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***THIS SCHOOL IS A PEANUT AND SHELLFISH FREE SCHOOL**

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 256 students. We are also very pleased to welcome our newest staff member, Ms. Amy Hawkins, who will be our new Student Assistant.

BUILDING UPDATE

Over the past 3 weeks work was undertaken to address moisture issues at our school. The School Council was fully informed of this situation and agreed that the work should proceed. All recommendations of the industrial hygienist were followed. Over the course of the work, one entire wall was replaced and in the other rooms, gyproc of approximately three feet in height was removed and replaced with aquatough and new baseboards were installed. Small amounts of mould were found during this work and it was removed. Eastern School District is confident that there are no further issues with mould at the school. Further, there are no active leaks in the school. As always, health and safety of our students is a priority and I believe we have acted quickly and appropriately to address the necessary repairs required at our school. Except for minor outside finish work, our school is back to normal. The School District has stated that work will begin on June 21, 2013 to replace the entire outside walls. If you have any questions on these matters please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Oct. 25: Halloween Dance
- *Oct. 25: Jamarama Day in support of the Janeway (Everyone to wear pajamas)
- *Oct. 26: Professional Development Day (No school for students)
- *Oct. 29: Breast Cancer awareness day (Everyone to wear pink)
- *Oct. 30: Sr. High Girls to Mining Symposium in St. John's
- *Oct. 31: Halloween activities
- *Nov. 8: Remembrance Day Assembly
- *Nov. 9: Professional Development Day (No school for students)
- *Nov. 12: Remembrance Day Holiday
- *Nov. 15: Gr. 7-12 Parent-teacher interviews
- *Nov. 23: Awards Day
- *Nov. 23: Cap & Gown graduation ceremony
- *Nov. 29: K - 6 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- *Dec. 13: High School Christmas Concert
- *Dec. 17: Primary/Elem Christmas Concert
- *Dec. 18: Turkey Dinner and Santa Visit.
- *Dec. 21: Last Day prior to Christmas Break
- *Jan. 3: School reopens after Break

CRT AND PUBLIC EXAM RESULTS

The results of the 2011-2012 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 all 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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, Wendy Walsh, Cheryl Ryan and Darlene Ryan 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 for coaching and looking after our x-country running teams and spending the past several weekends at running meets in St. John's and Carbonnear.
- * Ms. Sandra Kavanagh and Ms. April Kavanagh for looking after the Girls softball team during the Regional playdowns.
- * Mr. Loyola Kavanagh for looking after the Sr. Boys Softball team who won the Regional tournament and lost in the Championship game at the Provincial tournament.
- * Ms. Budgell for organizing the outing to Mistaken Point for the grade 5 & 6 students.
- * Ms. Gosse for helping chaperone the girls softball team.
- * Ms. Lushman for organizing and overseeing the School Milk Foundation.
- * Mr. Matchem for chaperoning the Boys softball team.
- * Mr. Brennan for all his 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.
- * Ms. McGrath, Ms. Maloney and the Student Leadership for organizing an outstanding Living Healthy Commotion Day.
- * Ms. McGrath for organizing and chaperoning our students at the Youth Leadership conference held in Placentia.
- * Ms. Chidley for organizing an excellent Walk to Breakfast Day.
- * To all the parents that help out with our Breakfast Program.



SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Our Catalogue school fundraiser was a tremendous success. In total, the school raised almost \$5000 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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our next Professional Development Day for teachers will take place on **Friday, Oct. 26**. There will be no school for all students on this day.

THE BALTIMORE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast Program officially began on Monday, Oct. 1. 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. We have 46 parent volunteers for our Breakfast program this year and a special thank you to Wendy Walsh, Cheryl Ryan and Darlene Ryan for taking on the extra responsibilities of overseeing the entire program.

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 services are available at the school from 2:45–3:45 Monday thru Thursday.

AWARDS DAY

The annual academic awards for the 2011-2012 school year for grade 4- 11 are going to take place on Friday, November 23. The Awards assembly will begin at 9:45am in the Gym and all parents are welcome to attend.

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.

ONLINE TUTORING

(Grade 9 Math Tutoring)

Introducing a PILOT program in online tutoring for Grade 9 Math. Available to any grade 9 math student in Newfoundland and Labrador. Please visit the CDLI - Center for Distance Learning and Innovation website. www.cdli.ca/tutoring/ . Click Launch Free Online Tutoring to access this program.

(Senior High School Tutoring)

High school students can also visit the CDLI website for assistance with World Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Science 1206, Biology, English, and French.

BRUNO'S LITERACY PROGRAM

The Literacy Program is off to an excellent start. Many thanks go out to all the parents who came to the school to read to your children during our first assembly. The next assembly will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 30 and all parents are welcome to attend.



Please encourage your child to read on a nightly basis.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

There will be a K-6 Halloween dance on Thursday, October 25. Grades K-3 from 3:00-4:00 and Grades 4-6 from 6:00-8:00 and Grades 7 – Level III from 8-10pm.. 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, Gladys Hayden, Donnie Graham, Lorna Lawlor,

Vivian Ryan, Wendy Walsh, Cheryl O'Brien, Darlene Ryan, Paula Battcock, Aundrea O'Leary, Olivia Walsh, Brittany Chidley, Cynthia Aylward, Ed Foley and June Mayo. I want to thank all of these people for volunteering their time this year.

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, Amelda Boland, Leanna Dalton, Liam Walsh, Nancy Aspell, Paula Johnson, Danny Williams and Jacinta McGrath.

CAP AND GOWN

The annual Cap and Gown Graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, Nov. 23 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 2011-2012 graduates.

The SUBWAY/VOCM Cares Coats for Kids Campaign (Wednesday, November 7th)

The Subway/VOCM Cares Coats for Kids Campaign is celebrating its 23rd Anniversary this year. Through the years thousands of children have been “warm in winter” thanks to those who give generously to the campaign. Therefore, once again we are asking for your assistance. Your commitment to this project will afford students an opportunity to help others. Just have your child gather their outgrown and gently worn winter jackets, hats, boots, mittens, snowsuits, etc. and bring them to school library on “Coats for Kids Day”, Wednesday, November 7th.

WALL OF HONOUR

We would like to enhance our Wall of Honour by acknowledging and paying tribute to former students who are serving or who have served in any division of the armed forces. Therefore, if you have a son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, or neighbour we are asking for a framed 4 X 6 coloured photograph of the individual in their uniform in a 7 1/2 X 9 brown frame(to maintain consistency). A gold plate engraved with the former student's name, division of the armed forces, mission and date (if applicable) should be attached to the frame. If you would like more information or see a sample of the above, please check with Ms. Maloney.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

From October 11-14 Olivia Walsh, Marissa Fennelly, Tiffany Gale and Kelsey Dalton, along with teacher sponsor, Ms. McGrath, represented our school at the Student Leadership Conference hosted by Laval Regional High School. Over 300 student delegates from across the province came together to meet, to learn, and to share. Participants heard motivational and inspiring keynote addresses, attended informative workshop sessions, and enjoyed fabulous entertainment. 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 and Jerry 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 and the Harvest Run.

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. 16 and Baltimore School students were active throughout the day participating in events such as scavenger hunts, dance, Walk to Breakfast, Terry Fox Run and many other activities. Ms. McGrath, Ms. Maloney and the student leadership executive did an excellent job of organizing the day.

BOYS SOFTBALL

On September 22nd the Baltimore boys softball team won the championship game at the Regional 3A Boys Softball Tournament in Placentia qualifying them to play in the provincial tournament in Bay D'Espoir, October 11-13. At the Provincials the boys won 3 of their divisional games, won their semi-finals, however, lost in the finals. The loss was the only loss our boys had all year. It was a great experience and many thanks to Loyola Kavanagh for coaching the boys and also to Mr. Matchem for being teacher

sponsor. The following is a list of students who played on the team: Tyler Mckay, Robert Kavanagh, Shayne Kavanagh, Cody Collins, Carl Fennelly, Barry O'Keefe, Brandon Hawkins, Bernard Ryan, Kenny O'Brien, Daniel Byrne, Peter Kavanagh and Robert Jordan.

WALK TO BREAKFAST

On Tuesday, October 16th 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 buses dropped all students off at The Jigger and everyone walked to school from this point. At the school students enjoyed a nutritious breakfast prepared by our numerous dedicated volunteers.

GRADE 5 & 6 MISTAKEN POINT TRIP

On Friday, September 21, the Grades 5 & 6 classes 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. Leanne Dalton, Ms. Nancy Aspell, Ms. Tracy Coady, Ms. Wendy Walsh, Ms. Betty Hawkins, Ms. Yvonne Dunne, Ms. Sherry Kenny and Ms. Stella Ryan for accompanying the students to the site near Trepassey.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council this year is as follows:
Executive:

Olivia Walsh, Kelsey Arsenault, Erin Croft, Marissa Fennelly, Carissa Fennelly, Brittany Chidley

Grade 7:

Peter Ryan, Deanna Hayden

Grade 8:

Martina Shannahan, Kaitlin Brophy

Grade 9:

Justin Walsh, Joshua Power

Grade 10:

Victoria Battcock, Kyle Dalton

Grade 11:

Gage McCarthy, Wyatt Maloney

Grade 12

John Payne, Barry O'Keefe