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September Character Trait: Respect

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CALENDAR

Sept. 13 Day 3	
Sept. 14 Day 4	
Sept. 15 Day 5	
Sept. 16 Day 1	Yom Kippur
Sept. 17 Day 2	
Upcoming Dates	
Sept. 28	School Council Meeting! Details to follow next week!
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

PHOTO GALLERY



A beautiful first day to welcome back students and families!

AT A GLANCE INFORMATION

Welcome Back! We are so happy to see all of our students again. It was wonderful to welcome them back to school!

Parking & Kiss n Ride: Thank you to all of our parents who are dropping off children using the Kiss n Ride. This is a reminder to all of our families that parents are NOT to get out of their car. A staff member will open the door and help your child out and will ensure that they get to their appropriate entrance door. We ask for all parents to please co-operate with our request to refrain from parking their vehicles in our parking lot when dropping off and picking up students. Please use adjacent or neighbouring side streets to park your child and walk to the entry door to pick up your child. Thank you for co-operation.

Medication/Epi Pen: Remember if your child requires Medication or has an Epi Pen or has other Health concerns please submit notice to the office **ASAP**. There are additional forms that are needed to be filled out and are available via email. ****If your child requires an Epi Pen, it needs to be worn on their person (i.e., in a pouch) and an extra one must be provided to the office.

Dismissal: This is a reminder that if you are picking up your child(ren) at the end of the day that you proceed to their dismissal zone by 3:20. Once you have picked up your child we ask that you promptly leave school property to help us maintain social distancing. As well, we ask all family members to please wear a mask when on school property for the protection of self and others. Thank you for your cooperation as we all work together to keep our families, staff and students safe.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Clearmeadow Families,

It has been a short week, but a great one! It has been so wonderful meeting you and your children over the past couple days. Please do not hesitate to come say hello if you see me outside in the morning or after school!

This week, we have really focused on working to create an inclusive learning environment for our face to face and remote learners. Getting to know our students helps us teach in a way that is most responsive to their needs. This also allows us to create a safe and open space for all our learners. As we head into next week, we will continue to focus on safety in and out of the classroom including proper mask usage, hand washing, and the student code of conduct.

I look forward to the week ahead!

Sincerely,
Michelle Eisen



DAILY STUDENT COVID SCREENING

Every day our families must complete the COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool and then complete the Google Form to the Board that indicates that you have answered no to all of the screening questions and your child may come to school. Please note: you need your child's GAPPS account login information. If you do not know this, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Step 1: Answer all of the questions on the Screening Tool. Here is the [link](#) to this form:

Step 2: Complete the Google Form and Submit. Here is the [link](#) to this form.



MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

We have many reasons to feel optimistic as we begin the 2021-22 school year. Schools are reopening to in-person learning, vaccination rates continue to increase, and our students can start to resume some of their favourite school activities.

As we return to school, our [reopening plan](#) continues to prioritize the health and safety of students, families and staff members. We are working with public health to ensure we are taking all appropriate measures. For more information on the plan, including health and safety measures, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening. You can also find additional information from York Region Public Health at www.york.ca/safeatschool.

The pandemic and last year's school closures affected students and families in many different ways. This has been a challenging time. Our caring, skilled and dedicated staff members are prepared to prioritize the mental health and well-being of students as they transition back to school, as well as supporting their academic learning and growth. If you are worried about your child, please speak to your child's teacher or principal. You may also find some of the [learning and well-being resources](#) on our website helpful.

Whether your child will be attending school in person or online, we know how important it is that they feel safe, respected and valued. We want every student to feel supported, to take pride in their identities and to know that they matter. Any form of hate or discrimination in our schools is not acceptable. This school year, we will continue to implement the [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#) launched in March to address anti-Black racism in schools. We also remain committed as a school board to honouring the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action](#). As an education system, it is imperative that we create learning environments that enable all of our students to feel valued and to be successful.

As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#). We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

The relationship that we have with families is so important, and I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website. You are welcome to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

There are also many other ways you can stay connected with what's happening in the school board. Visit our [newsroom](#). Listen to our [podcast](#). Follow us on [Twitter @YRDSB](#) and on [Instagram @yrdsb.schools](#). Watch the latest videos, including news, features and profiles about our schools, students and staff members on our [YouTube channel YRDSBMedia](#).

As we begin another school year, I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, healthy and successful year ahead.

Linda Gilbert
Trustee – Newmarket



Welcome to Edsby

York Region District School Board has partnered with Edsby to provide a secure platform for families to connect with what's happening at school and with your child's education.

Edsby offers many different features that YRDSB will be rolling out over the next several years. Some of these features include:

- Absence reporting
- A news river with school events and information
- Appointment bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews/Student-Led Conferences
- Program registration
- Extra-curricular Groups and Activities
- Access to your child's schedule and upcoming events.

Our school will communicate more information as features become available.

For Edsby to be effective, it contains personal information about you and your family that is collected by the Board at registration. This information is used to provide services and support to you and your family. Edsby has been designed as a secure system that protects the privacy of this information for our families.

Setting up your Edsby Account for the first time

An email from York Region District School Board would have been sent to you with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. Make sure the school office has your current email address on file.

If you do not see the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

1. Click the link in the email. The browser will send you to a screen like the one on the right.
2. Click the "I don't have an Edsby parent account" button. **Your username will be your email address. You will choose your password.** Similar to a banking password, it is important to choose a strong password. Please do not share your password.
3. Click "Create Edsby Account." A "Welcome to Edsby" message will be sent to your email address.



For questions about your Edsby account, please contact your child's school

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We post school information items, events and updates here daily! Stay informed!



WALK OR BIKE TO SCHOOL

As we start the 2021-2022 school year, we would like to remind and encourage families to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn.



Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness.

Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones.

Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.

For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your daily routine