

# Adrienne Clarkson Connections

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#### Administrators' Message

We would like to thank everyone who made a donation to Central Cares. All gifts will be shared with families in our community. Central Cares is a program whereby schools in the Central area of our Board are supporting each other by collecting and distributing gift cards, clothes, toys and other items



If you are experiencing difficulty during the winter months and could use some support, please reach out to Yvonne Kelly at 905-884-4477 at extension 345 or by email at yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca.

On behalf of the staff at Adrienne Clarkson Public School, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

Mme Russiello et Mme Walker-Rosewood

# **Our Vision**

We demonstrate respect for each other through our thoughts, actions and words. We accept that everyone is unique, with different abilities, beliefs, needs and strengths. We support and care for each other in the spirit of community. We are responsible for our learning and our behaviour and strive to be positive in our outlook and our interactions with others. We value independent, critical thinking and endeavour to make meaningful contributions to benefit our school and community, for it is through individual and collective efforts that we achieve a vibrant learning environment.



Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break

Jan. 6 - First Day Back

**Jan 17** – French Immersion Registration begins (for students entering Grade 1 in Sept. 2020)

A reminder that our school day begins at 8:05am. Students should be in the yard by 8:00 so that they can enter the school with their class. If driving, give yourself a few extra minutes in the winter due to unpredictable road conditions.

#### Pizza Fridays

If you ordered pizza through School Cash Online, please mark the following dates in your calendars:

January 10 & 24 February 7 & 14

## **Lunchbox Orders Tuesday**

Lunchbox Orders can still be ordered!

January 14 – Pita Pit January 21 - Astoria January 28 – Subway



In January, our Grade 8 students will continue to sell popcorn to be delivered every Thursday morning recess. You can order now on School Cash Online. A limited quantity will be for sale on Thursday mornings. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the Grade 8 Quebec City trip to help reduce the cost to families.

# **Grade I French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations**

#### **Information Sessions**

Information sessions for Grade I entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade I program on January 16, 2020 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2020 <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx</a> to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

#### Registration

FI registration will begin on January 17, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade I in 2020, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 17 and February 7, 2020. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

## **Late Registrations**

Late registrations are those submitted after February 7, 2020. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

#### **Accommodation Plan**

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade I-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: <a href="www.yrdsb.ca">www.yrdsb.ca</a>. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

# LUNCH ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

Are you able to spare 1 hour of time over our lunch hour? This is a paid position from 11:55 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Our lunch assistants are invaluable members of our school team as they supervise while students eat, as well as during outdoor recess. Please call the school office if you can help.

### Kindergarten Registration Starts January 17, 2020

Kindergarten registration will begin on January 17, 2020 for the 2020-21 school year. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to our school.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2020, live within the school boundary and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: <a href="https://www.yrdsb.ca">www.yrdsb.ca</a>.. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

# **BUS AND SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS**

You must **notify** the **school** if your child will be **absent** due to **bus cancellations**.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE ON EDSBY OR CALL THE SCHOOL

#### **BUSES**

If buses have been cancelled in the morning, there *will not* be afternoon bussing. Please see below for bussing information.

#### **DROP OFF/PICK UP**

Students who come to school when busses are cancelled may be dropped off through the parking lot loop in the morning.

Pick up will begin at 2:00 pm. You must come into the school to pick up your child. Please pick up your child by 2:35 pm.

When an extreme cold or inclement weather day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, <u>Board</u> and school website and on <u>twitter @YRDSB</u>.

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days are outlined in the Board's <u>Severe Weather policy</u>, which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All <u>policies available for comment</u> are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus and/or school cancellation information:

#### **RADIO**

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM	1540 AM	1580 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1
FM99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

## **TELEVISION**

CITY TV	CTV Barrie	CTV Toronto	CP24	GLOBAL NEWS
	CTV Dallie		UP24	GLUDALIN

Please note that school bus charters (trips) will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.



Mackenzie Malarc, Kumiko Motomura Season's Greetings Happy New Year Devensailey from the staff at Adrienne Clarkson P.S.! Joyeuses Fêtes D. Brown U