



Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Dear Grade 8 Families,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update regarding the **Grade 8 Graduation Celebration** that is scheduled to take place on the evening of **Wednesday, June 24, 2020** following the graduation ceremony that will be held in the gymnasium of Sir William Mulock Secondary School.

This fall, a committee was created consisting of parent volunteers. The committee, in consultation with the Clearmeadow administrative team and Grade 8 teachers, is working to plan and raise funds for a memorable, age-appropriate celebration for our graduates. To date, we have secured **Cardinal Golf and Country Club** as our venue. Students will mingle, dance, enjoy a delicious meal and desserts, and have a fun night with their peers. More detailed communication about the event will be sent home in early May. At that time, we will also request information regarding any cultural and/or dietary accommodations your son or daughter may require to ensure a safe and enjoyable evening. **The anticipated cost per ticket will be \$25.00.**

It is important to everyone involved that the Grade 8 students actively engage in the fundraising process. Since mid-January, we have started a **Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser**. Each Thursday, students take turns volunteering and assist with a variety of jobs including making morning announcements, taking orders and making special deliveries to our kindergarten students, and counting money. Grade 8 parent, Ms. Mellissa Ruscio has spearheaded this initiative and is very kindly volunteering her time each week to work with the students.

Another way for our students to get involved is through the **Celebrity Server Program** at **Boston Pizza**. We have secured two dates for our students to volunteer: **Wednesday, March 25** and **Wednesday, April 22**. Please speak with your son or daughter about getting involved. Beyond helping to support the event, this is a great opportunity for your child to get a taste of what is involved in having a part-time job in the service industry. If your child cannot volunteer, we hope that you, your family, friends, and other Clearmeadow families might make a reservation and join us for a meal at Boston Pizza. 10% of food sales will be donated to our graduation celebration.

The celebrity server event runs between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Our first "wave" of students should arrive by 4:45. Our second "wave" will arrive at 6:15 and they will be replacing the first group of students on the floor.

If your child would like to volunteer one or both of these events, please e-mail me by Friday, February 28th the following information:

- Student name
- Night available (Wednesday, March 25 or Wednesday, April 22)
- Preferred time (First Wave or Second Wave)

To enhance the success of our Boston Pizza event, **we are looking for items to draw for raffle prizes**. If you have items you would like to donate, please let me know.

If you haven't done so already, please consider participating in our **FLIP/GIVE** Gift Card Purchase Offer and support our graduating class. You can do this by:

- **Downloading the app** called "Flip Give" or going to flipgive.com and putting in our Clearmeadow code: **LT9LKG**
- You will need to sign up and then it will prompt you to put in the code.
- You can **browse the many companies, including Indigo and Starbucks**, to then purchase gift cards or shop online.

In addition, if you happen to book a flight through Air Canada, you can do it through Flip Give and the school will also get a percentage. Thank you, Grade 8 parent Marsha Beacock, for launching this initiative!

If you have any questions about this year's celebration or about our fundraising initiatives, you may contact our principal, Ms. Stutt or speak with any of this year's committee members:

Kyla Arnott	Ashleigh MacDonald
Marsha Beacock	Xuan Nguyen
Ruth Barran	Susan Ramsay
Leslie Cooper	Soula Roper
Lynn Critch	Mellissa Ruscio
Tara Hennessy	Tara Talbot
Shalini Joshi	

Sincerely,

Penny Lawson-Cameron
Clearmeadow Public School Council Chair/Grade 8 Graduation Celebration Committee Chair

PS – A Reminder: **Graduation Photos will be taken on Wednesday, February 26, 2020.**