



# Adrienne Clarkson Connections

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## Administrators' Message

September was a busy month for students as they adjusted to the many new COVID-19 protocols in the classroom, hallways and outside for recess. We are very proud of how our students have managed these new procedures. Many students are excited to be able to see friends, teachers and work with new classmates even though it requires wearing a mask and using hand sanitizer regularly. We are also glad to welcome our new grade 2s and to help them start their adventure at ACPS.

At the beginning of October, we reorganized classes with some students and teachers moving to Elementary Virtual School (EVS). Please view the new school organization in this newsletter for quick reference during the year.

This weekend is a time to reflect on what we are thankful for in our lives. We recognize this year has been difficult with world events and the onset of the COVID pandemic affecting our community, but we also know there have been experiences, people and learnings that you have appreciated. As we enjoy the fall crispness and wonderful colours this weekend, we encourage each family to take time to be together and to share what you are thankful about and what you hope for the future.

With our continued focus to be respectful to each other, through kind words and actions, we think about how each of us can smile or give an appreciation so we can build a community of care and inclusion for everyone.

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.



**Oct. 5** – New Reorganized Classes begin  
– School Council Meeting @ 7 pm

**Oct. 8** – Caring and Safe School Assembly (virtually for primary)

**Oct. 12** – Thanksgiving – No school

**Oct. 16** – Terry Fox Run/Walk

**Oct. 30** – Hallowe'en

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

## Looking ahead....

November 11 - Progress reports go home  
November 12 evening and November 13 – Parent/student/teacher interviews

## ACPS Character Traits

*Because who we are matters!*

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

vive la rentrée



### Safe Arrival

Reporting an absence online is now available through Edsby. 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](http://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.



### Hallowe'en @ Adrienne Clarkson PS Friday, October 30th

**Costumes:** This year we ask that students **wear their costume to school or have a costume that they can easily put it over their clothes..**

A reminder that:

- Costumes should not interfere with mobility and learning;
- Students should not wear masks;
- Students should not bring weapon replicas to school.
- Students can choose to wear a costume, Hallowe'en colours or autumn colours.

**Candy & Hallowe'en Treats:** Remember that **HEALTHY SNACKS** are always preferred at school.

Students should refrain from sharing Hallowe'en treats with friends / classmates at school.

Please **do not send** your child with treats to share with his/her class due to the different allergies students have as well as Public Health Guidelines for COVID 19. As we receive updated information from Public Health regarding Halloween – we will update you in our weekly Clarkson Connections.



### Terry Fox Run/Walk

On Friday, October 16, students will participate in our school's Walk/Run for the Terry Fox Foundation. So many lives have been touched by cancer and so, we all benefit from the research made possible through the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you to all families who made a donation for this worthy cause. You can also donate [here](#).



### TRANSPORTATION ROUTINES

Students in Grades JK-3 must live more than 1.2 km. from the school to qualify for bussing. Students in Grades 4 – 8 must live more than 1.6 km. from the school to qualify for bussing. This means that a student may have qualified in grade 3 but no longer qualifies in grade 4. It also means that one sibling may qualify and the other may not.

Please check the website at [schoolbuscity.com](http://schoolbuscity.com) to verify bussing for your child(ren).

STSYR works closely with school bus operators to help ensure safe, reliable transportation is provided to students. Occasionally service times may be disrupted for various reasons. As a result, parents and students are encouraged to review the Late Bus Report at <http://net.schoolbuscity.com/latebus>

### **Last-minute, end-of-day, arrangements**

In a school of over 560 students, it can be **very difficult**, to deliver end-of-day messages to students regarding changes to their regular mode of transportation home. While we understand that occasionally, emergencies arise, **please let your child know the night before if there will be a different end-of-day routine**. Please also send a note for the teacher and/or inform the office by 1:30 p.m. This ensures the safety of all our students.

## Thank you for sending Packed Lunches and Snacks for Your Children

Here are some tips to support Healthy snacks and lunches:

- Cut veggies and fruit in bite sizes pieces so kids can easily eat them.
- If it looks good, kids are more likely to eat it. Give them bright, colourful veggies & fruits.
- Let your child help prepare his/her fruits and veggies for school.

Fruit Ideas: melon balls, orange slices, berries, grapes, etc.



Veggie ideas: sliced peppers, carrot sticks, snap peas, cucumber slices, etc.



## Eco Corner

Have your child help at home to clear the dinner dishes so that they can learn about what goes into each bin (compost bins or recycling bins).

A reminder that we encourage litter-less and boomerang lunches at ACPS. We are not using Green Bins until further notice so it is even more important that students follow these guidelines.

Litter-less lunches: Pack snacks and lunches in re-usable containers. This helps reduce the amount of waste left at school.

Boomerang lunch: Encourage children to bring home any uneaten food. This helps you to see what they've eaten at school and ensures that food doesn't end up in the garbage or compost.



## Keeping Students and Staff Safe



### ACPS is peanut- & nut-free school

We have a number of students and staff who have life-threatening food allergies to peanuts/nuts or other by-products. If some of these individuals smell or come in contact with these foods, they may go into "anaphylactic shock", a potentially life-threatening condition. We ask all parents to please check the ingredient list of all snack and lunch items for peanut and nut products before sending them to school. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all children safe at school.

### Student Medical Conditions

School staff and parents are responsible for creating a safe and healthy environment for students. It is essential that parents communicate any life-threatening medical conditions/allergies to the school as soon as they are aware. The school needs to keep accurate records and inform staff of the condition so that proper procedures can be followed in case of an emergency. **If your child has a serious medical condition and you have not yet informed us, please communicate with our office staff immediately.**

### Scent Sensitivities

Some children and adults also suffer from allergies to scents and perfumes. When exposed to such scents, it can become difficult for these people to breathe easily. **We ask that all children and adults entering the school refrain from wearing or using scented products (e.g., hand sanitizers, body sprays and perfumes, etc.) when coming to the school.**

Although the scent may not be strong for you, it can be very strong to those with sensitivities. We appreciate your understanding.

## Healthy School and Birthdays

While we understand that many families celebrate their children's birthdays with a variety of food traditions at home, **we request that you do not send any food items to school to be shared with classmates for birthdays.** There are a number of reasons for this request. Several parents do not want "sweets" being sent to school for birthdays. As well, many children have serious food allergies and others have medical concerns such as Type 1 diabetes. Birthday treats and sharing should be a **home tradition.** We will continue to recognize our students on their birthdays in a variety of simple ways. Thank you for your cooperation.

### ADRIENNE CLARKSON STAFF 2020-2021

Grade 2	Mme Pakjou Mme Yong
Grade 2/3	Mme Bertrand
Grade 3	Mme Wong Mme Hamilton
Grade 4	Mme Brown Mme Sheriff Mme Scardina
Grade 4/5	M. Gourley
Grade 5	Mme Fabian Mme Clarke
Grade 6	Mme Fried Mme Demacio Mme Wayne Mmme Panzer
Grade 7	Mme D'Ambrosio Mme Dennis-Persaud M. Mizrahi Mme Gladman
Grade 7/8	Mme. Briggs Mme Malarczyk
Grade 8	M. Bradford Mme Motomura
Music/Prep Coverage	M. Pang
Phys Ed	Mme Malarczyk
Phys Ed/Prep Coverage	M. Mizrahi
Visual Arts	M. Konate
SERT/Transitions	Mme Gladman
SERT/Prep Coverage	M. Gourley
Child & Youth Worker	Mme Quirion Mme Bryan
Office Staff	Mme Cizmar
Caretakers	Mme Irving M. Lucchetta M. Parekh M. Convery M. Dzuryk
Principal	Mme Russiello
Vice Principal	Mme Walker-Rosewood

### School Year Calendar for 2020-2021

Labour Day	Mon. Sep. 7, 2020
PA Day	Tues. Sept. 1, 2020
PA Day	Wed. Sept 2, 2020
PA Day	Thurs. Sept. 3, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Mon. Oct. 12, 2020
PA Day	Fri. Nov. 13, 2020
Winter Break	Mon. Dec. 21, 2020 to Jan. 1, 2020
PA Day	Fri. Jan. 15, 2021
PA Day	Mon. Feb. 1, 2021
Family Day	Mon. Feb. 15, 2021
Mid-Winter Break	Mon. March 15 to Fri. March 19, 2021
Good Friday	Fri. April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	Mon. Apr. 5, 2021
Victoria Day	Mon. May 24, 2021
PA Day	Mon. May 31, 2021

### Daily Schedule at ACPS 2020-2021

7:50 – 8:05	Buses unload and Open Entry For all students.
8:05 a.m.	School Day begins. <b>(Any student arriving after 8:05 a.m. must report to the office)</b>
8:05 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	Instructional Time
10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Recess
10:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Instructional Time
11:55 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.	Lunch/Recess
12:55 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Instructional Time
2:35 p.m.	Dismissal
2:35 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Bus Boarding



## Kiss 'n Ride Agreement

Dear Families,

The safety of our students is very important to us; therefore, we ask for your support in following our Kiss and Ride Program at Adrienne Clarkson P.S.

The Kiss and Ride program is intended for parents who are dropping off or picking up their child(ren). It is not intended for individuals who want to leave their vehicle to walk their child(ren) to the playground or to assist their child(ren) to leave the car. If you want to accompany your child to the fence of the playground, you must park your vehicle in a parking space (or in another designated space) and walk your child to the school yard.

In an effort to make drop-off and pick-up as orderly and safe as possible we ask that drivers respect the following rules:

1. Obey the road rules, crosswalks, stop signs and speed limits.
2. Have your child(ren) enter and exit the vehicle from the curb side of the loop (exit from the RIGHT side of the vehicle ONLY).
3. The Kiss & Ride area is one way only.
4. Your child(ren) should have their backpack on their lap to enable them to exit the vehicle quickly.
5. Never leave your car parked, idling or unattended.

We realize that drop-off and pick-up can be challenging and therefore we would like to provide some alternative transportation suggestions:

- Bussing. \*\*\* if your child(ren) is/are eligible for bussing then we **highly recommend** that you make arrangements to use this convenient and valuable service \*\*\*
- Walking. Try a Community Walking Group. One parent at the front and one at the rear of the group, children walking in between. Pick up your friends along the way.
- Discuss pick-up and drop-off routines with your children and be flexible with solutions as change is required.
- Families with more than one child can help their children to organize a designated pick-up spot.
- Park a block away and walk the last block to school with your child(ren).

Without your help and cooperation this initiative cannot succeed.

Thank you in advance for assisting us to keep all our students safe.

## Community Information

### YRDSB Trustee Elections:

The City of Richmond Hill will hold a by-election on **Monday, October 19, 2020** to fill the vacant trustee position for Richmond Hill, Wards 1, 2 and 4. This **Monday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.**, York Region District School Board will host an online candidates meeting for members of the public to learn more about the candidates and the candidates' views on issues that affect public education in York Region. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this event will be held electronically.

If you are interested in joining this session, please [register](#) to receive connection instructions directly. Please note, only residents of Richmond Hill, Wards 1, 2 and 4 may vote in the by-election.

