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NEWSLETTER **June 6, 2013**

REMINDER:

BALTIMORE SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE, FISH FREE AND SHELLFISH FREE SCHOOL. ABSOLUTELY NO NUTS OR FISH PRODUCTS ARE ALLOWED.

THE SCHOOL IS ALSO SCENT FREE. COLOGNES, DEODORANTS, AFTERSHAVES AND PERFUMES ARE NOT PERMITTED.

Upcoming Events

Thursday June 6 – Grade 3-6 Speak-off.

Parents are welcome to attend the Speak-off which begins at 10:00am.

Friday June 7 - Final Kinderstart class. No classes for Kindergarten AM students.

Friday June 7 - Last Day of classes for Gr. 7 – Level III students.

Monday June 10 - Exams begin for Gr. 7 – Level III students.

Wednesday June 12 – Grade 6 DARE Graduation.

Monday June 17 – Pri/Elem students travel to Empire Theatres and Bowring Park.

Tuesday June 18 – Primary students Sports Day

Wednesday June 19 – Elementary students Sports Day

Wednesday June 19 - Sports Awards Banquet. Begins at 6:00pm.

Thursday June 20 - Students pick up report cards.

Acknowledgements

*Thanks to Mr. Pender, Ms. Maloney, Mr. Foley, Mr. Schulz and other staff for helping to ensure an absolutely wonderful Grad.

*Thanks to Ms. Budgell and all the teachers for organizing our Arts and Literature Fair.

*A big thank you goes out to Mr. Pender for once again putting off two great Spring concerts.

*Ms. Samson for looking after the organization of the Kindergarten Graduation.

*A big thank you to Ms. Emmie Maloney for all her help in the office, going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure things run smoothly throughout the school.

*Thanks to our maintenance and custodial staff, Mr. Gerry Conway, Ms. Helen Walsh, Ms. Sharon Clowe and Ms. Juanita Hawkins for all their hard work in keeping the place in tiptop shape.

*Thank you to Ms. Moore for her work with our tap dancing group.

*Thanks to Ms. Sandra Kavanagh, Mr. Walsh and the Level II parents for organizing and chaperoning the Jr. High Spring Dance.

*Thanks to Ms. Lushman for an excellent performance by her guitar club at the Spring concert.

*A thank you to all the graduates and their parents for the excellent job that was done to transform the gym into a beautiful showcase for the grad ceremonies.

*Thanks to Ms. Mayo and Ms. Gosse for attending the Jr. High Leadership Conference with a great number of our Grade 7, 8 and 9 students.

*Thanks to Ms. Samson and her tap dancing club for a great performance at the concert.

*A big thank you to Ms. Lushman and Ms. Brazil for organizing the Speak-off.

*Thanks to Mr. Schulz for looking after the printing of certificates for all events.

*A very special thank you to all our volunteers that made this year a very special one here at Baltimore School.

Sports Varsity Committee

As the school year winds down a very special group of people need to be recognized for their great efforts over the past year to ensure our students were given every opportunity to participate in extracurricular sporting events. The Varsity committee organized and hosted 4 different tournaments this year. The committee members were: Terri Lynn Kavanagh, Theresa Chidley, Amelda Boland, Nancy Brothers, Maryanne Carey, Gladys Hayden, Leanna Dalton, David Chidley, Paula Battcock, Jerry Boland and Jacinta McGrath.

Next Year

The school calendar for next year has been finalized. The first day back for students is Wednesday September 4th. The 2013-2014 calendar is attached.

Retiring Teachers

Baltimore School will not be the same next year. For the first time in many years we have teachers retiring. This year 3 long serving teachers of Baltimore School are retiring. Ms. Chidley, Ms. Maloney and Mr. Brennan, who have all spent their entire teaching career on the Southern Shore, will be taking a little rest after 30+ years. We thank them so very much for their time, hard work and dedication over the past 30+ years. You will be dearly missed!

Ms. Maria Chidley

Completed a Bachelor of Arts- Education (1982) and a Bachelor of Special Ed (1987) both from MUN.

Work History:

- *1982-1983 Substituted Trepassey to Bay Bulls
- *1983-1986 Holy Redeemer, Trepassey
- *1986-1989 Regina Mundi, Renewes
- *1989-1997 St. Joseph's, Fermeuse
- *1997-1998 St. Joseph's, Ferryland
- *1998-1999 Sacred Heart, Cape Broyle
- *1999-2013 Baltimore School, Ferryland

Ms. Michele Maloney

Completed a Bachelor of Education, a Certificate in Library Studies and a Masters of Education (Literacy) from MUN.

Work History:

- *1980 - 1981 Labrador
- *1981 – 2013 Baltimore School, Ferryland

Mr. Brennan

Completed a Bachelor of Arts – Education (Elementary), a Bachelor of Special Education and a Masters of Education (Educational Leadership) all from MUN.

Work History:

- *2001- 2013 **Special Ed Teacher** Baltimore
- * 1999 – 2001 **Principal** Baltimore School
- *1997 – 1999 **Principal** St Joseph's Elem/ Junior High School
- *1992 - 1997 **Assistant Principal** St. Joseph's School
- *1986 – 1992 **Assistant Principal** Regina Mundi Junior High
- *1985 –1986 **Special Education Teacher**
- *1983 –1985 **Special Education Teacher** Stella Maris High

Thank You

A big thank you goes out to Ms. Melanie Samson, our Kindergarten teacher, who will be leaving us this year to teach in Mount Pearl next year. We really enjoyed your enthusiasm and the Kindergarten students were definitely given a tremendous start to their schooling.

Hero Holiday – Live Different

This summer three of our teachers are embarking on a Humanitarian trip to the Dominican Republic to build a house for a family in need. For 12 days Ms. Mayo, Ms. Maloney and Ms. McGrath will be involved with everything from mixing concrete, to working with mortar and rebar - all in an attempt to build a future for a family that is in desperate need of a safe, comfortable living environment.

Aguas Negros, the village the trio will be working in is home to many Haitian refugees and orphaned children alike. Undoubtedly, this trip will have a deep impact on our teachers and we look forward to hearing about their experience in the fall. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this cause, please contact the school.

Arts and Literature Fair

On Wednesday May, 22 Baltimore School was the scene of the fifth annual Arts and Literature Fair. The fair was the best so far in terms of students represented! Thanks to all the students and teachers for a great job in doing and collecting the many projects displayed in this year's fair. A special thanks to the students who agreed to read a piece of their work. A record number of books were donated and the sale of miscellaneous items added to the event. The fair showed the many artistic talents of our students!

Last Day

The last day of the school year for students is Thursday June 20th. All students will pick up their reports cards at this time.

DARE

The Grade 6 students were fortunate again this year to have the opportunity to be involved in all the DARE program has to offer. Constable Danny Williams was able to come to our school and meet with the students. Constable Williams is a wonderful teacher who was able to build a special rapport quickly with the class. DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education, teaches youth about the dangers of drugs such as tobacco, alcohol and marijuana. It also teaches students how to deal with peer pressure and real life situations regarding these drugs. A DARE graduation is planned for next week.

Cafeteria

The last day for cafeteria services is Friday June 14th. We would like to thank Ms. Sharon Kane, Ms. Anne Croft and Ms. Josephine Johnson for the great service.

Grade 7 - Level III Exams

The June exam period will begin Monday, June 10th and end on Wednesday, June 19th. It is very important that all students prepare well in advance for their final exams. Encourage students to take advantage of the many tutoring opportunities available to them. The complete exam schedule is attached to the back of this newsletter.

Staffing for Next Year

Our teaching staff has been cut from 20.5 positions this year, to 19.5 teaching positions next year. The cuts are based on our declining enrolment and other factors. Our projected enrolment for next year is 242 students. With the loss of 3 teachers retiring and one transfer, we are now in the process of hiring 3.5 new staff members.

Graduation 2012-2013

The graduation ceremonies for the 2012-2013 Baltimore School graduating class took place on May 9th. The mass, dinner, ceremony and Grand March was exceptional by all accounts. Thanks to all the students, staff and parents who put such an effort forth to ensure it was a day to remember. Special thanks to our guest speaker, Mr. Karl Kenny.

Sports Banquet 2012-2013

This year the sports awards will be announced during a sports banquet to be held on Tuesday, June 19th, 2013. A pre-ordered meal will be provided. Following the meal, the 2012-2013 Sports Awards will be announced. Please help support the fantastic sports program at Baltimore School, which is run by parent and teacher volunteers.

Donation

A big thank you goes out to Dalton's Home Hardware for their very generous donation of hardware goods. The school was able to re-sell these items that eventually ended in a very sizeable donation.

Print Raffle

Once again this year our Print Raffle was a great success. We would like to thank all who participated in buying and selling tickets. The fundraiser raised \$1900.00. The winner of the Print was Cecil Dalton.

Volunteer Appreciation Assembly

A school is more than a building with students and teachers, it is a place that must involve the entire community. At Baltimore School we are incredibly fortunate to have such community involvement and

commitment. Volunteers are extremely important to a well functioning school. On Friday, May 24th we acknowledged and served lunch to over 106 parent and community volunteers who have done their little part to make this past year at Baltimore an enjoyable and rewarding experience. From all the staff and students, we thank all of you for giving so freely of your time and energy.

Volunteers are Priceless

We would like to send our most sincere thanks to all of the parents and community members who helped out this year to make this another great year at Baltimore School. Thank you to:

Rhonda Arsenault, Paula Battcock, Cyril Barbour, Katie Barbour, Amelda Boland, Anita Boland, Jerry Boland, Joe Brophy, Nancy Brothers, Ann Marie Carew, Ella Carew, Wendy Carew-Walsh, June Ann Carey, Maryanne Carey, Nancy Challinor, David Chidley, Jim Chidley, Teresa Chidley, Sherri Clowe, Don Coady, Melissa Coady, Tracy Coady, Wendy Coady-Walsh, Eileen Coombs, Ashlene Crane, Ann-marie Croft, Madonna Croft, Arlene Dalton, Leanna Dalton, Lesa Dalton, Tammy Dalton, Tommy Dalton, Lorna Dinn, Alvina Dunne, Marg Dunne, Jean Fahey, Bev Foley, Rebecca Fennelly, Tracy Goodridge, Debbie Graham, Don Graham, Kelly Harbin, Alicia Hayden, Debbie Hayden, Gladys Hayden, Rick Hayden, Linda Hayden, Juanita Hawkins, Kathleen Hayes, Cathy Hopkins, Janice Hopkins, Janet Hynes, Paula Johnson, Tina Jordan, Eugene Kane, Julie Kane, Alice Kavanagh, Connie Kavanagh, Darcy Kavanagh, Joan Kavanagh, Joanne Kavanagh, Leo Kavanagh, Loyola Kavanagh, Terri-Lynn Kavanagh, Randy Kavanagh, Ada Kenny, Cliff Kenny, Jeanette Kenny, Marsha Kenny, Sherry Kenny, Lorna Lawlor, Cathy Lynch, Tracy Maloney, Annette Mooney, Joe Morry, Natalie Normore, Amy O'Brien, Cheryl O'Brien, Connie O'Brien, Neil O'Brien, Wendy O'Brien, Sharon O'Brien, Kerry O'Keefe, Aundrea O'Leary, Marjorie O'Leary, Maggie O'Toole, Ellie Power, Jennifer Power, Leona Power, Basil Reddy, Gertie Reddy, Michele Rossiter, Cheryl Ryan, Darlene Ryan, Della Ryan, Kim Ryan, Mary Ryan, Robin Ryan, Shalyn Ryan, Vivian Ryan, Willie Squires, Jill Walsh, Judy Walsh, Liam Walsh, Ruth Walsh, Danny Williams and Kumara Wijeseka.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Each year we have a tremendous number of people who volunteer at our school. We are very thankful for all of them. As is tradition, we like to acknowledge someone each year who goes above and beyond the call of duty and who we recognize as our volunteer of the year. This year we could not limit the choice to one person, instead Ms. Wendy Carew-Walsh and Ms. Judy Walsh were very deserving winners. Both Wendy and Judy spent a great deal of time at the school this year helping out in such things as baking classes, Christmas dinner, School Council, radio committee, breakfast program and anything else that was requested of them. We thank both of you from the bottom of our hearts for all your time and energy.

Recycling

Recycling is over for this year. Thanks to everyone who participated in our recycling program this year. Over the summer months you can save your recyclables or take them to the depot and put them under the school's name. By putting them under the school's name, the school gets 10 cents per recyclable as opposed to only 5 cents otherwise. A tremendous thank you to Ms. Maloney who has so tirelessly looked after this very successful program over the past number of years. You will be difficult to replace!

Water Filtration System

Over the past few years we have had many students buying their water by the bottle rather than using the drinking fountains. Through recycling funds, Ms. Maloney is in the process of purchasing two water filtration systems for the school. This system filters and purifies the water. The hope is that the students will fill their water bottles from this system rather than purchasing expensive bottled water.

Cleanup Time!

It's that time of year again when we all need to do our little part to clean up the environment. On Monday our Grades 1 & 2 students will be travelling to Renews to do a beach cleanup. Everyone is welcome to come along and help out the children to do their little part for the environment. They will be meeting at the beach at 11:15am.

Tutoring for Work Experience Program

Tiffany Swain and Darcy Kavanagh have been hired as tutors with the Tutoring for Work Experience Program at Baltimore School. They will be tutoring during school

hours and after school. After school tutoring takes place in the school library from Monday to Thursday (2:45-4:00). Students experiencing academic difficulties are encouraged to stay. For further information please call Jennifer Gosse, Guidance Counsellor (432-2090).

K-6 Sports Days

The year-end Sports Days are scheduled for the last week of school. The Kindergarten to Grade 3 Sports Day will be Tuesday June 18th and the Grades 4 – 6 Sports Day will be Wednesday June 19th.

K-6 Trip to the Movies

The final field trip of the year will take place on Monday June 17th. The students will be travelling to Empire Theatres in Mount Pearl for a movie in the morning and they will then be travelling to Bowring Park for the afternoon. The cost for this trip will be \$10/student. This includes a movie and a snack.

Building Update

The proposed repairs to our K – 6 side of the building are still on schedule. The entire outside shell is going to be replaced. This is a result of the detection of mould in the outer wall earlier this year. The work is expected to start in late June and be completed by the end of August.

Yearbook

We will be producing another yearbook this year. The yearbook will arrive at the school the first week in September. We would like to get some idea of the numbers to order. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook for this year, please send along \$20 to the secretary.

Butterflies!

The Grade One Butterfly theme was very successful this year! They eagerly watched the process of metamorphosis as their butterflies underwent amazing changes. On Tuesday June 11th, the Grade One students will release approximately 50 butterflies into the flowers and bushes at Ferryland Cemetery.

Liam O'Brien

Last week Liam O'Brien entered his own produced video in the Amalgamated Academy Virtual Media Festival. Liam's video got tremendous support from many many people. The final results of the competition will be announced on June 17th. Good luck, Liam!