



CLEARMEADOW SCHOOL COUNCIL



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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 has been another fantastic year at Clearmeadow. The School Council has been very busy this year, supporting our teachers and children and trying to keep our families updated on happenings in and around the school.

We are very proud of our accomplishments this year and hope you will take a moment to read the **Fundraising News** portion of the newsletter to see what we've done and how it's helped the school. We couldn't have done it without you.

The School Council is made up of a very dedicated group of parents and caregivers, who take their roles as parent representatives very seriously. We are constantly looking for ways to better support our families and children, and very much value input from our parent community. We encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and to offer your suggestions and comments, but if you can't attend the meetings, feel free to email your ideas to a council member, or write them down and put them in the School Council suggestion box in the photocopy room of the office. We look forward to your input.

Knowledge is power and we hope to continue to provide valuable information and programs to our families in the future, so that we can assist you in staying involved in your child's education. Our goal is to provide babysitting services at our School Council meetings starting in the fall, so that more of you will be able to attend the meetings and get the valuable information presented by our Principal and Vice-Principal at each meeting. We also hope to be able to run special "Information Nights" like the Snuggle and Read program and Safety programs, in an effort to help us help our kids.

The School Council would also like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs. Lynda Hill-Oren and Mr. Tim Dunn for their incredible support and guidance to Council this year. This fantastic pair has brought about many exciting and positive changes to Clearmeadow Public School and we are grateful to have been able to work with them both.

The School Council had the opportunity to meet our new Vice-Principal, Mrs. Jane MacPherson, and we are very much looking forward to her arrival at Clearmeadow. She comes to us from Stonehaven Public School and her outgoing, friendly personality is sure to make the children feel at ease. We're looking forward to another great year for Clearmeadow!

Have a great summer and we'll see you in the fall!

Lynn Conforti and Heather Moffatt
Clearmeadow School Council Co-Chairs

FUNDRAISING NEWS



School Council would like to thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts this year. Although challenging to complete all fundraising prior to the school expansion, we were able to successfully raise over \$35,000 this year, and we couldn't have done it without your incredible support.

This year's fundraising efforts enabled us to continue with our annual commitments to literacy, classroom and departmental needs, school club needs, technology, student leadership, staff appreciation luncheon, grade 8 graduation gifts, bar program and arts in the school.

We were also able to initiate some special projects this year including, Snuggle & Read, Guys Read, breakfast buckets, new instruments (piano and french horn), sponsor the "Wizard of Oz" play, supply butterfly garden materials, purchase risers for school performances and set aside money to purchase resources for our newly constructed classrooms.

We know that some of you are overwhelmed with the fundraising requests that are sent home from the school council and other school departments. We made a conscious effort to limit the number of programs we ran this year and to choose programs that we felt would be most beneficial to our families. We would like to emphasize that they are all optional and we don't expect you to support each event.

Our goal is to represent the interests of our parents in supporting our children's education. We hope you will join us at our meetings and get to know the Clearmeadow School Council. Have a wonderful summer!

Sophia Mullin and David Raines
Fundraising Coordinators

LUNCH PROGRAMS



We would like to thank Mrs. Paula Braithwaite for her dedication in ensuring our children have daily milk and weekly special lunches. We are very blessed with her organization skills and her kind and caring heart. Thanks also to the parents and students who assisted her. This year, we have raised over \$15,000.

QSP MAGAZINE DRIVE



We would like to thank Barbira James for organizing our magazine drive each year. Thanks to all our volunteers and supporters. Remember to hold off on renewing your subscriptions until our annual drive in the fall. Thanks to you, we raised over \$12,000 this year.

SHOP & SUPPORT PROGRAM



Thanks to everyone who purchased their gift cards / gift certificates through www.shopandsupport.ca website. You can continue to support Clearmeadow this summer by including our ID number 0100556961 when you register, and they can be delivered directly to your home. This program has raised about \$400 so far.



DANCE-A-THON

This year's Luau Dance-a-thon was a huge hit! Thanks to our principal Lynda Hill, for initiating a new dance-a-thon program that included learning new dances as part of the gym curriculum which added another element of fun to the dance.

Congratulations to all our daily and grand prize draw winners, our top achievers of each grade level, and to Ms. Kell's and Ms. Crocker's classes for winning the ice cream party for full class participation!

We would like to acknowledge the following sponsors for donating our grand prizes: Newmarket Honda, Hempen Jewellers, Newmarket Basketball Club, National Training Rink, Robinson's Karate School, Town of Newmarket – Recreation Department, Paramount Canada's Wonderland, Of Rock & Chalk, Terri Leach of Discovery Toys, Upper Canada Mall, Newmarket Soccer Club, and Warrior Martial Arts Centre.

Thank you to Snap Newmarket for including us in your publication for May 2007. Thanks to our DJ, Mr. Brock Chisholm for doing another excellent job. Our students and staff were happy to see you again. We thank our teachers for their generous donations for our daily draw prizes. Thanks to our student council, art club and student representatives for doing an excellent job in beautifying our gym and helping out. We also thank all of our parent & student volunteers whose help made the event possible, and to Mrs. Shelley Langer for organizing our volunteers. We would also like to thank Ms. Carole Ann MacDonald and family for donating gift cards for our top achiever prizes, and all the families who donated toys for our spot prizes. With our collaborative work, we raised almost \$8,000! Thank you everyone, this was our best dance-a-thon ever!



GIFT RAFFLE BASKETS

What a wonderful sight it was to see beautifully wrapped gift baskets displayed in rows in our library and along our hallways. Thank you for all your class donations, for our parent and student volunteers that helped wrap our baskets and sell the tickets, and of course for your support by purchasing the raffle tickets. Congratulations to all the families that won our raffle baskets, we hope you have enjoyed your baskets. This program raised over \$2,000.



LEATHER BRACELETS

Thanks to everyone who purchased our first ever Clearmeadow Bracelets. What a great addition to our 'school spirit' campaign, and what a great memento for our graduates too. We hope to run this as an ongoing program within the school. This program has earned approximately \$200 for our school.



MAPLE LODGE FARMS FUNDRAISER

What a delicious way to end the school year. We hope that you enjoyed the various chicken selections for your summer barbeque. We have raised an estimated of \$950. Thank you for your support and for our volunteers who helped compile and distribute the orders.



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Thank You Volunteers

We have had a very busy and successful year at Clearmeadow and we are truly grateful to all of our **wonderful volunteers**. We would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents and caregivers that offered their time and support. Thank you and have a relaxing summer... You deserve it!!!

Shelley Langer
Volunteer Coordinator

Thank You Students and Teachers

Council would also like to thank our student volunteers for all of their assistance this year. Thanks to the Student Council, student leaders and the art club, under the direction of Ms. Chiovitti, for their incredible support of our fundraising events. Special thanks to the Student Council for providing fun activities and programs this year. The students very much enjoyed the special dances, and cooling off with Freezie Fridays. Thanks also to all the teachers and students who helped raise funds for Voices of Africa, and for reminding us to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank You Mr. Dunn

The School Council would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Dunn for his kind support and for the positive impact he has had on Clearmeadow Public School. While we will miss having him as part of the school team, we wish him the all the best on his appointment as Principal of Crossland Public School.

Thank You Clearmeadow Families

As always, the School Council would like to acknowledge all of our 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.



The Clearmeadow School Council hopes that you and your family have a safe and happy summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in the fall.