



CLEARMEADOW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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April 9, 2020

Dear Clearmeadow Families,

We miss you! We hope that you are all staying safe and healthy, and that your families are well. We can all agree that these are unusual and unprecedented times. We will continue to send out our bi-weekly Clearmeadow PS Family News as our way of staying in touch.

Our staff have been reconnecting with families and students and have been excited to continue learning with students through the online format that started this week. This is a new way of learning for all of us and there are sure to be some glitches and challenges. Please continue to connect with your child's homeroom teacher if you have questions or feedback about how we can best support each of you with this.

At YRDSB, we are working to ensure that all students receive technology and other supports they may need to support the new world of online learning. For those families who indicated a need for technology or internet access or access to student SEA technology that is at the school, you will be receiving an email on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. On Tuesday afternoon, you will also receive a phone call with details about how you will be able to safely pick up your technology. You will be given a timeframe for pick up on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

As we begin online learning, it is important to note that some students may not be able to start right away due to a variety of reasons. This is okay under these extreme circumstances; try not to worry about this as we work together to create some sort of normalcy. Parents, students, teachers, and administrators still have many questions. The YRDSB website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/covid19> has a list of resources that may be helpful (well-being, academics, etc.) as well as an update with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). Families may also follow YRDSB Twitter at: @YRDSB.

Our teachers have been working hard to ensure that they are doing their very best to serve our students and families. Teachers have created their own YRDSB approved online learning platforms. Teachers will be sending home a communication discussing expectations and "office hours." For some teachers online platforms are not new, for others it is new learning. We ask for your patience as we refine things to best meet your child's learning needs under these circumstances. Communication and flexibility are key elements to this new way of learning. Please communicate with your teachers frequently. Administrators are available as well.

A HUGE thank you to everyone for doing your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate our front line workers who are working tirelessly to support all of us during this difficult time. Please note that all YRDSB schools and grounds have been closed and there is no public access at this time. Thank you for your support with this.

On behalf of all of us here at Clearmeadow Public School, stay safe, healthy and positive.

Janine Stutt
Principal

Kim Taylor Reed
Vice-Principal



Thursday, April 9, 2020

Clearmeadow P.S. Family News

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Important Information and Upcoming Dates

April 6	Phase 2 Learning & Caring Plan Begins - this first week provides time for support and practice to build increased comfort with teacher led online learning
April 7	Phase 2 Learning & Caring Plan Continues
April 8	Phase 2 Learning & Caring Plan Continues; Pink Shirt Day #Day of Pink - <i>We hope you remembered to wear pink!</i>
April 9	Phase 2 Learning & Caring Plan Continues
April 10	Good Friday Holiday - No teacher led learning for students today
April 13	Easter Monday Holiday - No teacher led learning for students today
April 14/15	Calls to families to arrange essential technology pick up - A safe process for social distancing while providing the technology will be shared
April 15	Milk & Pizza REFUNDS will begin
April 16	Technology Pick Up (Survey requests or SEA needs) ONLY (at pre-arranged time). Use Drive through Kiss N' Ride on East side by parking lot. Remain in your car and follow directions provided in phone call. <i>PLEASE NOTE: No one will be allowed entry to the school. No other visitors can be on school grounds, as the playground and school grounds are currently closed to the public.</i>



Information / Resources / Supports for Families:

Ministry of Education Funding/Support for Families

The Ministry of Education is providing financial support to parents to assist with the costs of educational resources during school and childcare closures as a result of Ontario's declared emergency to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Parents are eligible for a one-time per child payment of:

- **\$200 for children aged 0-12, or**
- **\$250 for children with special needs aged 0-21.**

Parents/guardians must submit one application per child. Only one parent / guardian may apply for each child. The parent / guardian who applies should have custody of the child.

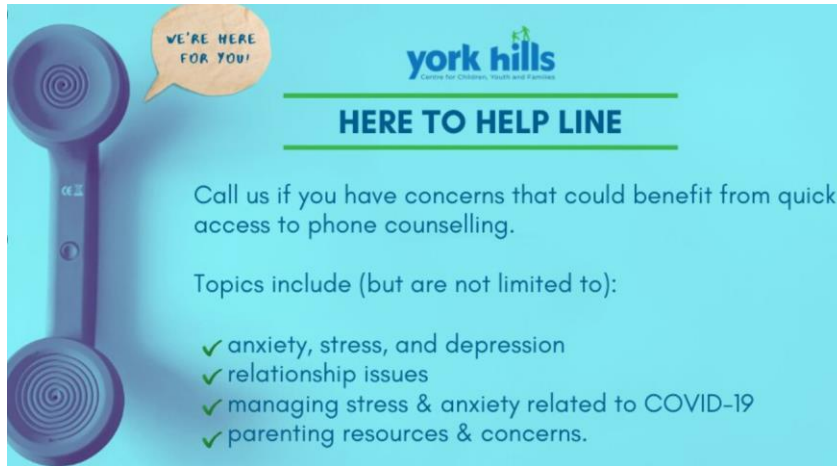
If you have already successfully applied to the Support for Parents program and received payment through direct deposit, you are automatically eligible for the Support for Families program. You will receive email confirmation with a reference number and the Support for Families funding through direct deposit within the next two weeks.

Before beginning this application, please have your banking information ready.

This payment will be provided through direct deposit. If you are unable to provide banking information and require a cheque, you may submit a special request for one. Please note that processing of cheques may take up to several months from the date of application.

Application can be done at this link:

<https://www.iaccess.gov.on.ca/FamilyAppWeb/public/index.xhtml>



HERE TO HELP LINE

For children and youth (0-18 yrs) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.

Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

How to access the HERE TO HELP LINE:

- 1) Call 905-503-9561 to speak with someone (you may have to leave a message).
- 2) Review some initial screening questions
- 3) You will be given a time slot and informed when to expect a call back from one of our Here to Help Line therapists.

Call us if you have concerns and could benefit from quick access to phone counselling

Visit: www.yorkhills.ca for more information.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



**REFUNDS
COMING SOON!**

**FOR TERM TWO
PIZZA and MILK
ORDERS**

We will begin processing refunds on Wed. April 15th.

Refunds will be issued to all families who paid for pizza and/or milk in Term 2.

We will determine if we are able to start Pizza Fridays and the Milk Program again, when we return to school. Thank you.

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