



Monday, April 27, 2020

Clearmeadow P.S. Family News

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Dear Clearmeadow Families,

We know this is a particularly challenging and stressful time for all students, families and staff. We trust that all of you are taking good care of yourselves and each other and doing as well as expected under extraordinary circumstances. The health and well being of our entire community continues to be our focus and top priority. Yesterday, the Ministry announced an extension for schools to remain closed to May 29. Please read the letter that was emailed to you from the Chair and Director of Education for YRDSB, for further details. Many more questions will be addressed in the coming days and weeks.

We believe that all families now have technology for students to be able to engage in online learning. This was a complex process to complete safely and we wish to thank all of our support staff, office staff and caretaking staff for their roles and support in getting needed technology into the hands of our students.

Clearmeadow PS staff have continued to work to provide engaging online learning for our students and are finding new ways to connect and offer learning tasks while we continue to follow the stay at home, stay safe expectations. Please know that we continue to remain flexible with due dates for tasks, as we know that each family has their own unique circumstances at home.

This is a new way of learning for all of us and challenges continue to be addressed as they come up. We know that this is not the same as when educators are able to work directly with students in classrooms. However, there has also been some amazing digital literacy learning that has grown from our current experience, as staff, students and families work to support distance learning. We thank everyone for their continued efforts.

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.

Once again, 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 and are pleased to be able to share some messages of gratitude created by our students at Clearmeadow PS. 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, continue to stay safe, healthy and positive.

Janine Stutt
Principal

Kim Taylor Reed
Vice-Principal



Important Information and Upcoming Dates

April 24	Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. For all those in our community who are Muslim, Happy Ramadan!	
Apr. 27- May 29	Phase 2 Learning & Caring Plan Continues - Ministry announcement on April 26 extends school closures to May 29.	
May 18	Victoria Day	

Teacher “Office Hours” during Teacher Led Online Learning:

Below is a link to a list of office hours for all teachers and DECES. This is a guaranteed hour during the day where the educator is available to connect in real time, by email, Edsby messaging, within Google Classroom or by phone. The office hours will also be posted on our school website. If you are not sure how to connect with your child’s teacher, please email them and share your contact information so that they can connect. Staff email addresses are firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca.

Click here for the link to the Office Hours:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/clearmeadow.ps/NewsEvents/Documents/CPS%20Office%20Hours%20April%207.%202020.pdf>

**Clearmeadow PS
Students Express
Gratitude for our
Essential Health
Care Workers!**

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REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Registration for next year continues. If you know of anyone in our catchment area planning to bring their children to our school in September, please encourage them to email clearmeadowps@yrdsb.ca to provide us with details.

Also, if you have children starting kindergarten in the fall, please be sure to register them online:

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open. We are pleased to offer [online Kindergarten registration](#) at all of our elementary schools.

Knowing our numbers as early as possible enables us to organize our staffing appropriately.



Pizza and milk order refunds are currently in progress. Watch for an email from School Cash Online indicating your refund is being processed. Thank you for your patience! If you have concerns regarding a refund, please contact Mrs. Hall at julie.hall@yrdsb.ca.



Are You Moving?

We are now planning for next year. If you are moving or plan on moving over the coming months, please be sure to let us know by emailing Clearmeadowps@yrdsb.ca. Each school needs accurate numbers for staffing and classroom organization for September. Also please ensure that you register for your new school before September.

SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES

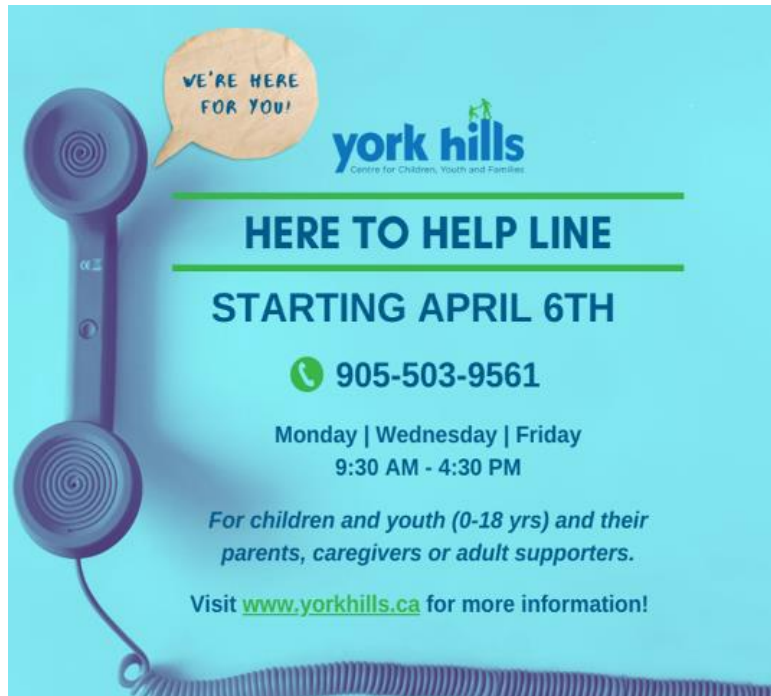
York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families is hosting a variety of webinars this Spring. These events are now open for **on-line registration**. Sign up today!

Topics include:

- April 30 - [REDUCING STRESS DURING COVID 19](#)
- April 30 - [CONSCIOUS PARENTING – RAISING TEENS](#)
- May 5 - [THE POWER OF SLEEP BY DR. BEVERLY DAVID](#)
- May 7 - [SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL WELLNESS](#)
- May 11 - [POSITIVE CONNECTIONS – HOW TO RESPOND TO YOUR CHILD IN POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE WAYS](#)

Visit the York Hills Centre Eventbrite page at www.yorkhillscentre.eventbrite.com to view the full list of workshops. Please join in the on-line educational experience.

York Hills Phone in Counselling Support



Financial Supports that have been offered by governments:

Apply for the Canada [Emergency Response Benefit \(CERB\)](#) with CRA

Ontario Ministry of Education Financial [Support for Families](#)

YRDSB Resources:

The YRDSB website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/covid19> continues to grow their 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.



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