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A Fond Farewell

After many years of service for Baltimore School, Ms. Dot Sullivan had her last day of work on February 8th. Her work ethic, her positive attitude, her ability to be a 'mom' to hundreds of students will be dearly missed. Ms. Sullivan was a very important and integral part of Baltimore School life and all of us here at the school wish her nothing but the best in her retirement years.



Staff Acknowledgements

- *Ms. TerriLynn Kavanagh for looking after the hosting of the Gr. 5/6 girls and boys tournaments over the past two weekends.
- *Ms. Fennelly, Ms. Budgell, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pender, Mr. Matchem, Mr. Mayo, Ms. Kavanagh and Ms. Mayo for being teacher sponsors for the basketball tournaments.
- *Ms. Budgell, Ms. Moore and Ms. Lushman for organizing the Literacy Assembly.
- *Mr. Foley, Ms. Kavanagh, Ms. Maloney and Ms. Gosse for all their help with planning the ski trip.
- *Mr. Brennan and Mr. Schulz for all their help with the Ryane Clowe fundraiser.
- *Ms. Pike for organizing the 'Phantom of the Opera' outing to Holy Heart.
- *Ms. Chidley, Ms. Aylward, Ms. Fennelly, Ms. Kavanagh, Ms. Clarke, Ms. Lushman, Ms. Moore, Ms. Budgell, Ms. Gosse, Mr. Foley, Mr. Matchem, Ms. Mayo, Mr. Pender, Mr. Finn, Ms. Pike & Mr. Mayo for doing their part in making afterschool days work.
- * Ms. Maloney, Ms. Pike and Ms. Lawlor for organizing the Fashion Show for the graduation class.
- * To all the Jr./Sr. High teachers for their hard work throughout the report card period and Parent/Teacher interviews.

Acknowledging Volunteers

- * A school becomes a part of the community when we have involvement from many at many different levels. At this school we are blessed to have a great number of parents and community members who give their time to make Baltimore a better place for all. We want to acknowledge the following people:
 - * For Basketball:
 - Grade 4, 5, 6 Girls: Leanna Dalton
 - Grade 4, 5, 6 Boys: Nancy Brothers and Maryanne Carey
 - Grade 7, 8, 9 Boys: Liam Walsh and Terri Lynn Kavanagh
 - Grade 7 Girls: Paula Johnson
 - Grade 8 Girls: Tracey Horwood
 - Grade 9, 10, 11, 12 Girls: David & Theresa Chidley, Graham Kavanagh and Rick Hayden
 - Sr. Boys: Danny Williams
 - * Thanks to Ms. Wendy Walsh for offering baking and decorating classes to the students.
 - *Thanks to Ruth Walsh for offering knitting and crocheting classes.
 - *Thanks to Tracey Horwood for having 'girl power' sessions with the Jr./Sr. High girls.
 - *Donna Dinn and Tommy & Kelsey Dalton for offering self-defense classes to students.
 - *Thanks to Gerry O'Neill for having weight training and fitness training for the students.
 - *Thanks to all the parents that come out early each morning to help with the Breakfast program; Andrea O'Leary, Jennifer Power, Cheryl Ryan, Janice Hopkins, Lesa Dalton, Arlene Dalton, Tracey Maloney, Tammy Dalton, June Ann Carey, Nancy Brothers, Debbie Hayden, Kathy Hayes, Leanna Dalton, Connie Kavanagh, Cathy Hopkins, Jeanette Kenny, Juanita Duggan, Leona Power, Eileen Coombs, Kim Ryan, Lorna Dinn, Kelly Kavanagh, Melissa Coady, Joanne Kavanagh, Tracy Goodridge, Connie O'Brien, Juanita Hawkins, Sharon Walsh, Krista Pomery, Sheryl Hynes, Nancy Challinor, Wendy Walsh, Jean Fahey, Yvonne Dunne, Geraldine Pennell, Judy Walsh, Wendy Carew Walsh and Anne Marie Carew.
 - *Thanks to all the parents that come in on a weekend and help volunteer with basketball tournaments and several of these parents do not have children playing.

Upcoming Events

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| Feb. 29 | Pink Shirt Day (Anti Violence Week) |
| Feb. 29 | Grad Fashion Show |
| Feb. 29 | Ryane Clowe Raffle Draw |
| Mar. 1 | School Dance |
| Mar. 5-8 | Book Fair |
| Mar. 9-10 | Hosting Sr. Boys BB Regional |
| Mar. 14 | PI Day |
| Mar. 15 | K-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Mar. 15 | Grade 9 Parent Meeting |
| Mar. 15 | Kinderstart classes |
| Mar. 16 | St. Patrick's Day Concert |
| Mar. 16 | Gr. 7-12 Ski Trip |
| Mar. 20 | Teacher PD day (No school in AM / Regular classes for PM) |
| Mar. 21 | Heritage Fair |
| Mar. 23 | PD Day (No school) |
| Mar. 28 | K-6 Bowling/ Rooms field trip |
| Apr. 5 | Last day before Easter Break |

Welcome to Ms. Trina Doyle

With the departure of Ms. Sullivan came an immediate need for a new secretary, and that position has been filled on a temporary basis by Ms. Trina Doyle. Ms. Doyle has been working at Mount Pearl Intermediate for the past 3 years and we welcome her back home to the Shore.

School Review Surveys

Every school needs to be continuously upgrading and updating their goals to ensure academic improvement and growth. We achieve this through the school development process outlined by the Department of Education. At Baltimore School we are concluding the third year of our most recent 3 year plan and over the next 4 months we will be gathering information and input for a new 3 year plan to guide us through years 2012-2015. All students, parents and staff will be asked to complete a survey that will allow all stakeholders to share their views of our school and how we can best improve our learning environment. The students and staff will complete the surveys this week and the surveys will be sent home to the parents next week. We would greatly appreciate your involvement in this very worthwhile endeavour.

K – 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Kindergarten - Grade 6 Parent-Teacher interviews will take place 1:30pm - 4:30pm and 5:30pm - 7:00pm on Thursday, March 15. Kindergarten interviews will be from 12:45 to 6:00pm. Interviews were postponed last week. All students will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place at the school during the week of March 5-8. The pre-viewing will take place on Friday afternoon.

Grade 9 Parent Meeting

On Thursday, Mar. 15, 2012 @ 6:30pm in the School Library, there is a very important meeting for all parents of grade 9 students. At this meeting the course selections for Level I will be discussed along with the changes to the Senior High curriculum. All grade 9 parents are urged to attend.

Teacher PD Days

Baltimore School staff will be involved in 2 teacher development days during the month of March. The first day will be on **Tuesday March 20th** and it will only be for the morning. Students will not have classes for the morning, however, they will have regular classes for the afternoon with classes beginning at 12:30pm. The buses will begin their runs at 11:50am. The second teacher development day will be on **Friday March 23rd**. This will be a full in-service day and students will not have classes on this day.

Nicholas Arsenault

Nicholas has been in Ottawa for the past week participating in a national program called Encounters with Canada. This experience gives students the opportunity to meet and interact with other students from across Canada. It will undoubtedly be an experience that Nicholas will remember.

School Dance

There will be a school dance on Thursday, March 1st. The money raised will help our cheerleaders with the purchase of their new cheerleading uniforms. The times of the dances will be as follows:

K-3 is 3:00-4:00pm,

Gr. 4-6 is 4:00-6:00pm and

Gr. 7-12 is 8:00-10:00pm.

PI Day

Once again this year Baltimore will be celebrating Pi Day on March 14. This year's theme is Cutie π . This special day is to help promote math in a fun and meaningful way. Events planned for this year include: pi-day trivia starting March 1, door decorating contests, gym activities, puzzle piece scavenger hunt, and math board games. Pie and ice cream will be served as a special treat and of course there will be a random draw to pie the teachers!

Fashion Show

One of the big fundraisers for the Grad class each year is the annual Fashion Show. This year's show will take place on Wednesday Feb. 29

beginning at 6:30pm, with the doors opening at 6:00pm.



Thanks to

Ms. Pike for all her work with the show. A special thanks to Leo Kavanagh for bringing the stage to the school.

Star Student

Every week at Baltimore School, a student from each class (Kindergarten to Grade 6) is chosen as a STAR STUDENT based on the theme for that week. Themes are chosen based on positive attitudes including caring and respect for self and others.

Here is a list of themes and students' names since January 2012:

Great Listener!

William Carey, Sarah Brophy, Dawson O'Leary, Kyle Goodridge, Kendra Duggan, Todd Walsh, Nathan Ryan.

Walking Safely in the Hallways!

Jara Dinn, Jenna Kavanagh, Brooklyn Kane, Kaitlyn Crocker, Colton Dunne, Daniel Walsh, Jaxon Mayo.

Using Our Manners!

Zachary Gosse, Matthew Molly, Ashton Carew, Isaac Walsh, Emma Power, Samantha Lawlor, Matthew Sheehan.

Being Kind to Others!

Nolan Rossiter, Katherine Kavanagh, Jada Francis, Kaitlyn Crocker, Natalie Dalton, Koby Hynes, Cassandra Ryan, Seamus Walsh, Brandon Ryan.

Sense of Humor!

Cameron Collett, Matilda Mulcahy, Ashton Carew, Isaac Walsh, Brady Walsh, Lucas Power, Peter Ryan.

Class Participation!

Evan Power, Ashton Crane, Dawson O'Leary, Daniel Reddy, Anu Sirimal-Durage, Trevor Dunne, Abby Boland, Rhyne Croft.

Keep Smiling!

Kendall Walsh, Jeremiah Ryan, Owen Coady, Keisha Jordan, Tara Dalton, Dawson Kavanagh, Deanna Hayden.

Lost and Found

There has been a great deal of clothing left around the school over the past few weeks. This clothing is starting to accumulate in our lost and found boxes and we would like to

get rid of it. All clothing and footwear will be placed in the main entrance during parent-teacher interviews. The clothes that is unclaimed after this will be sent to the Goodwill Centre.

Breakfast Donations

A big thank you goes out to all those who support our Breakfast program. Your financial and in kind support has been tremendous. We have on average over 100 students each day partaking in the Breakfast program. We would very



much like to continue the success of this program, however, the costs seem to be rising. We are once again requesting that any support you can provide for this program would be tremendously appreciated.

New Cafeteria Tables

During the past week Baltimore School received new tables for the cafeteria. The tables are light weight collapsible tables that allow us to more easily make use of the cafeteria for student activities such as dances, assemblies and afterschool games.



100th Day Celebrations

Since September the K-3 classes have been counting up to the 100th day of school. Each class counted and recorded, daily, the number of the day we were in school this year.

Students routinely completed a variety of activities leading up to the 100th Day that reinforced many Math concepts and outcomes. The



students also did a fantastic job on creating posters of 100 things which were on display outside their classrooms.

On February 17th, the K-3 classes began their 100th Day celebration. All K-3 classes went to the gym and laid out various collections of 100 things on the gym floor. There were popsicle sticks, pennies, pencils, buttons, cotton balls, blocks, straws, Q-tips, toothpicks and more. All students had a chance to view, count and compare the

collections while they were laid on the floor. It was an exciting day and a wonderful learning experience for all. Fantastic Job Everyone and Keep Counting! For more 100th Day pictures [click here](#).

Recycling

A reminder that when sending recyclables into the school, please try to separate any

glass items from the rest. Also, please write the number of

recycles on the outside of the bag if possible. This really helps our elementary students when they count them for their House System points.



Kinderstart Class Day Changed

The next Kinderstart classes will take place on Thursday, Mar. 15th. Please note the change in date

from the previously scheduled date of Friday, Mar. 16th.

We hope to see everyone at the school.



Varsity Sports

The Varsity Committee would like to Congratulate the Grade 4 & 5 Girls Basketball team on playing an awesome provincial tournament held here at our school on February 16 -17. The girls won 3 games, and lost one game by only 5 points. This was a close tournament and it came down to 3 way tie, Baltimore girls sadly missed out on the Championship game by only 1 basket! Baltimore is very proud of you all! We would also like to congratulate the Grade 5 & 6 Boys and Girls Basketball teams for playing in their provincial tournament this past weekend. The girls team played in St. Francis school in Logy Bay, this was the A division provincial, and the girls didn't win, but played with a lot of heart & determination. Well done Girls! The boys hosted their tournament here at Baltimore; the boys had a couple of really close games, but could not come up with a win. The boys showed a lot of spirit and enjoyed every minute of their tournament.

The Varsity Committee would like to Thank all parents and volunteers for all the help this

past two weekends with hosting these two tournaments. A lot of work goes into hosting these tournaments and we would not be able to do it without your continued support. A huge Thank You goes out to the coaches, Leanna Dalton for the girls & MaryAnne Carey & Nancy Brothers for the boys, without your help these children would not be able to participate in these activities!

Kiwanis Music Festival

Congratulations to the following Baltimore School students who performed at the recent Kiwanis Music Festival

in St. John's: Brianna Dalton, Danielle Dalton, Amber Hynes and Kyle Dalton. Between them they had several 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes. Great Job!!



New Teamboards

Over the past week there have been 8 new Teamboards delivered to the school. This delivery allows for a placement of a Whiteboard or Teamboard in all classrooms. We are presently waiting for all to be connected and operating and this should take place this coming week. Along with the Boards, 23 new computers were given to the school. This now allows us to set up a completely stocked second computer lab. All of this technology equipment was a part of the provincial government's initiative to ensure all schools were adequately supplied with technology hardware.

Afterschool Activities

The afterschool activities have been a tremendous success. The activities take place each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and we have over 100 students participating each day. Some of the activities include; badminton, cheerleading, yoga, tap dancing, guitar, parachute games, skipping, hula hoop, fitness club, weight training, cake decorating, karate, knitting and crocheting, girl power activities, old time games, and there will be other activities offered in the future.

[Click here to see more pictures of afterschool activities and 100 day.](#)