

Clearmeadow P.S.

We Matter! We Count! We Belong!

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January 1 - 15, 2025

Upcoming Dates



YRDSB Significant Faith Day site can be found here:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/equity-and-inclusive-education/significant-faith-days>

JANUARY

Walking Wednesdays

1 - New Year's Day

1 - Tamil Heritage Month

1 - Kwanzaa (African American) Ends

2 - Last Day of Hanukkah (Judaism)

3 - Winter Break Ends

6 - Welcome Back from your holiday break!

7 - Christmas - Eastern (Orthodox)

6, 13, 20, 27- The Hungry Donkey-Greek Food (Every Monday)

7, 14, 21, 28 - Mucho Burrito (Every Tuesday)

8, 15, 22, 29 - Kids Kitchen (Every Wednesday)

9, 16, 23, 30 - Mr. Sub (Every Thursday)

10, 24 - Pizza (Il Bistro Pizzeria) (Every Friday)

14 - Thai Pongal (Hindu Festival)

15 - School Council Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Library

17- PA DAY- No School

20, 22, 27, 29 - After School Literacy/Numeracy Program Grs 4-6

25 - Jan 2, 2025 - Hanukkah

27 - Holocaust Remembrance Day

29 - Lunar New Year

31 - PA Day - No School

31 - Babysitting Program for Grs 5, 6, 7, 8

FEBRUARY

Walking Wednesdays

2 - Groundhog Day

3, 6, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 -After School Literacy/Numeracy Program Grs 4-6

7, 14, 21, 28 - Roma Art Program Grs 1-4

4, 11, 18, 25 - Mucho Burrito

5, 12, 19, 26 - Kids Kitchen

6, 13, 20, 27 - Mr. Sub

7, 14, 21, 28 - Pizza (Il Bistro Pizzeria)

12 - Paul Davis Presentation

14 - Valentine's Day

17 - Family Day - No School

21 - Yukon Heritage Day

	26 - After School Literacy/Mathematics Program Grs 4-6 Ends 26 - Grad Photos 28 - Glenn Marais Presentation
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Welcome Back to an Exciting 2025!

We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating holiday break and are ready to embark on a year full of growth, learning, and new opportunities. As we begin 2025, we are excited to continue building on the foundation of positive relationships that create a sense of mattering, belonging, inclusion, and safety for all.

Our commitment remains steadfast in supporting the mental health and well-being of our students. We aim to foster safe, healthy, and meaningful connections that promote teaching and learning while affirming the diverse lived experiences of each student. These efforts are vital to ensuring that every student feels valued and empowered.

As a school, we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership. Together, we will work to build a stronger, more vibrant environment for everyone in our community.

Let's make 2025 a year of collaboration, achievement, and kindness. Together, we can accomplish great things.

Are you dressed for the weather?



Dress for the weather

Winter is here! We want all of our students to enjoy the winter weather. Please ensure that students come to school dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants, and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants, socks, and mittens in case they get wet.

Recess

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: When temperatures and/or wind chill reach minus 20 degrees Celsius, we consider an indoor routine for recess/events. Please see additional information from our board website:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/healthy-schools-work-places/severe-weather-conditions/extreme-weather-and-uv#:~>

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Appropriate Footwear for School

As we enter the new year, we kindly remind families to continue sending students to school with both indoor and outdoor shoes. To help maintain the cleanliness of our school, please ensure that outdoor shoes have non-marking soles. We have noticed an increase in scuff marks on the floors, which require special equipment and cleaners for our caretaking team to remove.

We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us keep our school looking its best. Thank you for your continued understanding.



French Immersion Information



Information Session

This year our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place in our **gym on January 16, 2025 at 7pm**. Program locations and additional information is available on the Board [website](#).

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 17, 2025. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2025, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office. For our SK families, you will call our office and indicate their intention to enrol. You are asked to register by February 10, 2025.

Any registration after February 10, 2025 will be considered late registration. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Families registering students who do not currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete [full registration paperwork](#) at their designated FI school. Please contact the school to make an appointment.

Safe Arrival Procedures



We would like to remind families to report any student absences. As per [Board Policy and Procedures #665.0, Safe Arrivals and Departures – Elementary and Secondary Students](#), if your child's absence is still not verified even after exhausting different steps to connect with the family, **York Regional Police will be contacted and may be dispatched to your residence to ensure your child is safe and there whereabouts is accounted for.**

We remind parent(s)/guardian(s) to update the school with all emergency contact information when changes are made. Thank you for your cooperation in reporting student absences.

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten Registration for 2024-2025 School Year

Kindergarten registration for the 2025/2026 school year begins on Friday, January 17, 2025. Kindergarten Registration Options for Families

Families can register using the following options:

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten > Registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop computer, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address.
- By phone - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed.
- In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

Registration Verification Process

Following submission of a registration package, schools will contact families to schedule an appointment for Document Verification. Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. You can learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten

We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.



Tamil Heritage Month

January is Tamil Heritage Month. Tamil Heritage Month aims to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language and its literature, and highlight Tamil Canadians' vibrant traditions, history, arts, and cultures. In addition, it seeks to recognize the significant contributions of Tamil Canadians in key areas of social, cultural, economic, and political spheres.



Days of Significance:

Pongal - The Harvest Festival (January)

Pongal is one of the most important festivals in Tamil culture. It marks the harvest season and is a thanksgiving celebration to the Sun God for a bountiful crop. Homes are adorned with colorful kolam designs, and freshly harvested rice is used to prepare a special dish called "Pongal." The festival exemplifies gratitude and community spirit.

After School Literacy and Numeracy Program at Clearmeadow PS



Clearmeadow PS will be having an After School Literacy and Numeracy Tutoring program for students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to receive additional support in their areas of need. Students will explore a variety of activities with a focus on higher order thinking with a hands on/minds on learning approach.

The program will run on Mondays and Wednesdays, after school for one hour. Ms. Campbell and Ms. Burrows will be teaching the program with support from Ms. Mcrae and Ms. Willemse. Students' achievement will be tracked and shared with the classroom teachers.

These after school sessions will begin **January 20, 2025 from 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.** and will end on February 26, 2025. During this time, students will receive a healthy snack. **There is no cost for the program.**

Important Notice - Students have already been selected for the program. We are no longer taking new students in the program as we have reached our quota. Please reach out to Ms. Sterling if you have any questions at angue.sterling@yrdsb.ca or via phone.

Instagram!



Clearmeadow P.S. is on **INSTAGRAM**. Follow us @clearmeadowps. This is where you'll hear about some of the great things we are doing at Clearmeadow P.S.! What are you waiting for... follow us!

What's happening?

Integrated Elementary Arts @ Baythorn!



At YRDSB, we are committed to continuous improvement, and we continue to focus on **Student Achievement**, promoting and supporting high expectations for all, **Health and Well-Being**, building healthy environments and positive relationships, and **Human Rights and Inclusive Education**, learning and growing together, and affirming our diverse identities.



There are 4 Regional High School Arts Programs and 1 Regional Arts Elementary Arts Program in YRDSB. The Arts@Baythorn invites students to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music integrated into learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

Applications are open on [Edsby](#) from January 13 – 26, 2025.

Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Collaborative workshops are being held February 18 – 20, 2025.
These dates are firm.

To apply or for more information

Please visit the [Baythorn Arts webpage](#).

*The [Edsby application link](#) will open on January 13, 2025.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to baythornarts@gapps.yrdsb.ca



Roma Art Program

Aroma Art would like to thank the families who have signed up for the Grade 1-4 Lunch Art Program! **A friendly reminder:** Please be sure to carefully read the flyer included in this newsletter for important instructions. Don't forget to complete the registration form that accompanies the flyer.

If you prefer a hard copy of the flyer or registration form, your child can pick one up from the office to bring home.



CLEARMEADOW P S ART CLUB BY ROMA CRAFTS INC.

LUNCH RECESS

FREE STYLE ART

DEADLINE
JANUARY 24
5 ART PROJECTS
\$96.05
ONE ART PROJECT TAKES TWO DAYS TO COMPLETE
DAY 1—DRAWING
DAY 2—COLOURING

- ABSTRACT ART
- IMPRESSIONISM
- GRAPHITE
- CARTOON STYLE
- FREE STYLE

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM

Please email the form to romacrafts@hotmail.com

GR 1 TO 4—FRIDAYS—10 WEEKS—\$85+HST=\$96.05
FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28, MARCH 7, 21, 28, APRIL 4, 11, 25

ROMA CRAFTS INC.—RAJI—romacrafts@hotmail.com

E-TRANSFERS TO romacrafts@hotmail.com

Please include your child's name, grade & school in the message section.

Please email me your password with the form.

*The reference pictures of art projects are for them to get creative ideas
To turn those into their own unique style of art*

****LIMITED SPACES—FIRST COME—FIRST SERVE**

ALL CLASSES CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS WILL BE RE-SCHEDULED.
MISSED CLASSES ARE NEITHER REFUNDABLE NOR TRANSFERABLE





CLEAREMEADOW P S
LUNCH RECESS ART CLUB



REGISTRATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

GRADE 1 to 4 —FRIDAYS
FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28, MARCH 7, 21, 28, APRIL 4, 11, 25

\$85+HST = \$96.05

E-transfer to romacrafts@hotmail.com

For E-transfer payments please write your child's name, grade & school in the message section followed by an email with the completed form & the password information.

I hereby release Roma Crafts from all claims for damage arising from personal injuries from any accident which may be caused by or arise from participation of the applicant herein during the program.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Questions? Please email romacrafts@hotmail.com



Red Cross Babysitting Course

(with first aid & CPR)

Offered by Stayin Alive with First Aid, CPR & AED

COURSE NOW OFFERED IN PERSON

On PA Days (8:30am to 3:30pm)

For youth in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8

Caregiver and first aid skills for youth in grades 5 to 8.

Participants learn how to manage difficult behaviour, recognize and prevent unsafe situations, how to care for babies and children, and leadership skills. Babysitting promises to deepen and enhance the responsibility that older youth feel when caring for younger children.

The curriculum includes new science for giving appropriate care in an emergency.

Babysitting course January 31st, PA day

Located at: Clearmeadow PS, 200 Clearmeadow Blvd. Newmarket,

8:30am to 3:30pm

Instructor: Stayin Alive Certified Red Cross Youth Instructor

Cost: \$65 + \$5 (for the book) per participant + HST = \$79.10

Course content:

- Check, Call, Care (including phoning 911)
- Conscious choking (adult/child/baby/alone)
- Introduction to CPR (baby/child)
- Asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer)
- Anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning and insect stings
- Wound care (minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, and burns)
- Broken bones, head, neck and back injuries, seizures

Course materials handed out on the day of the course.

No need to put your address on the registration

Red Cross Babysitter's Manual and Materials

Red Cross Babysitter Certificate



**Registration is limited to
26 students per course**

www.StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca

Questions?

info@StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca