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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.

Jammin' in the Jungle Dance-a-thon

Well, here we are in April –finally! It's great to hear the birds singing and to enjoy some longer sunny days!! Your school council has been busy getting ready for one of our big events: the ever popular Dance-a-thon! This year's theme is Jammin' in the Jungle being held on April 11. The M/W kindergartners, who will not be at school on this date, will have their very own Dance-a-thon on Monday, April 14th! We are sure you have heard all about the excitement from your kids! We have wonderful great prizes for students to win daily draws, raffles, a grand prize, and classroom awards! Make sure you bring in your pledges by April 9th to be included in our raffle draws. Funds raised from this event will go to the school to help cover literacy requirements this year. We hope you can come out and enjoy watching our kids dance their hearts out while they're having some jungle fun!

Thank you to all families, corporations and teachers who made donations. We have many prizes to hand out to our students to make our upcoming dance a day to remember! If you are joining your children at the dance and would like to help out while you are there, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Terri Leach.

Making Good Schools Even Better! Your Involvement Matters!

Becoming involved in the life of your school can be rewarding for you, your child and the entire school. In fact, studies show that good schools become better schools when parents are involved.

Wondering how you can get involved? Here are just a few ways to get started:

- Attend parent information and social events at your school.
- School concerts or sports events – a football game or track and field meet, for example – are great places to meet school staff and other parents.
- Learn more about your school by attending school council meetings.
- If you have a first language other than English or French, ask about translation services, or offer to help!
- You can offer to help as a volunteer in many ways, such as assisting students with reading, helping in the classroom, or helping to organize events and outings.
- Don't forget that your special skills – in music, sports, art or dance, for example – may be highly appreciated by teachers and students.
- Check the school bulletin board, newsletter and website to learn more about the school and opportunities for involvement.
- Offer to assist teachers on field trips and other outings.
- See if your school has a parent contact list and ask to be added.
- If you are new to the school, meet the principal and talk with your child's teacher about your interest in becoming involved.



Thank you for getting involved and making a difference! If you would like to volunteer at any of our school events, please contact Terri Leach at 905-853-8948 or trsterri@rogers.com

Important Dates!!!

- April 1-14** Dance-a-thon
Daily Draws
- April 7** 6:30 School
Council Meeting
- April 9** Classroom Door
Mural Contest Deadline
- April 9** Dance-a-thon
Pledges due date
- April 11** Jammin' in the
Jungle Dance-a-thon
- April 14** 11:00am M/W
JK/SK Dance-a-thon. Raffle
winners will be picked
today!
- April 16** 6:30 pm Fun Fair
Planning Meeting
- April 22** Earth Day!
- May 8** 6:30 pm Fun Fair
Meeting
- May 13** Volunteer Tea
We love our volunteers!
- May 13** 6:30 pm Drug
Awareness Presentation/
Council Meeting
- May 27** 6:30 pm Fun Fair
Meeting
- June 5** Annual
Community Fun Fair
- June 10** 6:30 School
Council Meeting*
- June 16** Staff
Appreciation Luncheon

COME & JOIN US!

School Council Meetings are held in the school library. Everyone is welcome! Childcare services are provided.

"The Lunch Lady" www.thelunchlady.ca



Would you like to help support the Drama & Music Club? We are launching The Lunch Lady on Tuesdays from May to June to accommodate many requests from the community to "try her out!" At the same time, any contributions made will be pledged directly to the Drama & Music Club. The Lunch Lady not only delivers your orders, but she stays through the lunch period until all customers are satisfied. In order to get this little project started, we have parent volunteer Susan Shaw who will help the council oversee the program. Thanks Susan! Visit their website at www.thelunchlady.ca. More information will be sent soon.



Parent & Teacher Drug Awareness Presentation

Please join us on May 13th at 6:30 pm in the library as Police Officer Craig provides us with information on Drug Awareness. Refreshments and childcare services will be provided.

Studies have shown that children are first introduced to illegal drugs while in middle school or at the beginning of high school. Early detection of drug abuse has been shown to be an effective deterrent to chronic use. Parents and teachers may be the first to see the effects of drug use (poor grades, dramatic mood changes, health problems); however, without training they would not know the true cause.

After this important community presentation, we will continue our regular council meeting at 7:30. Anyone interested is invited to stay to participate in one of our fun, informative meetings!!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

A Special thanks goes to Philips Electronics Inc who donated all the CFL Light Bulbs that were sold. We were able to raise over \$300. We sold 108 Boo Boo Kits and raised over \$150. As of February, we also raised over \$73 from Boston Pizza. Thank you for your purchases.

Just a reminder that our QSP Magazine, Shop and Support, Mabel's Labels and Boston Pizza fundraisers are ongoing. Labels are great for summer camps! Please contact our Fundraising Coordinators if you like additional \$5 off Boston Pizza vouchers or Mabel's Labels order forms. Mabel's Label order forms are also available at our school website. All funds raised through these programs help directly benefit the school and help enrich your child's education and school experiences.



Fun Fair is Back!

Please join us for our first planning meeting on April 16, 2008 at 6:30 in the library and help make it a fun-filled day for all! We are also seeking bouncing castles, games and prize sponsors. If you know someone who is able to donate please contact our Fundraising Coordinators:

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"Thank you for your caring support of Clearmeadow P.S.!"