

Clearmeadow Chronicle

Honours

Principal: Ms. L. Hill-Oren
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School Council Thank You

Never underestimate the ability of a very dedicated team of parents who are determined to make their child's school THE VERY BEST! Through a series of highly successful fundraisers, the School Council and parent volunteers raised over \$35,000 this year! We are very appreciative of this 'labour of love' and the many opportunities these funds have afforded our students.

Funds have been used to support the following things this year:

- Character Education Conference
- Agenda Planners
- Departmental needs (music, sports, arts)
- Arts in the School—Joe Crone—Kindergarten
- Graduation awards
- Bars Awards Program
- Field Trip to the Toronto Symphony (bussing)
- School Clubs
- Technology (16 computers,

Smart Board, Multi-media centre, LCD projectors with notebooks (lap top), classroom CD players)

Classroom needs (\$200/class)

Kindergarten Needs

Student Leadership (Cardio Crew, Peer Tutoring)

Bulletin Boards

White Boards

Entry fees to sport tournaments

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Musical instruments (primary)

Parent Corner in the Library

Graduation Composites

Funds have been put aside to support the construction of a safety fence between the primary yard and Clearmeadow Blvd. We are hopeful that this work will soon be approved by the Town of Newmarket.

We encourage interested parents to attend the monthly School Council meetings and to get involved in some of the fun that helps to make Clearmeadow such

a positive 'family' community. We are planning small presentations for the Council meetings that are of interest to parents.

Many thanks to this year's School Council members. It's been a great year! See you in September!

Lynn Conforti— Co Chair

Ruth Burgess— Co Chair

Heather Moffatt—Secretary

Carol Cook—Treasurer

Sophia Mullin—Fundraising Coordinator

Paula Braithwaite—Lunch Program Coordinator

Enav Caspi-Puccini—Volunteers Coordinator

Steve Jenah—Member at Large

Fatima Ravito—Community Representative

Barbira James—Magazine Fundraiser Coordinator

Robynne Hutton

Carrie Demay

Trish Gunderson—Community Representative

Jennifer Rylander—Staff representative

Monica Brown

Thank you also to the MANY parent volunteers who gave so generously of their time and expertise this year to support school activities and fundraising events. We hope that you will continue to be involved—all of our children benefit from your enthusiasm and interest.

School Board Trustee Praises School Community for Strong Support

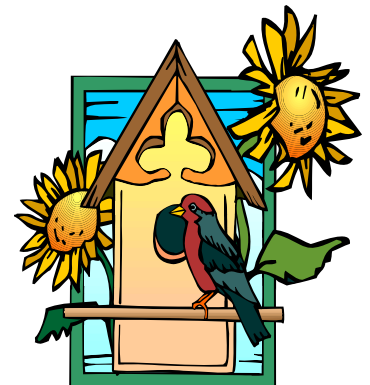
Quality public education takes more than schools, books and teachers. Recent research into school effectiveness and student achievement confirms that educational success is strongly linked to the participation of parents, care-givers and other community members in the life of the school. There are many ways your com-

munity has contributed directly to the quality of your children's education, through volunteering, School Council membership, fundraising, tutoring assistance, and most importantly, by being interested and involved in our students' lives. Please continue to support the work of your school in preparing learners for

life in our changing world community.

As the school year draws to a close, I want to thank all school staff, parents and students for helping to make your school a safe, happy and successful place to learn.

Trustee, Martin Van Beek



F.Y.I.



Summer Registration

Parents who wish to register their children during July and August may do so at the Community Education centre North located at 130 Carlson Drive in Newmarket (905-895-5155). The registration office will be open from 9:00—3:00 on July 24, 25, 26, 27 and August 14, 15, 16, 17.

The Clearmeadow Public School office will re-open on Monday, August 28 at noon.

Attendance on the Final Report Card

Please do not be alarmed if the attendance information on your child's final report card does not exactly match your recollection of dates/absences. As the information is entered electronically, the cut off date for attendance information was June 16. This allowed teachers time to enter information before reports were printed.

Tentative Class Placement Information

In an effort to alleviate some summertime anxiety, we have included tentative class placement on the report card. We are very hopeful that enrolment numbers will not change significantly over the summer enabling us to open in September with classes as planned.

Much consideration has been given to the creation of balanced classes that will provide students with the best possible opportunities

for success. We ask families to have faith in our process and to support class placement decisions made on your behalf. **No changes will be made to placements** until enrolment figures have been analyzed in September.

Thank you for your understanding.

Clearmeadow Kindergarten Now On Overflow

The Kindergarten classes at Clearmeadow are now full. Families who register their child (ren) for kindergarten at this time will be advised that the overflow site is Terry Fox Public School. Enrolment numbers will be reviewed in September once classes begin. If space becomes available at this time, any students that have been sent to the overflow site will be brought back to Clearmeadow. We apologize for the inconvenience to any families affected.

How Do I Find My Child's New Teacher on September 5?

Teachers will 'meet and greet' students on the tarmac surrounding the school between 8:40 and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5. Teachers will lead their students to their new classroom after 9:00.

Intermediate students (grades 7 & 8) will enter via the southeast doors (off the parking lot), grades 1 & 2 students will enter by the southwest doors (near the portables on the playground side) and junior students (grades 4, 5, 6) will enter by the northwest doors (nearest

the primary playground).

Kindergarten students have a staggered entry plan that is communicated by a separate letter of welcome.

Daily Vigorous Physical Activity

Next year teachers are required to schedule 20 minutes of daily vigorous physical activities for the students. On some days, this will happen through physical education classes with Mr. Milne. On days when students are not scheduled for a gym period, homeroom teachers will provide these activities. We ask that you consider what your child wears to school and ensure that indoor footwear is appropriate.

Bussing

As per Board Policy #680, Transportation to schools, a child (JK—Gr. 3) who lives within 1.2 kilometers of the school shall not be entitled to transportation. A child in grade 4—8 who lives within 1.6 kilometers of the school shall not be entitled to transportation. Students on transfer are also not entitled to transportation.

For more information on bus pick up times and locations, go to www.schoolbuscity.com.



2006—2007 Timetable

8:55 entry bell
 9:00 announcements, attendance first period class
 9:20 period 2
 10:00 period 3
 10:40 recess
 11:00 period 4
 11:40 period 5
 12:20 period 6

12:40 lunch break
 1:40 period 7
 2:20 period 8
 3:00 period 9



The day is structured with three 100 minute blocks of instructional time with two recess breaks in between. Each block of 100 minutes has a literacy focus for a division. The primary literacy block is 9:00—10:40. The junior (gr. 4—6) literacy block is 11:00—12:40. The intermediate (gr. 7—8) literacy block is

1:40—3:20. The intermediate timetable has been adjusted to include a focused rotary block from 9:20—10:40 each day. During this time grade 7 & 8 students will focus intensively on only two subjects for three week blocks of time (science, geography, history, drama, health, art). The purpose of this restructuring is to reduce the number of subjects that the students must attend to at one time. We anticipate better homework completion and higher quality efforts on culminating unit activities.

Homeroom Classes

Grade	Room	Teacher	Grade	Room	Teacher
JK	103	S. Horner (M/W)	4	128	J. Forrester
JK	103	S. Horner (T/Th)	4	132	N. Cameron
JK	104	S. Stacey (T/Th)	4	230	J. Mackillican
JK/SK	107	M. Lake (M/W)	5	231	C. Dinsdale
SK	107	D. Crocker (T/Th)	5	226	J. Stewart
SK	108	D. Gooley (T/Th)	5/6	225	J. Norwood
SK	108	L. Loveless (M/W)	6	211	C. Delaney
1	115	J. Speers	6	213	K. Paivio
1	116	M. Ciccone	7	217	C. Glass-Sanderson
1	119	S. Davis	7	208	K. Chiovitti
1	120	M. McKeown	7/8	202	R. Coats
2	110	T. Kell	8	218	A. McQuarrie
2	111	S. Gibson-Neve	8	223	L. Plaskos
2	113	R. Knisley	SAC	201	P. Wukasch
2	114	N. Zander	PSSC	133	T. North
3	Port. 1	C. Gillis	SSC	134	L. Ferguson (Gr. 4, 5, 8)
3	Port. 2	J. Campbell	SSC	109	A. Evans (Gr. 6, 7)
3	Port. 3	V. Rakovski			
3	Port. 4	L. Roberts			



Also on Staff:

J. Rylander (Library, French)

B. Wilson (French, drama)

K. Milne (physical education)

G. Vandikas (music)

M. Goodman (kindergarten coverage)

D. Verlinde (Reading Recovery)

K. Kenny (Reading Recovery and grade 1-2 enrichment)

S. Ross (ESL teacher)

Support Staff (to be announced over the summer)

L. Patenaude (School Office Admin. Assist.)

D. Leadbetter (secretary)

J. Anderson (secretary)

S. Barbeau (Head caretaker)

D. Sedore (caretaker)

T. O'Reilly (caretaker)

J. Botts (caretaker)

D. Hiel (caretaker)

T. Dunn (Vice Principal)

L. Hill-Oren (Principal)



Honours

Over the year we have recognized students who earned **academic honours** (grade 7 & 8) for 80% average across all subjects areas, **Learning Skills honours** (grades 1—8) for 31 points or more on the nine Learning Skills and academic improvement (grades 1—8) for an improvement of 5% or more.

Students received special certificates to recognize their tremendous efforts. We are very proud of the many students who were honoured this year.

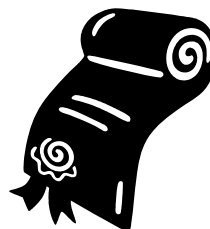
Third term certificates received:

Learning Skills Honours:

234 students earned 31 points or more

53 of these students earned 36 points (all “exceptional”)

Academic Honour Roll:



Grade	3rd Term Honours	Overall Honours (80% average over 3 terms)
7	20 students	17 students (24% of grade 7 students)
8	15 students	11 students (16% of grade 8 students)

Improvement:

58 students had an overall improvement of 5% or more from first term to 3rd term. Now that's perseverance! Well done!

The School Year Calendar, 2006—07

Some Important Dates for your family calendar

Holidays and PA Days

Thanksgiving Day: Oct. 9

Christmas Vacation: Dec. 25—Jan. 5 (incl.)

Winter Break: Mar. 9—16 (incl.)

Good Friday: April 6

Easter Monday: April 9

Victoria Day: May 21

P.A. Days: September 22, November 30, February 2 (Training Day?) TBA, May 4, June 28 (afternoon), June 29

School Events;

Opening Day: Sept. 5

Meet the Teacher Night: Sept. 21

School Photos: Oct. 4 & 5

Grade 7 Hep B: Oct. 7

Holiday Concerts: Dec. 11, 12, 13

SK Open House: Dec. 14

Grad Photos: Mar. 27

Arts Nights: Apr. 30, May 1 & 2

School Play: May 16 & 17

EQAO (gr. 3 & 6): Week of May 27

Grade 8 Graduation: June 27

A Message from York Region Health Services:

Every student must have a complete immunization record on file with York Region Health Services in order to attend school. To fulfill this requirement, York Region Health Services maintains an immunization record on every child (age 4—18 years) attending school in York Region. The files are reviewed each year and questionnaires are sent out asking for any missing information. In November 2006 students whose immunization records are not complete will receive an Immunization Questionnaire asking for updated immunization information. If the updated information is not received by York Region Health Services by the date requested, school suspension orders will be issued.

The summer provides an opportunity to review your immunization records and update mandatory immunization as required.

Please note that Meningococcal C vaccine is now publicly funded for 15—19 year olds (born 1986-1991).

Health Services Dept. Public Health, Infectious Diseases Control Division, 194 Eagle St., Newmarket, Ont. 905-830-4444

www.region.york.on.ca

New Parent Resources Available in the Library

The Ontario Ministry provided a \$500 grant to each School Council to support parent education. Mrs. Rylander has kindly purchased some excellent resources for parents to borrow. Please feel welcome to visit the Clearmeadow library and browse!

Recommendations for further purchases are always welcome.

These titles are now available:

Raising Happy Kids, Elizabeth Hartley-Brewer

Raise Your Child's Social IQ,, Cathi Cohen

Parenting to Build Character in Your Teen, Michael Josephson

The Power of Positive Talk: Words to Help Every Child Succeed, Douglas Bloch

Angry Kids, Frustrated Parents, Terry Hyland & Jerry Davis

Changing Children's Behaviour by Changing the People, Places and Activities in Their Lives, Richard Munger

How to Handle a Hard-to-Handle Kid, C. Drew Edwards

Stuck Up For Yourself! Every Kid's Guide to Personal Power and Self Esteem, Geshen Kaufman and Lev Raphael

Your Anxious Child, John Dacey and Lisa Fiore

The Survival Guide for Kids with ADD or ADHD, John Taylor

When Moms and Kids Have ADD, Patricia Quinn & Kathleen Nadeau

Children with Autism: A Parents' Guide, Michael Powers

Asperger Syndrome: A Guide for Educators and Parents, Brenda Smith Myles & Recharad Simpson

More Than a Mom: Living a Full and Balanced Life When Your Child Has Special Needs, Amy Baskin and Heather Fawcett

The Secrets of Discipline

Never give a choice when it comes to limits.

If you bargain for compliance now, you will beg for it later.

When children are well trained, it's habit-forming.

Rules worth having are worth enforcing.

Behaviour that needs to be learned needs to be taught.

Today's practice is tomorrow's performance.

Independence isn't doing your own thing, it's doing what's right on your own.

Keep responsible decisions in responsible hands.

Discipline comes best from the heart, not the hand.

Beware of self-indulgence, disguised as self-esteem.

Prevention is the best solution.

There is not great discipline without great commitment.

TRUTH

A Poem by Barrie Wade

Sticks and stones may break my bones

But words can also hurt me.

Stones & sticks break only skin,

While words are ghosts that haunt me.

Slant and curved the word-swords fall

To pierce and stuck inside me.

Bats and bricks may ache through bones,

But words can mortify me.

Pain from words has left its scar

On mind and heart that's tender.

Cuts and bruises now have healed;

It's words that I remember.

We hope that your child has experienced a year filled with words of encouragement and praise. We will continue to focus on helping each child to develop good character attributes—because Character DOES Matter!

Have a wonderful summer holiday!