



May 28, 2020

Dear Grade 8 Families:

As has been previously communicated, all graduations throughout the province of Ontario, elementary and secondary, have been postponed until the fall of 2020. We know that this is disappointing news for our Grade 8 graduates and their families. The YRDSB continues to plan for the rescheduling of both Grade 8 and 12 graduation ceremonies for the fall of 2020 and will provide additional information and updates as it becomes available.

In the meantime, Clearmeadow PS staff are working on some special plans for the end of year grade 8 graduation that can still provide recognition and resources to make your family celebrations in June special and memorable. This is an important milestone for our graduating students and we want to celebrate it with you in June, as well as the fall of 2020. Clearmeadow PS has many traditions that our grade 8 graduates have been looking forward to and staff have found ways to still provide some of these opportunities, despite the current emergency measures for distance learning. We are requesting grade 8 student and family support to carry out these exciting plans.

The school-sanctioned graduation plans and events are equitable for all families. They will not require any additional cost to families during this difficult time for so many. All 89 Clearmeadow PS graduates will receive the following to support family celebrations and mark this significant time in history as a grade 8 graduation to remember.

Grade 8 Graduate T-shirts *(Students to receive in June)*

REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION! The Clearmeadow Coyote Graduate Signature t-shirt tradition will continue this year! Parents, please if your son/daughter has not already submitted a **photo of their signature** in their Music Google Classroom AND the size of the t-shirt requested **please do so immediately**. The T-shirts will be ordered on Friday, May 29, 2020.

Grade 8 Graduation Composite Photo in Vinyl Keepsake Folder *(Students to receive in June)*

A Graduation Composite photo and keepsake folder is being provided to each grade 8 student as a gift from Clearmeadow PS School Council. Thank you to the Clearmeadow School Council for this generous gift to graduating students! The School Council has committed to making the gift of a Graduation Composite photo for each graduate an annual tradition at Clearmeadow PS. A safe delivery process for this year will be coordinated with the t-shirts and will be confirmed and shared soon.

Large "Congratulations Clearmeadow P.S. Class of 2020" Lawn Sign

(For family photo opportunities June 20 to 24, 2020)

A large lawn sign of celebration has been purchased by the school to be placed on the front lawn of the school for individual family photo opportunities, June 20-24th inclusive. Families will have lots of time to take photos with the Clearmeadow PS Graduation sign while respecting social distancing requirements. The sign will be safely housed each night and put out again each morning. Thank you to the Lawson-Cameron family for volunteering to put up and take down the sign each day.

We encourage families to share their Graduation photos so that they can be included in the **Special Edition Yearbook for 2020** Grade 8 Graduates! Please email your best shot (if you'd like it to be considered for the yearbook) to kasgen@rogers.com.

Special Edition Grade 8 Graduate Yearbook

(To be developed with grade 8 students in June, and delivered fall, 2020)

We are excited to co-create this special yearbook with our Grade 8 students and look forward to receiving many contributions during the month of June. This year, the yearbook will be a special edition for grade 8 graduates only. This is an unprecedented time in our history and the yearbook will become a significant artifact of our graduating students' experience during this time.

Grade 8 students will be asked, and given the opportunity to contribute their ideas to the yearbook throughout the month of June. This special Clearmeadow Class of 2020 Graduation yearbook will be ready in September and we will create a delivery process to coincide with the fall 2020 graduation ceremony.

We need a photo from each graduate:

If you have not already done so, please submit a close-up picture from the past (baby, toddler, or kindergarten) for our grad profile pages, as well as any pictures from past years at Clearmeadow or other events with Clearmeadow classmates for our "Memory Lane" pages. Please email high-resolution photos to kasgen@rogers.com by June 3, 2020.

Class of 2020 Special Memories Google Survey

We would like to capture each graduate's special memories, to be included in the yearbook.

Students, please complete the following google survey <https://forms.gle/Pu1wjRmhcWbcu9Tf9> to answer questions about yourself. The answers will be used to create a unique profile for each graduate and will be included beside your grad photo in the yearbook. It will include Most Memorable Moment, Favourite Past Time, High School you are going to be attending, What you think you will be doing in 10 years, and additional input. Responses must be submitted by June 3.

Please note that the YRDSB has determined that virtual graduations will not be included as an option for this June, and while it was considered, the scope and complexity of the work involved, privacy issue concerns, technology limitations, and the limited time frame, did not make it a feasible option. However, we are very pleased to be able to share the current Clearmeadow PS graduation plans with you and trust that these strategic actions will support you with your family graduation celebrations in June.

We ask for student's **IMMEDIATE support with:**

- virtual signatures for the t-shirts (by Thursday, May 28)
- submitting baby/toddler photos, (by Wed. June 3) and
- completing the google survey to provide input for the yearbook (by Wed June 3)

We will continue to update you with further details about school board planning and direction for June recognition and fall graduation ceremonies as they become available.

With much appreciation,

Clearmeadow PS Grade 8 teachers,
Janine Stutt, Principal,
Kim Taylor Reed, Vice-Principal