstanding work and for your contribution to a very successful institute.”* Middle School teachers, teaching teachers - Way to go Ms. Drover!
- ☉ **Way to go to Con Hollohan** who, in September, asked his dad to bring him all the way back from St. Jone’s Within to the school so he could get his ELA homework. Ms. Andrews was really impressed Con!
- ☉ **Way to go to Ian King, Josh Goobie and Shane Hillyard** of 5Pye who were looking for newspapers for their class discussion and reporting. Great to see the interest guys!!

- ☉ **Way to go to Kaitlyn Critch (5Pye)** for being such a good ambassador for our school at the parent information session held on Wednesday night. Kaitlyn held the door for all the parents exiting the gym. Way to go Kaitlyn for a great deed!!
- ☉ **Way to go to the following grade 7P girls (Claire Ledrew, Maggie Hughes and Emily Pittman)** who were seen laughing in huge amounts Friday in the lunchroom. We love LAUGHTER AT CMS!
- ☉ **Way to go to Micheal Neurt (7P) and Kaely Mercer (8W)** for returning a sum of money found at Clarendville Middle School. Super stuff!
- ☉ **Way to go to Gr 6, 7 & 8 choir members** who sang 2 selections in front of over 300 educators Wednesday morning, performing wonderfully! Your staff is so proud of you! Also to Garrett Hiscock, who delivered a message to the same audience and Mr. & Mrs. Drover who teamed up once again to do a wonderful job.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER . . .



- ✓ **Tuesday October 3rd :** Volunteer Appreciation Night - 7 p.m. in the gymnasium
- ✓ **Friday October 6th :** Thanksgiving Day Assembly at 11:00 a.m. - Grade 4's
- ✓ **Tuesday October 10th :** School Pictures. All students will have their photo taken. Proofs to be sent home later for purchase consideration
- ✓ **Tuesday Oct. 10th - Wednesday Oct. 11th :** Gr 8 students at Science Environmental Centre
- ✓ **Thursday Oct. 12th :** Grade 5 students at Lockston Provincial Park
- ✓ **Friday Oct. 13th :** Grade 6 students at Lockston Provincial Park
- ✓ **Wednesday October 4th :** Recycling Blitz. Drop off recycling before morning class and have it registered for class/individual prizes
- ✓ **Wednesday Nov. 1st :** Next newsletter !



TIGER TIDBITS

■ Often students will be unfamiliar with French words when completing class or assigned home work. Many though, do not have a dictionary to help find the meaning. **French-English dictionaries**, as used by our French teachers, can be purchased from the canteen for \$3.00. Great value!

■ **Games Room Open Lunch Times and NOT recess times**, due to the short amount of time available. Rules for games room usage: The following are the **rules** created by a team of students:

1. **Listen carefully** to any instructions given (i.e. to please keep the noise down)
2. **Play Fair** (i.e. being dishonest is not good, game-like behaviour)
3. Players must **clean up** when finished (board pieces stored properly in box and game put back on the shelf)
4. **No loud noises** (please use only normal voice) and
5. **Never throw** any item, as it could lead to a serious eye injury.

Break rules and the prefects **MUST** report names to the office. Students breaking rules will not be permitted to use the games room.

■ **Did You Know?** The average Canadian uses *370 litres of water* per day. Wow.

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

■ **Orange Slicing Team.** Big thank-you to Michelle Hughes (Maggie's mom); Debbie Paddock (Marcus's mom) ; and Donnie Power (Hillary's dad) who prepared the orange chunks for the 100's of cross country runners during the meet held recently at our school. BIG tip of the hat to Mr. Carl LeDrew (Claire's dad) who organized this event and did such a wonderful job.

■ Atrium displays wonderful **FALL SCENE!** Big thank-you to Zach Ennis's (4V) parents (Leanne and Brian) who spent a Friday night recently decorating our atrium. What a wonderful job! Stop in and have a look! Also, the Ennis team cut up **MANY** oranges for students when they completed the Terry Fox Walk on Fri, Sept. 29th

UNWELCOME GUESTS

This is the time of year when occurrences of Head Lice may occur. Our school has had 3 families in the past weeks battle this and every year around this time it is quite common for it to occur. Community Health would deem this as not unusual for this time of the year. We would ask that parents monitor their children from time to time. Occurrences of this should be reported to the school and children must be cleared by community health before returning to school. Children are reminded to not to share hats , hair brushes or clothing with others.

FUND RAISING FOR 2006 -2007: A LITERACY INITIATIVE

As in previous years, we will participate in a **Family Reading Program** with 'QSP Reader's Digest'. By renewing your subscription or ordering a new subscription, selecting from over 400 popular titles, Clarenville Middle School will receive over 20% profit on each. Selections such as Reader's Digest, Time, Maclean's , National Geographic, Chatelaine, TV Guide, etc. can be obtained. Particulars:

- Up to 80% off News Stand prices. **If you can find a lower price than that offered by Clarenville Middle School ,you pay that price!**
- Students are asked **NOT** to go door to door. Family, friends and relatives only.
- If you are currently a subscriber, why not wait to renew through CMS. It will cost you **NO** more, and the profits stay in our learning community to help our students.
- Attached to this newsletter is the 'Family Reading Program' brochure. Any questions, please feel free to call.

BAR SALE TO SUPPORT BREAKFAST PROGRAM

In the following weeks interested students will be given a box of bars to sell with all money raised going directly to support the free breakfast program at CMS. Our goal is to include yogurt and fresh fruit on our breakfast menu.

WHAT'S NEW AT CMS ?

Guitar Club will be starting on **Tuesday, Oct. 3rd at 2:50 p.m. in the Science Lab and continuing every Tuesday thereafter** for interested grade **4, 5 & 6** students. Here students will learn the basic techniques and chords, and within a short time will be playing songs. Mr. Organ will also perform the well known song, 'Does Your Chewing Gum Stick on The Bed Post Overnight'. Grade 7 and 8 club will begin in February.

Art Club. Starting Tuesday Oct. 3rd for interested grade 7 & 8 students (Grade 4-6 will begin in February) at 2:50 p.m. in the Art room and continuing each Tuesday thereafter. Led by the teacher who designed the Clarendville Senior Caribous Hockey Team logo, the talented Mr. Fitzgerald will guide you through many projects. Great opportunity!!!

Cross country running club. Each day at 11:50 a.m. there is a 1.5 km run for our students. The purpose is to *increase the fitness level* of our students and prepare them for meets throughout the season. This daily run is open to any student who wishes to join and the course can be completed at their own comfortable pace. The approximate distances for each grade are as follows: Grade 4-5: 1.5 km; Grade 6-8: 2 km.

Games Room Open: Commencing today at lunch hour our games room (Science Lab) will be open each day of the week for any students interested in playing a board game such as 'Snakes and Ladders', 'Chess', 'MAD', 'Newfoundland & Labrador - On Board', to name a few. **Ms Vey, Games Room Coordinator** will be looking for students to serve as prefects - and play games of course!!

Other Activities Ongoing (grade level):

7/8 Boys Volleyball	- Tuesday and Thursday after school	{Mr. Randell}
6/7/8 Girls Volleyball	- Monday (3:45 p.m.) & Wednesday after school	{Mr. Pardy}
4- 8 Drama Club	- To be announced	{Ms. Peggy Pye / Ms. Sabrina Andrews}
4/5 Junior Choir	- Day - 3 Lunch Time {	Ms. Lisa Drover}
6/7/8 Senior Choir	- Monday after school (2:45 p.m.)	{Ms. Lisa Drover}
School Jazz Band	-	{Mr. Rod Drover}
Band Practise	- Ongoing during the school day.	{Mr. Rod Drover}
6,7&8 Badminton	- Monday evening (6 p.m. - 8 p.m.)	{Mr. Darryl Feener}
Grade 4/5 Sports Program	- Monday after school (2:50 - 3:45 p.m.)	{Mr. Joe Wells / Mr. Brian Ennis}
6 /7 Boys Basketball	- Tuesday after school (4:30 p.m.)	{Mr. Paul Perry}
6/7 & 8 Girls Basketball	- Friday after school (2:45 p.m.)	{Mr. Donnie Power / Ms. Sandi Stewart}

MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

Over the following days we will again make available 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 will receive 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. **In the following days you could order or reorder online through a link on our school's homepage.**

BUS DEPARTURE TIMES SEPTEMBER 2006-2007

In the next newsletter scheduled for **Wednesday November 1st**, we will inform parents of the scheduled student pick-up time for each bus stop that serves Clarendville Middle School. The purpose of this 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!