



Adrienne Clarkson Connections

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Administrators' Message

As we approach December and the end of the year, we reflect on growth and learning we have experienced as a school, community and world since the beginning of 2020. COVID-19 has changed the way schools operate and the activities we have been able to participate in this year. We are grateful that we were able to open the schools in September and that many students have been able to come each day to see their friends and teachers, and have continued to learn collaboratively and safely.

We appreciate that our families have put their faith in our staff to provide a safe and positive learning environment. We recognize that your children have had to learn many protocols and have learned to socialize and play with just their classmates to ensure that we could keep the school as safe as possible.

We have enjoyed several spirit days as a school this term and the individual activities in each classroom has demonstrated that being F2F has been good for many students' mental health and well-being.

As we draw near the holidays and break from school, we hope that each family has some time to relax, enjoy each other's company and reflect on some of the positive aspects that this year has brought.

We thank you for your generosity for supporting others in the community through Central Cares and for supporting the School Council's Fundraisers.

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

Sincerely,
Mme. Russiello et Mme. Walker-Rosewood



- Dec. 7 – 11 Central Cares Donations
- Dec. 10 Information Session with Thornlea SS for Grade 8s
- Dec. 14 & 16 Pick up for Graduation Awards (2020) by Appointment
- Dec. 18 Funny Sweater Day
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 1 – Winter Break**

Please visit our [website](#) to view our full Calendar.
Looking ahead....

- Jan. 4 First Day Back
- Jan. 4 VIP Programs begin for Gr. 6 & 7
- Jan. 11 Virtual School Council Meeting 7pm (link will be sent out in January)

ACPS Character Traits

Because who we are matters!

- Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Honesty
 - Empathy
 - Fairness
 - Initiative
 - Courage
 - Integrity
 - Perseverance
 - Optimism

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.

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

Safe Arrival

If you have activated your Edsby account, you can login to Edsby and report your child's absence online. You can access an [online video tutorial to learn more](#) at bit.ly/edsbyabsence about how to do this.

If you have not yet created an Edsby account, please contact the school office.

Families can still continue to report absences by phone. Please call the school phone number and select the attendance mailbox. If your child's absence is not reported and we are unable to reach you, we will continue to follow the YRDSB safe arrival protocol and contact York Regional Police.



Winter Weather & Recess

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet. If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

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.



BUS AND SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS



For the 2020 -2021 school year in the event that school bus transportation is cancelled, the following will occur:

All F2F elementary and secondary schools will be closed to students.

- Schools will remain open to all school staff.
- All student learning will be remote.
- Staff may teach remotely from home
- B&A programs will not run.
- Child Care Centres may remain open at the discretion of the operator.
- Teachers in elementary (including Community Class teachers) will provide asynchronous learning by posting/sharing age, grade, learning appropriate activities and/or assignments aligned with current student learning, while being available to students through the day as per their schedule.
- Learning for the day is expected to be supplementary i.e. an extension and reinforcement to the current learning and is not mandatory for students to complete (given conditions for students will vary including access to technology and/or adult support).

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Season's Greetings

and

Mme. Fabian

Mme. Bryan

Happy New Year

Mr. Bradford

Mme Pokjow

from the staff at

Mme. Bertrand

Adrienne Clarkson P.S.!



Elizabeth Irving

Mme. Walkers Rosewood

B. Bladman

Mme Motomura

Mme. Fussen

Mr. Konaté

Mme Malarczyk

Joyeuses Fêtes

Mme ☺ Fried

et

Mme Cizmar

Mme Danacio

Bonne Année!

Mme Briggs

Mme Pelliccione

Mme Yong

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The ACPC School Council would like to wish all families a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

We hope you have a restful Winter Break and look forward to connecting again in the New Year!

**Our Next School Council Meeting is on:
Monday, January 11, 2021**

FlipGive

Click the logo in this line to be redirected to our school's [FlipGive](#) page

Just a reminder for those who have not signed up or have already signed up for Flipgive, to make sure you shop online within 14 days of joining so our school can get an *extra \$5 bonus*. If you have already signed up on another account through your child's sport team or other school, you can join multiple times, **just make sure you use our code NNZ39Q**. Stores include Walmart, Amazon, Starbucks, Gap, Lego plus a variety of other companies.

If you haven't joined the team yet, please do so [here](#) and then use the site for your online shopping.

Using FlipGive does not cost you anything extra but ACPS gets a % from your shopping. If you are going to shop from these stores anyway please do so using the FlipGive site or app.



Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, December 14th, 2020 6:30 pm - 8 pm

PARENTS' Support Group-All are welcome!

VIRTUAL MEETING

Topic: ADHD Presentation and Q&A

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult? Join us...

Aurora York PCMH Chapter Meeting Mon, Dec 14, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/358202845>

You can also dial in using your phone. Canada: +1 (647) 497-9391

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Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

