

# Adrienne Clarkson Connections

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#### Administrators' Message

With the beautiful weather we have had, we have certainly taken the opportunity to be outside. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> classes were outside for "Take Me Outside Day". Students participated in Cross Country Meets and we have enjoyed recess, taking in the warmth, sunshine and fresh air.

In November, families will be receiving the Progress Report Card. This Report Card will not include letter-grades. Instead, it will focus on the development of your child's learning skills, as well as their general progress in each of the subject areas. The Progress Report will be sent home on November 13<sup>th</sup>, with interviews/student-led conferences following on the evening of November 14<sup>th</sup>, or the morning of November 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to help your child reflect on things they have enjoyed at school, but also talk about what they have found challenging. Why not set some realistic goals with your child on an area that they identify as wanting to improve upon?

Some examples might be:

- Reading I read by myself for 5 minutes, then we read together for 5-10 minutes. Remember to talk about what you have read to review comprehension.
- Responsibility I will pack my bag the night before so that I don't forget my belongings.
- Self-Regulation When I feel myself getting upset or angry, I will count to 10 and practise my breathing (4-7-8 Breathing example: breathe in for 4, hold for 7, breathe out slowly for 8).

We look forward to seeing you during parent-student-teacher interviews/conferences.

Sincerely,

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.

# November

Nov. 1 - Grade 2 Trip to Brooks Farms

Nov. 4 – Thornlea SS Presentation for Gr. 8s

Nov. 4- School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Nov. 5- Pizza Lunch for Grade 2 only

Nov. 6 - High School Bound (Grade 8)

**Nov. 6** – Int. Girls' Volleyball Tournament (Red Maple PS) 2:30-8 pm

**Nov. 7** – Int. Boys' Volleyball Tournament (Red Maple PS) 2:30-8 pm

Nov. 8 – Bag2School Collection Day

**Nov. 11** – Remembrance Day Ceremony

Nov. 13 – Progress Reports Cards go home

Nov. 13 – Area Int. Boys' Volleyball

Tournament

**Nov. 14** – afterschool and evening – Interviews / Student – Led Conferences

**Nov. 15** – PA Day for students

**Nov. 15** – morning Interviews / Student- Led Conferences

Please visit our <u>website</u> to view our full Calendar.



Clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday, November 3 @ 2 am.

#### Pizza Days

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

November 1, 8, 22 & 29 December 6, 13 & 20 January 10 & 24 February 7 &14



#### **LUNCHBOX ORDERS**

November 5 – Astoria November 12 – Subway November 19 – Boston Pizza November 26 – Pita Pit

Visit <u>lunchboxorders.com</u> for more details. Order weeks in advance or by noon on Sundays for the following Tuesday.

# **Terry Fox Walk**

On October 3rd our smiling students and staff ran or walked for Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great cause! Together, we raised \$1,250!



### **Visitors and Volunteers**

All Visitors to the school must SIGN-IN at the office. Everyone must wear a 'Visitor' badge for the safety of our students and staff.

All Volunteers must have a valid police check including the Vulnerable Sector Screening on file. More information is available in the school office.

#### **Remembrance Day Ceremony**

We will be holding our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11 at 10:45 am in our gym. Any students who are part of Scouts, Cubs or Guides are encouraged to wear their uniform to school on this day. We will also provide all Primary students with a 'sticker' poppy and Junior/Intermediate Students with a poppy. Families who would like to make a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion are encouraged to send the donation to school with their child. Let's remember to take the time on this day and every day to remember the sacrifices made by all of our service people who keep our country a safe and wonderful place to live, grow and learn.





#### Parent – Teacher Interviews & Student-Led Conferences

We will be using *Edsby*, an on-line application to book Parent-Teacher Interviews and Student-Led Conferences. The office must have a valid e-mail address for you to book an interview time. If you have recently changed e-mail addresses, please notify the school office immediately.

More info about booking your session(s) will be coming shortly.

# **FRENCH BOOK FAIR**

We will be having a French Book Fair the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Book Fair will also be open during the evening on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and all day Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

# EQAO for 2019-20

Our Grade 3 students will be writing the Mathematics portion of the EQAO assessment and our Grade 6 students will be writing the Reading Writing and Mathematics EQAO assessment later this year. Please do not book appointments or vacations during the period of May 19-June 1, 2020. More information for families will be provided as we approach these dates. Thank you for your cooperation.

# **Eco Corner**

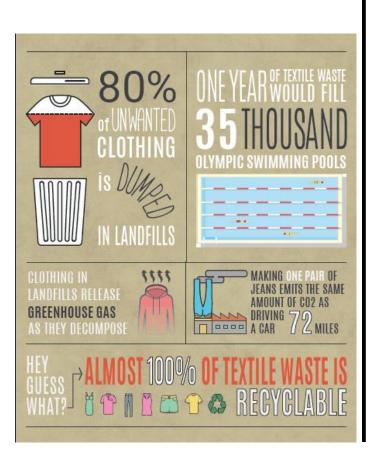


Please bring litterless lunches to school as often as possible in an effort to reduce waste at ACPS. Students should boomerang garbage home in their lunches when possible.

The Eco Team (L'Équipe Éco) is collecting pop tabs and 4L milk plastic bags (year round!). Please save up and send with your child to school to be given to one of their class eco reps or brought to room 219. MERCI!

## On the horizon:

- Tree Bee competition
- Bag2School Collection (November 8th)



Bag2School is working with your organization to increase awareness of the importance of textile recycling and help achieve your fundraising goals by diverting your unwanted clothing from landfill. All items are reused where possible with only a small portion recycled (those items beyond their useful life). NO items are dumped in landfill. Your school/organization has arranged a collection so the more you bring in the more you will benefit the environment and the bigger your fundraising payout will be!

#### What we accept

All mens' woman's and children's clothing

footwear mittens towels backpacks outerwear scarves purses soft bags hats belts handbags linens

\*Please do not include heavily soiled, wet clothing or hard goods

# It's simple!



Put unwanted clothing in bag or box



Bring them to school



Donations are collected and weighed



School receives payment for fundraising goal!

Comments or questions please contact us direct! 855-260-3863 (toll free) info@bag2schoolfundraising.com www.bag2schoolfundraising.com



# BUS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

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 on an Inclement Weather Day may be dropped off and picked up through the parking lot loop. Pick up will begin at 2:00 pm. Please pick up your child by 2:35 pm.

#### STS SCHOOL VEHICLE CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

#### Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore, students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00a.m. to receive bus 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 FM
99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

#### TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV BARRIE CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at <u>www.schoolbuscity.com</u> and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

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



# It's time to remind our children about being safe in the community.

It's a good time for us to remind children about personal safety. Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city, and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do
  something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is
  important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.
- It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

# November's Holidays and Observances

Baha'i Faith	Christianity		
November 26 - The Day of the Covenant. The eldest son and appointed	November 1- All Saints' Day is observed as a special day in many		
successor of Baha'u'llah Abdu'l-Baha is referred to as the "Centre of the	Christian churches.		
Covenant". The covenant was established by Baha'u'llah to safeguard the			
unity of the Baha'i community. It was Abdu'l-Baha's wish that the Covenant	lalam		
be celebrated rather than his own birth date.	Islam		
	November 9 - Mawlid-un-Nabi celebrates the birth of the Prophet		
November 28- Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha. After years of serving both his	Muhammad (pbuh).		
father and the growing Baha'i community, Abdu'l-Baha passed away in			
Haifa, Israel in 1921 C.E.			
Jainism	Sikhism		
November 1- Gyan Panchami, the day of knowledge, observed with	November 12- Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The founder of the		
Pooja (ritualistic offering) to pay homage to Saraswati Devi, the deity of	Sikh faith was born in 1469 C.E.		
knowledge and learning			
	November 24- Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji. The Guru was		
	executed in 1675 C.E. by a Mughal emperor. Sikhs believe that he		
	gave his life to save the Hindu faith and religious liberty		

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Council Communication ❖ November 2019

# Opening Message from the Chairs

What a fantastic beginning to an exciting new school year! Over 30 enthusiastic parents, both returning and new, attended the first council meeting on October 2, 2019. The new council was elected and dates for future meetings were set, which you can find on the school website.

We encourage all parents and guardians to get involved within the school community at any level. It is a wonderful setting to meet other parents sharing the same path as you. Please make sure to keep up with what's going on at school by reading the meeting minutes of the council meetings that will always be posted on the school website.

We are looking forward to working together and making the 2019/2020 school year the best one yet!

Nika Daie & Myra Chow

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#### Chairs and Council Members

#### **Voting Members**

Myra Chow Co-Chair Nika Daei Co-Chair Manisha Gandhi Co-Secretary Jolyn Comisso Co-Secretary Helen Bullingham Co-Treasurer Svetlana Tsiunel Co-Treasurer Mojgan Nemati Co-Communications Shelley Harpur Co-Communications Aroon Baksh Pizza Coordinator Dana Turculet **BBQ Co-Coordinator Ying Tomaso BBQ Co-Coordinator** Pedram Madahian Fundraising Coordinator Mehry Khanicheh Programs Coordinator

Anthony Thornton Teacher Representative

#### Members at Large (non-voting)

Victoria Kim Jane Park Salwa Steitieh Jenny Zeng Melissa Cheng Matthew Cutler Jennifer Fang Ana Berenstein

# Upcoming Budget for 2019-2020

Our new Treasurers have been working to create a proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year and will be presenting this at our next council meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

We would encourage all parents to come out to the meeting to hear about where we hope to raise funds and how we will use monies raised to benefit the students.

We welcome all parents, at all levels of engagement to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet the Council members and connect with some of the great things we are doing in the school to enrich your child's experience. No commitment is required.

# We would love to see you!



Each month, this Council newsletter will highlight a specific role within the School Council and give you an update as to how the position contributes to the school community. Look out for our 'Spotlight on Council' starting in December.

#### **LunchBox Orders**

If you are looking for a great lunch option for your child's lunch on Tuesdays, check out the program that we recently launched with LunchBox Orders. Restaurants like Subway, Pita Pit, Boston Pizza and Astoria Shish Kebob House can deliver healthy meals to your child's classroom. Food options include Chicken Fingers, Souvlaki, Pitas, Subs and Pasta. Visit lunchboxorders.com for more details. Order in advance or by noon on Sundays for the following Tuesday.

#### Call for volunteers

We always welcome parent volunteers to help in the school. Current opportunities are helping with pizza lunch on Fridays at 11:50am, or with distributing the LunchBox Orders on Tuesdays. Please contact our Council Co-Chairs by email if you are interested, and they can direct your information to our Pizza Coordinator.