



Baltimore School Newsletter October 24 2011

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Off to a Good Start

All students and staff have been back to school for over a month now, and everyone seems to have gotten off to a good start. The school morale is upbeat and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a great year. Our student enrolment is at 252 students. In regards to staffing, **Ms. Brophy** has been away for the past few weeks and **Ms. Brazil** is filling in for her in the Kindergarten classroom and **Mr. Foley** is looking after her administrative duties. Also, **Ms. Helen Walsh** has accepted the position of Maintenance Custodian and **Ms. Vivian Ryan** has accepted the position of Custodian at the school. We wish them both the best in their new positions.



CRT / Public Exam Results

The results of the 2010-2011 CRT and Public Exams have been received by the school. We are very pleased to announce that Baltimore School students did extremely well in comparison to District and Provincial results. In the grade 3, grade 6 and grade 9 CRT Mathematics and Language Arts our school finished above both District and Provincial averages. In the Grade 12 Public exam results, our students were at or above provincial average in 6 of 8 subjects. These overall results are extremely positive and as a school community we should feel very proud of the work and effort put forth. Congratulations are in order for all our students, teachers and parents. All results will be uploaded to our webpage within the next week.



Handwashing

A Reminder that the Flu season seems to be upon us again. We again ask all parents to promote handwashing at home and to please keep your child at home if they are sick or have a Fever.



Acknowledgements

There are a tremendous amount of activities and events that take place at this school each year and many of them would not happen without the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff and parents. Each month we want to acknowledge their commitment and to also let all students and parents know that if not for their hard work and dedication, Baltimore School would not be the place that it is today. A Tremendous Thanks to:

- * **Ms. Chidley, Yvonne Dunne** and **June Ann Carey** for getting the Breakfast Program running again this year.
- * **Ms. Maloney** and the other staff members for all their work with the Recycling Program.
- * **Ms. Amelda Boland**, along with **Ms. Mayo**, for coaching and looking after our x-country running teams and spending the past several weekends at running meets in St. John's and Carbonear.
- * **Mr. Graham Kavanagh, Terry Dunne, Colton Kavanagh** and **Ms. Gosse** for looking after the Girls softball team during the Regional and Provincial play downs.
- * **Ms. Budgell** for organizing the outing to Mistaken Point for the grade 6 students.
- * **Ms. Lushman** for organizing and overseeing the School Milk Foundation.
- * **Mr. Matchem** for starting the Volleyball program.
- * **Mr. Brennan, Mr. Schulz** and **Ms. Brophy** for all their help with the Catalogue fundraiser.
- * **Ms. Gosse** for organizing the Tutoring for Tuition.
- * **Mr. Mayo** for starting the boys floor hockey program.
- * **Ms. Mayo** for looking after the Girls ball hockey.
- * **Loyola Kavanagh** for looking after the Sr. Boys Softball team.
- * The staff and the Student Leadership for organizing an outstanding Living Healthy Commotion Day.
- * **Ms. Maloney** for organizing and chaperoning our students at the Canadian Youth Leadership conference held in Corner Brook.

Recycling Program

Our recycling program is in full swing again this year. Drop off day is Wednesday. We accept the following **beverage** containers: pop bottles and cans, juice packs, juice bottles, and liquor bottles. We cannot recycle milk containers. Please remove caps and straws from beverage containers and place glass bottles in a box. Recyclables may be dropped off at the front entrance on Wednesday.

School Pictures

The school pictures for all grades will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 26. This year the photographer will be from Provincial Studios. This year the pictures will once again be pre-ordered, parents will be given proof's and it will then be the parent's decision to place an order. Please ensure your child brings to school their picture background selection card on picture day.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 26: Picture Day
Oct. 28: K-6 Halloween Dance
Oct. 28: K-6 Literacy Assembly
Oct. 29: Cross-Country Provincials
Oct. 31: Halloween activities
Nov. 1: Professional Development Day
(No classes for students)
Nov. 3: Grade 10 students travel to CONA
for a Career information day.
Nov. 8: K - 6 Students travel to the movies
as a reward for their Reading Program.
Nov. 9: 7-9 students travel to The Rooms
Nov. 10: Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11: Remembrance Day Holiday
Nov. 17: 7-12 Parent-Teacher Interviews
Nov. 25: Graduation Awards Night
Dec. 1: K-6 Parent-Teacher Interviews
Dec. 2: Paddy Kane Memorial Tournament
Dec. 13: Jr./Sr. High Christmas Concert
Dec. 14: K-6 Christmas Concert
Dec. 15: Turkey Dinner and Santa visit
Dec. 21: Last day of school before Christmas
Jan. 3: School reopens after Christmas Break

Homework Page

This year we will continue with our online homework page. All homework for each day, for all students, will be listed on our new site that can be either accessed through our regular school website, or by going to www.baltimorehw.com This is a service provided by the school to ensure more and better communication occurs between teachers and parents in regards to homework. This page will be updated on a daily basis.

School Fundraiser

Our Catalogue school fundraiser was a tremendous success. In total, the school raised almost \$7000 for its academic awards and technology needs. A big thank you goes out to all who supported this fundraiser. The orders will be delivered to the school by Nov. 15 and you will be notified when they arrive. Congratulations to **Ms. Moore** and the **Grade 5 class** who raised the most money. They have already received their Smartboard and are enjoying it immensely.

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program officially began on Monday, Oct. 3. Breakfast will be available free of charge from 8:15 to 8:45 each morning in the cafeteria. All students are welcome!

The cost of providing this program is significant so we have gone out in the community to look for donations. The generous response of parents and the community has been overwhelming. We thank you for your ongoing support.



Varsity Sports Committee

The sports program is off to a very good start this year. Members of the Sports Varsity committee are: **Paula Battcock, Terri Lynn Kavanagh, Theresa Chidley, David Chidley, Rick Hayden, Jerry Boland, Leanna Dalton, Liam Walsh, Tracey Horwood and Danny Williams.**

Tutoring for Tuition

The Tutoring for Tuition program provides Level I, II and III students with the opportunity to obtain a post-secondary tuition voucher by providing tutoring services to students from K-12 in all areas.

Parents/guardians, who feel this service would be beneficial, are asked to submit their child's name for tutoring assistance to their homeroom teacher or **Ms. Gosse** (Guidance Counsellor).
Tutoring



Bruno's Literacy Program

The Literacy Program is off to an excellent start. Many thanks to all the parents who came to the school to read to your children during our first assembly. The reward for attaining the first level of reading is a movie out at the theatre in St. John's.



The next assembly will take place on **Friday, Oct. 28** and the movie trip will happen on **Tuesday, Nov. 8**. Please encourage your child to read on a nightly basis.

Field Trip to "The Rooms"

Grades 7 - 9 will be travelling to The Rooms on Wednesday, November 9th for a performance by Kevin Major and Rising Tide Theatre. A Patriotic Concert for Our Soldier Lads is based on the patriot concerts given during WWI and highlights the experiences and contributions of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to the war effort. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity to experience first-hand accounts of what life was like for our soldiers. Students will receive a permission form this week. Any questions contact **Mr. Schulz** — michaelschulz@esdnl.ca.

Awards Day

The annual academic awards for the 2010 - 2011 school year for grade 4 - 11 are going to take place on Friday, November 25. The Awards assembly will begin at 9:45am in the Gym and all parents are welcome to attend.

Halloween Dance

There will be a K-6 Halloween dance on Friday, October 28. Grades K-3 from 3:00-4:00 and Grades 4-6 from 6:00-8:00. Costumes are optional. If costumes are worn, please no props i.e. swords and such.

School Council

The Baltimore School Council is set for the upcoming year. No elections will be needed as there were just enough people who put forward their names to fill the Council positions. Members of the Council are: **Tracey Goodridge, Kerry O'Keefe, Mona Brophy, Gladys Hayden, Donnie Graham, Lorna Lawlor, Vivian Ryan, MaryAnne Carey, Wendy Walsh, Cheryl O'Brien, Danielle Kelly, Darcy Kavanagh, Cynthia Aylward and Rosemary Brophy.**

I want to thank all of these people for volunteering their time this year.

Cap and Gown

The annual Cap and Gown Graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, Nov. 25 beginning at 6:30pm. All last year graduates are encouraged to attend. Please pick up your gown at the office before 3pm on Friday. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our 2010-2011 graduates.

PD Day

Professional Development Day for teachers will take place on **Tuesday, Nov. 1**. There will be no school for all students on this day.

Student Leadership

From September 27-October 1 **Darcy Kavanagh**, **Maggie O'Toole**, and **Chrissy Rossiter** represented our school at the Canadian Student Leadership Conference hosted by Corner Regional High School. Over 1000 student delegates and 200 teacher advisors from across the country came together for a week to meet, to learn, and to share.



Participants heard motivational and inspiring keynote addresses, attended informative workshop sessions, and enjoyed fabulous entertainment. The week-long event concluded with all students participating in a legacy project where they went out into the community and took part in an environmental initiative. This project was designed as a way for all conference delegates to say "Thank You" to the people of Corner Brook for their hospitality and generosity. Our students were great ambassadors for the school and their community - they did us proud.

Cross-Country

It is great to see our Cross-Country running program back on track again this year. A big thank you goes out to **Ms. Amelda Boland** for putting in a tremendous amount of time and energy into practices and ensuring students had the opportunity to participate in several x-country meets, including the Regional Championships in Carbonear. This upcoming weekend, the team will be attending the Provincial meet in Carbonear.



Mistaken Point

On Friday, September 23, the Grade 6 class went on a field trip to Mistaken Point. Mistaken Point is the site of the worlds' oldest fossils at 525 million years old. The students had a wonderful 3km. hike to the site and were fascinated by the fossils. They had lunch by the ocean and enjoyed their time with our tour guides. A special thank-you to **Ms. Budgell** for organizing the trip and to **Ms. Debbie Hayden**, **Ms. Tracey Maloney**, **Ms. Kim Ryan** and **Ms. Melva Coombs** for transporting the students to the site near Trepassey.



Girls Softball

On Saturday, September 24th the Baltimore girls softball team won the championship game at the Regional 3A Girls Softball Tournament in St. Mary's qualifying them to play in the provincial tournament on Pilleys Island, October 13th- October 15th. At the Provincials the girls won 3 of their divisional games, but lost in the semi-finals. It was a great experience; visiting new places and making friends.

Members of the team: **Devinn Dinn, Mandy Kavanagh, Leah Melvin, Jessica Dalton, Shalyn Ryan, Chrissy Rossiter, Kaitlin Ryan, Victoria Ryan, Christina Birmingham, Danielle Kelly, Maggie O'Toole, Jenna Fennelly, Tiffany Gale, Jessica O'Leary and Shannon Chidley.** Thank you to **Graham Kavanagh, Colton Kavanagh and Terry Dunne** who did an awesome job coaching the team. Also to **Ms. Gosse** who accompanied the team as teacher sponsor.



Student Leadership

Every week at Baltimore School, a student from each class (K-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. A picture of the student is posted on an apple or star along with their name and the theme for the week and placed on the wall in the corridor of the K-6 wing of the building for everyone to see. Here is a list of themes and students' names that have been selected so far this year:

Off to a Good Start

Lynden Doyle, Carter Coady, Owen Coady, Katilyn Crocker, Anu Sirimal-Durage, Devon Hawkins, and Peter Ryan.

Treating Others With Kindness

Kendall Walsh, Sarah Brophy, Gracie Dalton, Kearra Chevarie, Brooklyn Kenny, Abby Boland, and Deanna Hayden.

Using Our Manners

Evan Power, Matilda Mulcahy, Robyn Kenny, Destiny Nieuwhof, Kayley Walsh, Trevor Dunne, and Emily Kavanagh.

Walking Safely in the Hallways

Jara Dinn, Jeremiah Ryan, Jordan Pomeroy, Kaitlyn Crocker, Kai Chevarie, Taylor Aspell, and Emma Jordan.

Healthy Eating

Nathaniel Walsh, Matthew Molloy, Georgia Hayes, Keisha Jordan, Liam Ryan, Brianna Dalton, and Danielle Dalton.

Living Healthy Commotion Day

Each year one day is set aside to promote and celebrate healthy and active living amongst our students. This year the Healthy Commotion Day occurred on Oct. 12 and Baltimore School students were active throughout the day participating in events such as scavenger hunts, dance, beach volleyball, Terry Fox Run and culminating the day with a healthy snack. The student leadership executive did an excellent job of organizing the day.



School Champ

During Healthy Commotion Day, the largest rock, paper, scissors game that we are aware of was held in the school gym. All students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, 226 students in total, participated in the game and the final two students were **Luke Costello**, Grade 8 and **Kegan Goodridge**, Grade 1.



Fire-Safety Week

October is Fire Safety month and during the month there were many fire drills and fire safety presentations for our students. On Thursday, Oct. 13 the students were given a presentation on fire safety by Mr. Everett Pitts, NL Association of Fire Services. During the day the local fire department also visited the classrooms and brought along 'Sparky' the fire safety dog. Many thanks to our local fire department for their continued help and support.



Umpire of the Year

Softball Canada is pleased to announce the following award winner who will be recognized at the Softball Canada Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet on November 12th, 2011 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. **Mr. Keith Pender**, has been selected as the recipient of the Home Run Sports Umpire of the Year award for Canada.

A Level V Umpire in Fastpitch, Keith has been actively umpiring for 20 years, and his most outstanding attribute is the level of professionalism he carries on and off the field. He served as Softball Newfoundland and Labrador's Umpire in Chief between 2005 and 2010, and in addition to umpiring over 100 games per year, he also watches just as many to help his fellow umpires develop their skills.



We are very proud of you, Sir!

Walk to Breakfast

On Friday, October 21st we held our Kids Eat Smart Walk to Breakfast. The inclement weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of the students and staff. To accommodate all K-12 students, the Jr. and Sr. High students set out on a half hour walk while the Primary and Elementary students enjoyed a nutritious breakfast prepared by our numerous dedicated volunteers. The students then reversed activities. Participants were entered in a draw for prizes provided by the Kid's Eat Smart Foundation. A good time was had by all. A big thank you is extended to parent co-coordinators, **Yvonne Dunne** and **June Ann Carey**, whose dedication allows us to serve a wonderful breakfast to our student body on a daily basis. As well, we would like to thank the many donors and volunteers who help to make our program so successful.

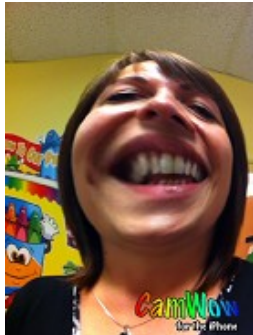
Name the Staff Member Contest

All winning entries will be entered to win free lunches for a week from our cafeteria. One entry per student and entries are to be given to Ms. Sullivan at the main office.

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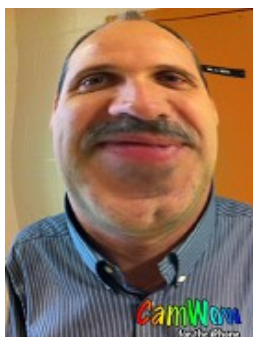
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