



Clearmeadow P.S.

December Character Trait: *Empathy*

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CALENDAR

Dec. 7 Day 3	Fundscrip School Council Fundraiser continues Sibbald Point @ Clearmeadow (Wood & Ferguson)
Dec. 8 Day 4	Sibbald Point @ Clearmeadow (Dinsdale)
Dec. 9 Day 5	Sibbald Point @ Clearmeadow (Kenny) Gr. 6 VIP presentations (virtual) Optional School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Dec. 10 Day 1	Sibbald Point @ Clearmeadow (Horner) Gr. 7 VIP presentations (virtual)
Dec. 11 Day 2	Gr. 7 VIP presentations (virtual)
Upcoming Dates	
Dec. 14	Holiday Heroes Gift Pickup by YRP

PHOTO GALLERY



Mrs. Kenny's class explores the design elements of line, space, and colour!

AT A GLANCE INFORMATION

Holiday Heroes Toy and Food Drive: This year Clearmeadow PS will once again be participating in the Holiday Heroes campaign organized by the York Regional Police. Please see further in the newsletter for more details on how we can make a difference in our community.

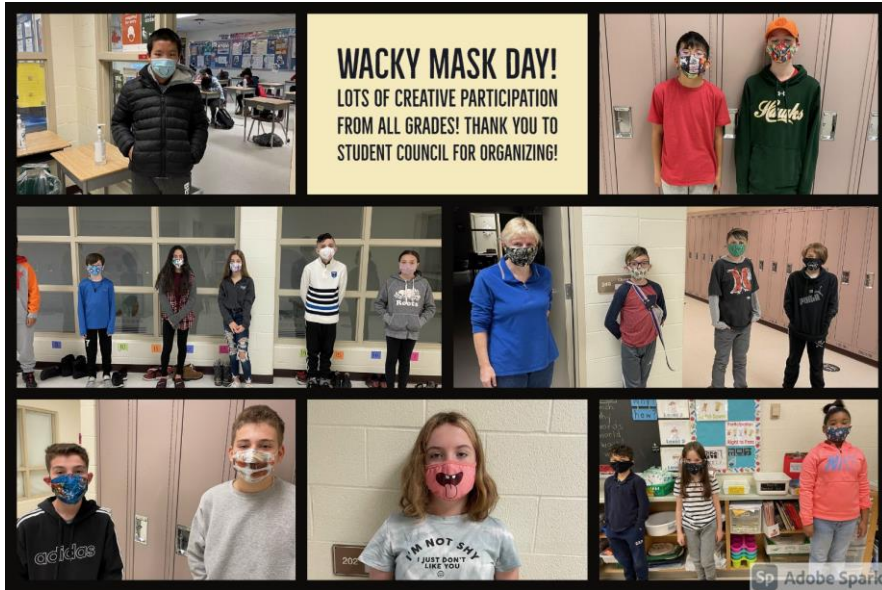
School Council Fundscrip Fundraiser: Are you looking for gifts for the holiday season? School Council is currently running a gift card fundraiser to support a variety of school programs. Please see further in the newsletter for more details on how to participate.

NACCA (Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association): would like to gather information from Black students and members of the Black community that will be used to inform NACCA's mental health strategy. (This survey will take approximately 2 minutes to complete). Families can access the link here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiy4v-X4hVOhlsEkfd7qqShc13QFUhF2mewGG4SveC-7R45g/viewform>

Winter Weather: Please send your child(ren) with a pair of shoes that they can change into after coming in from the outdoors. This helps keep our classrooms cleaner during the day and helps our caretakers focus on all of the extra cleaning protocols needed this year.

Parking Lot: This is a reminder to our community that no parking overnight is permitted in our parking lot. We need our parking lot appropriately plowed to ensure safe conditions for our staff and families. Our snow contractor will not service the lot if cars are left overnight. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

CELEBRATING STUDENTS



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With gamification, we can engage, differentiate and support all students. Classcraft is now up and running in the SSC.

Classcraft combines the principles of great pedagogy with an experience that meets students culturally.

Classcraft uses gaming principles to re-imagine students' learning experience and empowers them to reach their full potential.

HOLIDAY HEROES CAMPAIGN

Dear Parents,

Clearmeadow P.S. is always trying to teach the children different ways of giving, kindness, and caring for others.

This holiday season we will once again be participating in the Holiday Heroes campaign organized by the York Regional Police. If possible, we are asking that the children each bring in a **NEW UNWRAPPED TOY** that they can donate to the campaign. Some sort of toy is preferred, however it may also be a pack of stickers or a dollar store item.

We are also collecting **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** donations. When sending in any items, please also consider that there are families in need of "allergy friendly" items (i.e., no nuts, gluten free).

Each class will collect their items and keep them in their classroom until pick up day. We will then put them outside the front door of the school on the day of collection.

The police department is sending a vehicle to pick up the items on **December 14**

Thank you for your support.



SAFETY PROTOCOLS REMINDERS

1) All students in Grades 4-8 need to wear a mask at all times while at school **and** outside when they cannot maintain a 2m distance.

2) Students are asked to go directly home from school. If they cannot maintain the 2m distance, while outside they should be wearing a mask. Parents please remind your children to be extra vigilant with safety measures afterschool when leaving school property and walking home.

3) We are asking family members while on school property to please wear a mask.

4) Please remember to screen your child(ren) everyday before coming to school. If you have any of the symptoms on the screening checklist, your child(ren) should remain at home.

Thank you to all of our families for working with us to keep our staff and students safe and well. We cannot do it without you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Fundscrip Fundraiser:

We are currently working together to fundraise money for our school. The funds raised are used for our nutrition program, software for educational programs, special events, equipment and more.

COVID has made fundraising especially challenging this year, however, by purchasing gift cards you are helping us to help our school. A percentage of each gift card is donated back to the school.

Please consider your purchasing of Holiday gift cards through our campaign. You can help with more than just gift purchases. Do you shop at a consistent grocery store? Use the same gas station? Every day expenses can be paid using gift cards. How great would you feel if the money you spent on groceries gave back to your child's school?

Please consider visiting our fundraising page <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/RT5DN6> to purchase gift cards and support our School Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Special Meeting:

We are extending an invitation to a Joint School Council meeting for December 9, hosted by the YRDSB Planning Department.

The Planning Department will be speaking to the School Councils for Clearmeadow PS, Maple Leaf PS and Poplar Bank PS, regarding changes for Poplar Bank PS French Immersion.

Below are the details for joining the virtual Go To Webinar:

Please register for the Joint School Council Meeting Hosted by Planning Services on Dec 9, 2020 7:00 PM EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4237576498118509579>

After registering, the participant will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you would like to call in (this means you will be in listen only mode),

- Please call 647-497-9429 and use Access Code: 695-874-072. This will only allow you to join as a muted telephone only attendee. Telephone only attendees are not visible to organizers during the webinar and cannot speak.

CAR SEAT REMINDERS

The province's Highway Traffic Act allows children weighing 9 kg to 18 kg (20 to 40 lb) to use a forward-facing child car seat or a rear-facing car seat as long as the car seat manufacturer recommends its use.

Booster seats are required for children weighing 18 kg to 36 kg (40 to 80 lb), stand less than 1.45 m (4'9") tall and who are under the age of eight.

Please also be reminded that children need to be properly fastened in their car seats even if it is a short drive to school.

Here is a link for more information on Child Car Seats. <https://tc.canada.ca/en/road-transportation/child-car-seat-safety>

PARENT WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS AND CODING TOOLS



Curriculum & Instructional Services invites the parents/guardians of elementary and secondary students:

Introduction to Robotics and Coding Tools

ALL YRDSB parents are invited to please join the York Region District School Board's Pathways team on **December 8, 2020** to learn about a few of the tools being used to teach your children about computational thinking and robotics. Hear from board educators about how you can continue to support your child's learning at home.

This session will provide parents/guardians with an introduction to web based tools, designed to engage students ages 8 and up, in coding and robotics activities. Each session offers introductory activities as well as more advanced functionality for those looking to extend their learning.

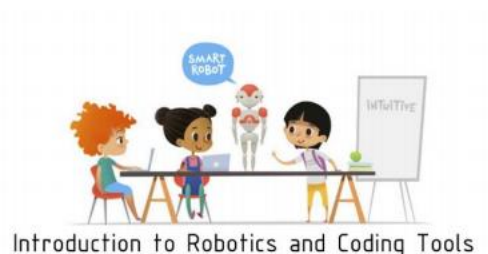
Topics for the event include tools for:

- Block Coding
- Virtual Robotics and Physical Computing
- 3 Dimensional Modeling

Event Details

Date: **December 8, 2020**
Time: **7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Location:
Platform: **Online webinar**

All are welcome to join us for this **FREE** event which is the first of its kind for the York Region District School Board. **Space is limited**



Introduction to Robotics and Coding Tools

Registration Information

Register online via [bit.ly/YRDSBRobotTools](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/introduction-to-robotics-and-coding-tools-night-tickets-129287826369) or at Eventbrite:

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