



CLEARMEADOW SCHOOL COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER

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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.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It is hard to believe that another year has passed. The School Council would like to thank parents, staff and students for continuing to make each experience at Cleameadow positive and enriching. We sincerely wish everyone the best holiday season and happiest new year.

**PARENTS REACHING OUT (PRO) GRANT**

In November, Clearmeadow School Council was given the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Ministry of Education that would help us enhance the participation of parents who face challenges in getting involved in their children's education.

The Council put together a request that was aimed at promoting and supporting early literacy, and a specific program designed to encourage our male students to read more.

If approved, the grants would allow the Council to provide a "Snuggle and Read" backpack program in the primary grades, that would provide specialty reading materials to help our primary students develop a love of reading. As well, it would allow us the funds necessary to run a "Cool Guys Read and Write" program. The program would greatly increase the level of interesting and appropriate reading materials available for our male students, as well as offer an initiative to explore creative writing.

The Council is very excited about the potential of these programs and is anxiously awaiting word as to whether the grants have been approved. We'll let you know as soon as we receive confirmation.

**SHOP & SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our new Shop and Support Program. We were able to raise over \$400 to fund programs for our school. Everyone can continue to order gift cards and gift certificates online at www.shopandsupport.ca and help continue to raise money for our school.

- Go to **www.shopandsupport.ca** and choose "Join"
- Clearmeadow's ID# is **010056961**.
- Select the gift cards you wish to purchase.
- Have the order delivered to your home.
- Pay using online/phone banking or pre-authorized payment.
- Once registered, you will also be able to invite your friends and family to Shop and Support Clearmeadow P.S.

You can shop using the cards instead of cash, for your everyday purchases. You can even "double-dip" by taking advantage of in-store loyalty and reward programs. It's simple, effective and fun!

**Next School Council meeting:
January 10, 2007, 7pm**

Please plan to attend!

Ms. Hill-Oren will be presenting helpful tips on how to help your child with their homework. You don't want to miss it!

Everyone is welcome.



Committees...

Committees provide a great opportunity for parents to get involved, and you don't have to be a member of the School Council to join. Please consider sharing your talents with us.

Volunteers Needed...

If you have a couple of hours and would like to help with one of the upcoming events, please contact Shelly Langer at (905) 830-9888
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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We all want the best for our children and with your continuous support in our fundraising programs we can help provide for our school's needs. The School Council appreciates the joint effort from parents, families, students & staff in making each of our events a success.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FUNDRAISING MEETING TO HELP PLAN FOR OUR DANCE-A-THON AND SPRING RAFFLE ON JANUARY 24, 2007 AT 7 PM IN THE LIBRARY.

Share your creative ideas, network connections and talents. We would love to hear from you.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

DANCE-A-THON

April 20th

This perennial favourite with students is a fun way to encourage physical activity and positive social interaction. This is also a great time to make donations to the school. Tax receipts are issued for any donation made in the form of a cheque for \$25 or more.

As in past years, we ask you to please keep us in mind over Christmas. We will be asking for donations for prizes for the dance-a-thon starting in March so if your children receive duplicate gifts etc, please keep the dance-a-thon in mind.

SPRING RAFFLE

April 30 to May 2

The School Council will be presenting gift baskets & a silent auction during our Arts Nights in the spring. Each class will be selecting a theme for their baskets and we will be collecting donations at the beginning of April for new items based on the theme chosen by the class. If you would like to promote your small business and make a donation to the silent auction or if you have any business connections who would like to make a donation, please let us know.

MAPLE LODGE FARMS

May 2007

Stock up for barbeque season by ordering from a wide variety of products from Maple Lodge Farms. Please watch for the brochures to be sent home in May.

**For more information on the above upcoming events, please contact our fundraising coordinators:
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