



Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Clearmeadow P.S. Family News

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Dear Clearmeadow Families,

We are in the home stretch of our unprecedented spring of 2020. As increased comfort and skill with online learning is developed with families, teachers and students, new learning strategies and tools are being utilized. Our teachers have been focusing on engaging with and practicing synchronous learning activities with their students this month. Students have taken virtual field trips, utilized Jamboard and Google Meet, created interactive classrooms and much more. All online teaching and learning activities will continue throughout next week, to June 26.

We will share information about report card distribution when we receive it later this week.



Student Material Retrieval Days...are this Wednesday and Thursday (June 17/18).

Please ensure you have signed up in Edsby for a 15 minute time slot to drop off school owned materials (library books, instruments, textbooks, etc.) and to pick up your children's belongings.

Grade 8 Graduation News

Although the Grade 8 graduation ceremony and awards are postponed to fall 2020, we have graduation gifts that are ready for pick up!

- Thank you to our Clearmeadow School Council for providing a Clearmeadow PS 2020 Graduation Class Composite photo in a beautiful vinyl folder, to each graduating student. It is a beautiful keepsake and has an additional vinyl pocket ready to safely present and preserve the Graduation Diploma students will receive in the fall.
- Thank you to our Clearmeadow Student Council for funding the traditional Clearmeadow PS Coyote Graduation t-shirts! They look great.

Graduation gifts will be given during the June 17/18 Student Material Retrieval Days.

Please make sure you have signed up for a family time-slot in Edsby. Maximum one adult and one student in the building.

- A "Congratulations 2020 Clearmeadow Graduates!" banner will be in front of the school during the day, June 20 to June 24. This is an opportunity for each family to get a photo of their graduate. Please remember that we must practice safe social distancing at all times.
- On June 24, a special message will be shared with our graduates and their families by email. Also, watch for a YRDSB Graduation message that includes your grade 8 teachers!



Retirement News:

Mrs. Loveless is retiring! She started teaching Kindergarten here when Clearmeadow PS first opened in September 2000. Since then, she has taught Kindergarten, Grade One, and Reading Recovery. We want to thank Mrs. Loveless for 20 years of her dedication and care for our youngest learners and their families. She has been a tremendous support to staff, students and families. We are going to miss her smiling face and welcome each day but we wish her well as she embarks on a new adventure!

Here is a message from Mrs. Loveless:

Hello Clearmeadow Community:

As I am retiring at the end of June, I want to thank you for all the many wonderful memories you have given me with your children, including going on field trips to various farms, Toronto Zoo, theatres, Casa Loma, and our own concerts, plays and graduations. It is hard to believe that has been 20 years since I started teaching Kindergarten when the school first opened! And through the years I have been so fortunate to have seen "my" students learn so much and grow up!

It has been a pleasure being a part of so many young lives and I hope our paths cross in the future. Now onto my new journey which I hope includes lots of travel and time spent with family and friends.

Lesley Loveless

Our Vice-Principal, Ms. Taylor Reed is retiring!

Kim Taylor Reed has worked in YRDSB for the past 33 years. She has served on staff at 9 elementary schools and supported both secondary and elementary schools throughout the region while in a regional position. During her career in education she has worked as a Classroom Teacher, Guidance Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, Roots of Empathy Instructor and Roots of Empathy Regional Mentor, Curriculum Consultant for Guidance and Pathways, and currently as an Elementary School Vice Principal at Clearmeadow PS!

We want to thank Ms. Taylor Reed for the care and support that she has provided to students, staff and families during her two years at Clearmeadow PS. Ms. Taylor Reed wants to thank Clearmeadow staff for their deep dedication and commitment to continuous school improvement and timely supports for all children. She has appreciated the time she has had to work alongside staff, students and families at Clearmeadow PS. We wish her all the best as she looks forward to a new life of recreation and 'play' by the shores of Georgian Bay!

We look forward to a visit in the fall from both Ms. Taylor Reed and Mrs. Loveless, so that we have an opportunity to officially express our appreciation and good-byes.

Good Bye

We are sad to be saying good-bye and good luck to **Mrs. Cristofoli** and **Mrs. Harris** at the end of this year. Due to a smaller student population, our school will be dropping by two classes next year. Mrs. Cristofoli will be teaching Grades 1/2 at Rick Hansen P.S in September. Mrs. Harris, who was scheduled to return from her maternity leave in September, is joining Stonehaven PS, to teach Kindergarten. We thank them for their continued professionalism and commitment to teaching. They have had such a positive impact on teaching and learning at Clearmeadow PS. We will miss you!



See You Soon

Mrs. Ward and **Mrs. Rakovski** will each be on a one year leave next year, to spend time with family and have new adventures. Please don't worry! They will be back in September 2021!

Welcome to Vice-Principal Ingrid Legros!

Mrs. Ingrid Legros will be joining us as Vice Principal for Clearmeadow PS in September. She has served as vice principal at Oscar Peterson PS for the past two years. She has been a teacher in four different YRDSB schools, and has taught every grade from Full Day Kindergarten to Grade 8. She has also been a Music Teacher and Physical Education teacher. Mrs. Legros embraces change and is passionate about new learning. She is looking forward to joining the Clearmeadow PS community and engaging in the rewarding work of students, staff and families, to support your children's education!



As you may already know, we are in the midst of hiring processes and planning for what the structure will look like for elementary schools in September. We are awaiting further direction from the Ministry and will require time to plan for these structures and processes. As a result, we will not be able to share a tentative school organization with families until the end of the summer. We thank you for your patience during this time. We will be in touch again soon to provide further updates.

Stay safe and well,

Janine Stutt
Principal

Kim Taylor Reed
Vice Principal

Summer Learning Programs Available

While schools remain closed, we continue to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary and secondary students.

- [Elementary Summer School](#) (Grades 6-8)
- [Summer School e-Learning](#) (Secondary credit courses)
- [Secondary Summer School](#) (Acceleration courses, Credit Recovery/Reinforcement)

All programs will be offered in a remote learning environment with a mix of synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous learning. YRDSB continues to follow direction from the Ministry of Education and public health authorities to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. If there are any changes to our program delivery model, we will communicate those changes.

Adult Learning Programs

In addition, adult learning programs are also available by phone or online. If you have a question or would like to register for one of these classes, please email uplands@yrdsb.ca or call 905-731-9557 or 905-305-4122 and leave us a message.

- [Adult Literacy and Basic Skills](#)
- [English as a Second Language](#)
- [Citizenship Classes](#)
- [Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada](#)

For more information about school closures and resources for families, including information on summer learning programs during COVID-19, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/covid19 and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.

Supporting Online Learning for Families:

We know that learning at home looks different for each family. We have developed a number of resources and tips to help students and families, including:

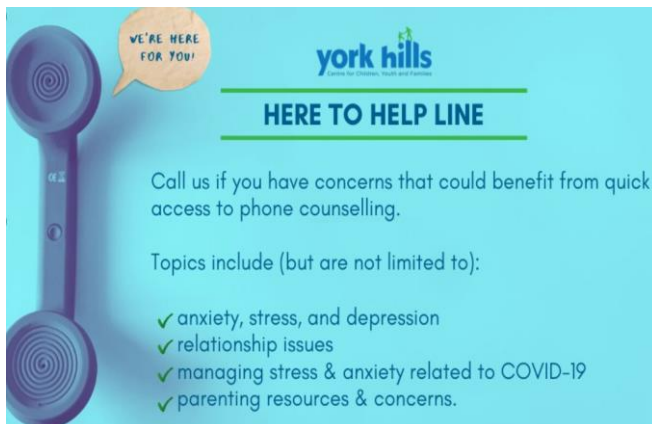
- [How to log in and use online learning platforms](#), including Google, Edsby and D2L. Short videos are also available.
- [Tips for families to support online learning](#).
- [Student Tech Help form](#) for support with student technology provided by the Board and accessing online learning platforms.
- [Mental health](#) and [community resources](#) for students and families.
- [Resources for students with special education needs](#).

To learn more about our [Learning and Caring Plan](#), access these resources and more, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/covid19. Google translate is available on our website.

SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES

YRDSB Resources

The YRDSB website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/covid19> continues to grow their list of resources that may be helpful as well as an update with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). Families may also follow YRDSB Twitter at @YRDSB.



A graphic for the York Hills 'Here to Help Line'. It features a blue telephone handset on the left with a speech bubble saying 'WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!'. The York Hills logo is at the top right. The text reads: 'HERE TO HELP LINE', 'Call us if you have concerns that could benefit from quick access to phone counselling.', 'Topics include (but are not limited to):', and a list of topics: '✓ anxiety, stress, and depression', '✓ relationship issues', '✓ managing stress & anxiety related to COVID-19', and '✓ parenting resources & concerns.'

Call 905-503-9561

Call us if you have concerns and could benefit from quick access to phone counselling.

Visit: www.yorkhills.ca for more information.

Are You Moving?

We continue to plan for next year. If you are moving or plan on moving this summer, please let us know by emailing: Clearmeadow.ps@yrdsb.ca

Each school needs accurate numbers for staffing and classroom organization for September. Also, please ensure that you register for your new school before September. Thank you!



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