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MISSION STATEMENT

We unite in our purpose to encourage active participation by enriching students' experiences & achievements in order that they pursue their education with enthusiasm.

JUNE MESSAGE

It's has been another amazing year at Clearmeadow. Your School Council has been very busy this year making a valuable contribution towards the best school experience for all our students. One of the key roles of Clearmeadow School Council is to support the school on the development, implementation and review of the School Plan for Continuous Improvement. Thanks to all your volunteer efforts and fundraising support, we were able to execute the following school plan accomplishments:

Curriculum Implementation

1. Provided funds for Department Needs, Kindergarten Needs Gift, Classroom Needs Gift (Gr1-8) to supply needed materials as per approval by the Principal like additional classroom books, CD player, manipulatives, etc.
2. Continued to provide Breakfast Buckets throughout the school year. Ensuring that children's nourishment goes hand in hand with student improved learning.
3. Field trip subsidy as part of Transportation support and sustain the student learning experience including Free Skating Trips to all grade levels.
4. Continued with PRO-Grants Programs from last year for the Snuggle Up & Read Program
5. Provided funding for Divisional Needs focusing on Literacy. Each division was able to provide needed supplies to help enhance student literacy like books and resources as approved by the Divisional Leaders.
6. Continued to provide needed supplies for graduation portfolios, honor roll & prizes.
7. Increased library books that will interest boys.
8. Provided additional music instruments for Arts promotion.
9. Provided needed supplies to support Peer Tutoring.



Effective Schools

1. Continued to support Student Awards Programs which included staff transportation to conferences, sports events, character ed, crosscountry and intramurals.
2. Continued to support Bar Awards, School Clubs, and Student Leadership, Peer Tutoring and Mentoring
3. Enhanced the auditorium sound system to assist with drama club plays and school presentations, promoting Arts in the school.
4. 'Olympian Safety Program' was made available to our children. They focused on issues that our children face each day, such as: safety at home, in school, on the internet, and in the community, playground and cyber bullying, conflict resolution, the dangers of drugs, the myths and facts about sexual assault and the consequences of gang violence.

Parental & Community Involvement

1. Continued to fund classroom websites to enhance communication between parents and their children's teachers.
2. Provided funding for special guests to support Arts in the school.
3. The council supported staff and volunteer appreciation expenses
4. A new 'Parent Development' Committee created to implement parental programs for the school which included Lice Intervention, Volunteer Training, Drug Awareness, and Guided Reading.
5. Provided a School-wide Fun Fair to bring the school community together as a celebration of all the students successes and provide all games and airbouncies free & accessible to every student.





SNUGGLE UP & READ

Thank you for joining us at our final Snuggle Up & Read Session for the year. We hope you found the last session very helpful in preparing your kindergartener for the next school year.

And thanks for completing our survey.

A special thanks to Mrs. Horner & Mrs. Rylander for organizing another successful Snuggle Up & Read Night. And to all our teachers who read to our children or informed us with helpful tips. We couldn't have done it without your volunteered time and effort.



Teacher Appreciation

Our teachers and staff enjoyed a catered lunch from Molisana last June 16th on behalf of the school families through School Council. There were door prizes and goodie bags for them to take home. It's a simple way to show how we are thankful to our staff for taking good care of our children.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped us.



The Lunch Lady & School Lunches



We hope you enjoyed the lunch programs we had available for your children. Through 'School Lunches', over \$10,000 was donated back to the school and has been allocated to our school initiatives for the year. This allowed us to limit the number of fundraising events at our school. As much as we enjoy the variety of options that the Lunch Lady provides, we also greatly benefit from the popular lunch choices from School Lunches. So we are happy to continue both programs next year. The Lunch Lady will be available two days a week and we will continue School Lunches for Pita, Pasta & Pizza lunches. All these exciting services are being offered for your convenience and optional use.

NEW!

FOOD PROGRAM COORDINATOR

NEW!

Beginning in the next school year, Food Program Coordinator will be a new council position. The coordinator will be in charge of our Breakfast Bucket Program & will oversee The Lunch Lady and School Lunches programs.

If you are interested in this position or other council positions, please watch for the nomination forms that will be sent home with your child in September. Council Elections will be held on September 23rd at 6:30pm. Please attend, vote and be heard!

THE YEARBOOK IS HERE!

Every year we hold a yearbook cover contest and the top three covers are placed in the yearbook. This year we had an amazing response from our students and some difficult choices for our Judges!!



Congratulations to our yearbook cover winners for 2007-2008:

1st place - Nathalee P. **2nd Runner up** - Sveta C.
3rd runner ups - Carly H. And Ashley A.

Thanks to our yearbook committee: Robynne Hutton, Monica Brown, Marnie Clark, Sandra Cassidy, Sarah Vander Heide, Kerri Moore, Mr. Coats, Taylor D., Jaime-Lynn B., Sophia Mullin, Mrs. Hill-Oren, & Mrs. Macpherson.

.....for our beautiful, colourful and best Clearmeadow yearbook ever!

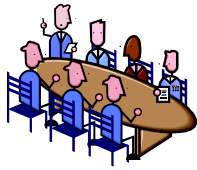
Don't miss out on this special Clearmeadow keepsake for your child!!! Additional yearbooks are available at the office. Contact Monica Brown at (905) 895-9175 or brownfamily@rogers.com if you have any questions.

KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND

Thank you to the many parents and staff who help us plan out improvements for our kindergarten playground. We were able to purchase additional toys for our little ones and we will be able to implement bigger projects next year. Thank you Terri Leach for organizing this new committee.

PARENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

We hope you benefited from the Lice Intervention & Drug Awareness presentations. We chose these topics based on our initial parent survey that went home at the beginning of the school year. We would like to thank Shelley Langer for organizing these informative events. We look forward to providing more educational programs to you in the future.



**CLEARMEADOW
SCHOOL COUNCIL
2008 - 2009**

The Clearmeadow School Council is an important advisory group of parents, staff and student representatives. Everyone involved in the School Council has a powerful opportunity to provide a positive impact on our children's education and have fun!

On Tuesday, September 23rd, our school council elections will be held and everyone is invited to attend. Parent/guardians of a student enrolled at Clearmeadow P.S. are eligible to stand as parent candidates and to vote. All eligible candidates must be present at the meeting on September 23rd which will start at 6:30pm in the Library.

Watch for the nomination form to declare your intent to be on the School Council or to nominate another parent for a position on School Council. We will receive nominations until September 19, 2008.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- Chairperson/s
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fundraising Coordinator/s
- Volunteer Coordinator/s
- Community Representatives
- Food Program Coordinator

For further details, the School Council Constitution is available on our website.



CLEARMEADOW FUN FAIR was a SUCCESS!

Thank you parents, staff, students, and community members for all of your hard work, dedication, and gifts of time! This year's Clearmeadow Public School Fun Fair was a huge success, (despite the threatening weather!) thanks to YOU!

Whether you assisted with wrapping raffle baskets & boxes, setting up, "supervising bouncies", running games, tattoo station, ticket sales, food sales, food service, raffle prize draws, parking supervision, "rescuing" the fair and moving it inside, or cleaning up after it was all over.... we could not have done it without you! Your efforts are appreciated and you are wonderful examples of the power of a community that comes together and makes things happen.

Thank you again to our Major Airbouncy Sponsors for their financial contribution: Paul Ireland – Century 21 & Slessor Motors. Our primary & kindergarten classes were able to access the airbouncies during their play date between 1:40pm to 3:20pm. And everyone enjoyed it during our fun fair event.

Thanks also to the following sponsors who donated raffle items, prizes, their time and costumes for our enjoyment: Clearmeadow Staff & Families, All Star Sports, AVON (S. Dunnicliff), Blockbuster, Booster Juice, Boston Pizza, B.U.T. Cosmetics, Canadian Tire, Canyon Creek, Cardinal Golf Club, Ce De Candy, Costco, CTV News, Dawson Manor Spa, Dominion, East Side Marios, EMS, Entertainment Book, The Flare Group, Gabby's, Ganz, Glenway Country Club, Global Specialty Channels, Goodlife Fitness-Newmarket, Harv-O the Clown, HMV, Hubba Bubba, Jack Astor's, Lexmark, Mabel's Labels, Mademoiselle Gym, Manulife, Marriott Bloor, McDonald's, Mercedes Benz, Merry Maids, Milestones, Mobile Video Productions, Montana's, Moxies, Mrs. Hunter (Loonette/ Hello Kitty), National Training Rinks, Newmarket Fire & Rescue, NV Beauty, Of Rock & Chalk, Ontario Science Centre, Robinson's Karate, Rogers Sportsnet, Scholastic (Clifford), The Score Television, Select Art Galleries, South Street Burgers, Stellar Lanes, Superstore, Tom and Jerry's, Toronto Blue Jays, Vasken Jewellers, Vince's Market, Well Rounded Kids (Camp), Yellow/Orange Spa, York Region Police, Zona's Shoes, and Zouz Indoor Playground.

Special thanks to our Fundraising Committee members Monica Brown, Marnie Clark, Ron Clarke, Lynn Conforti, Kristine Draper, Michelle Finlay, Trish Gunderson, Robynne Hutton, Hellen Jolly, Shelley Langer, Terri Leach, Sophia Mullin, Sharen Pismarov, Michelle Rich, and Susan Shaw for organizing and making this event possible!



FUNDRAISING MESSAGE



Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts, we were able to raise over \$33,000 for our school. The funds helped support the School Plan for Continuous Improvement (see page 1). Our goal is to offer you affordable and practical ideas that will benefit your family and the school at the same time.

Our QSP Magazine, Shop and Support, Mabel's Labels and Boston Pizza fundraisers are ongoing even during the summer vacation. Place your magazine subscriptions through www.qsp.ca and enter group # 10085. You can continue to purchase gift cards by shopping at www.shopandsupport.ca and including our ID # 0100556961, they can be delivered directly to your home. And don't forget to order your labels for summer camps. Place your orders at www.school.mabel.ca and select Clearmeadow P.S.

All funds raised through these programs help directly benefit the school and help enrich your child's education and school experiences.



Let's Celebrate!

Thank you for all the
Hours you spend,
Attention you give,
Needs that you tend,
Knowledge you pass on,

Your special touch,
Offering guidance,
Undaunted by much,

Time spent planning,
Efforts you make,
Angles to learning,
Chances you take.

Here's to our teachers,
Each one a gem.
Recognized now; we
Salute them!

(Author Unknown)

**THANK YOU
TEACHERS &
STAFF!**



Thank You Volunteers

We would like to thank all those who gave their valuable time and resources, to support programs and events at Clearmeadow this year. It has been a very successful year and all of these events would not have occurred without the generosity and commitment of each and every volunteer. Whether it was one hour of your time, or many more.... you have made a difference in your children's school. We look forward to working with you again next year! Thank you! ~Terri Leach, Volunteer Coordinator

Thank You Clearmeadow Families

The School Council would like to acknowledge all of our caring Clearmeadow Families. Without your active participation in our school, we would not have the fantastic learning environment that we have. By participating in classroom Volunteering, attending School Council meetings, or by supporting our fundraising efforts, you are having a positive impact on your child's education. We applaud you and thank you for being involved!

Thank you Mrs. Hill-Oren & Mrs. Macpherson

For all you do for Clearmeadow and for the guidance, support and praise you freely give to School Council & the community!

*Special thanks to the **Student Council & Teachers** for providing fun activities and programs. The students very much enjoyed the special dances, drama plays, and cooling off with Yogurt & Freezie days.*

Thank you to our Secretaries, Caretakers & Support staff

Your hard work is well noticed and appreciated! We are very fortunate to have you as part of our Clearmeadow family, THANKS!

Thanks Jillian Ewing

For all the volunteer hours you spent looking after the children during all our council meetings.

Special Thanks to....

Our School Council Members for your passion, perseverance and never-ending dedication to the Blue & Gold! You all did an extraordinary dazzling job this year!

High-Five!!

"I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team, I defer to it and sacrifice for it, because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion." ~Mia Hamm

Thank you everyone for a heartwarming year at Clearmeadow Public School! We look forward to another successful & fun year.

Have a wonderful, relaxing summer vacation!

Clearmeadow Rocks!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Thank you Grade 8 students for all your contributions in making Clearmeadow a great school! Wishing you all the best in High School! We'll miss you all.

