




Monday, May 11, 2020

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## Important Information and Upcoming Dates

May 11	Last day for Parent Input on Student Class Placement for Sept. 2020 Complete input survey here: <a href="https://forms.gle/n4xrKhXUV5a3mc2x9">https://forms.gle/n4xrKhXUV5a3mc2x9</a>
May 11-15	Teacher Led Learning & Caring Plan Continues <b>Wellness Week</b> - Please share photos of your participation so that we can post on Twitter @clearmeadowps
May 18	Victoria Day 
May 19-29	Online Learning and Care Plan Continues - Ministry announcement this week regarding schools and student learning after May 29.



## Wellness Week

May 11 – May 15, 2020

<b>Monday May 11</b> <b>Mindful Monday</b> 	<b>4-7-8 Breathing Exercise by GoZen</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/UxbdX-SeOOo">https://youtu.be/UxbdX-SeOOo</a> <b>Body Scan Meditation by GoZen!</b> <a href="https://youtu.be/aIC-Io441v4">https://youtu.be/aIC-Io441v4</a>
<b>Tuesday May 12</b> <b>Spirit Day Tuesday</b> 	<b>Show your Clearmeadow pride!</b> <b>Wear blue and/or yellow, or your Coyote spirit wear.</b>
<b>Wednesday May 13</b> <b>Walking Wednesday</b> 	<b>If you are able, get your family and go for a walk (don't forget to practice safe, physical distancing).</b>
<b>Thursday May 14</b> <b>Thankful Thursday</b> 	<b>Think about something or someone you are thankful for. Share with a friend or family member.</b>
<b>Friday May 15</b> <b>Feel Good Friday</b> 	<b>Do something today that makes you feel good. Try a new fruit, or movement exercise, drink lots of water, stretch, practicing breathing techniques. Take a moment in your day to pause and enjoy a quiet moment.</b>

### **Teacher Office Hours**

During Teacher Led Online Learning:  
This is a guaranteed hour during the day where the educator is available to connect in real time, by email, Edsby messaging, within Google Classroom or by phone. The office hours are posted on our school website.

If you are not sure how to connect with your child's teacher, please email them and share your contact information so that they can connect. Staff email addresses are:  
[firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca)



Don't forget to take a photo each day and tag us on twitter @ClearmeadowPS or send via email [clearmeadow.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:clearmeadow.ps@yrdsb.ca) so we can post on your behalf.

We are all wishing for spring weather! Thank you to some of Mrs. Kell's students for sharing their Spring Acrostic Poems with us!

Full of nectar  
Looking pretty  
Old and new  
White and blue  
Especially quiet  
Really gentle  
Smelling awesome  
Big and small  
Lone and together  
Open and closed  
Opposite from each other  
Marvelous beauty!  
**By Lev**

Biking is healthy  
I love to bike  
Kicking the pedals  
Even makes me feel light  
**By Lily**

Spring has lovely flowers  
Pretty views  
Rainy days  
In the puddles  
New plants start growing  
Grass starts getting green  
Tasty berries  
I can hear birds singing  
More being outside  
Everywhere has good smell of flowers  
**By Sormeh**



### **New Superintendent of Schools**

Shawn Bredin, who has been our Superintendent of Schools for the past few years, moved to a new role as of May 4. He is now Superintendent of Assessment and Research Services for YRDSB. We wish him congratulations and all the best in his new role. We also thank him for his service and support of the Clearmeadow PS community.

We welcome Dr. Tania Sterling back to YRDSB and to the role of Superintendent of Schools, supporting the Clearmeadow PS community. Tania comes to the position with 27 years of French and English teaching, consulting and administrative experience in four Ontario school boards, including YRDSB (2007-2012), and at the Ministry of Education.

Throughout her career, Tania has developed a passion and commitment to ensuring all students have equitable access to engaging and culturally relevant learning opportunities. In 2017, Tania moved to North Western Ontario where she served as the Superintendent of Education for Secondary, Student Success, Learning Technologies and Indigenous Education. Most recently, Tania returned south to rejoin the Ministry as an Education Officer in the Indigenous Education and Well-Being division. Welcome Dr. Sterling!

### **School Closures and Online Learning**

On Friday May 8, the Ministry made some announcements late in the day. Further updates about school closures and online learning in Ontario will be shared this week.

### **REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2020:**

Registration for next year continues. If you know of anyone in our catchment area planning to bring provide us with details.

Also, if you have children starting kindergarten in the fall, please be sure to register them online:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Pages/School-Registration.aspx>

Knowing our numbers as early as possible enables us to organize our staffing appropriately.

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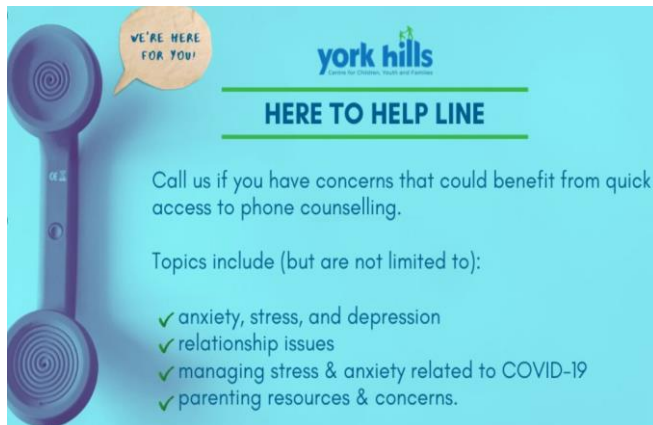
**If you would like to offer input, please click here:**  
<https://forms.gle/n4xrKhXUV5a3mc2x9>

## **SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES**

### **YRDSB Resources**

The YRDSB website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/covid19> continues to grow their list of resources that may be helpful (well-being, academics, etc.) 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 center. Below it, the text reads 'HERE TO HELP LINE' in blue. A call to action says 'Call us if you have concerns that could benefit from quick access to phone counselling.' Below that, it lists topics: 'Topics include (but are not limited to):' followed by a list of four items with green checkmarks: '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](http://www.yorkhills.ca) for more information.

## **Are You Moving?**

We are now planning for next year. If you are moving or plan on moving, please be sure to let us know by emailing [Clearmeadow.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto: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.



## **NEW! Grade 8 Reach Ahead 2020 Summer Credit Language Program & Grade 9 to 12 Students (Spanish & Mandarin)**

- Grade 8 students can now take a Grade 9 credit course this summer in Spanish or Mandarin.
- Grades 9 to 12 students can now take Level B or C summer credit courses in Spanish or Mandarin.
- Prerequisites are not required for any Level B international languages course.
- This is an 18-day program (July 6-29, Monday to Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m. daily) for one credit introductory (Level B) international languages course.

### **How to Register**

**YRDSB Students** - Registration opens March 9, 2020

- Register online using [myPathway Planner](#). Please refer to the My Pathway Planner [tip sheet](#) to register.

**Non-YRDSB Students** - Registration opens March 9, 2020

- Complete the [registration form](#).
- Forms can be dropped off Monday through Friday at the Continuing Education Services office located on the main floor of the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning (36 Regatta Ave., Richmond Hill) between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

This program is available at the following summer school locations:

- Langstaff SS, Richmond Hill
- Milliken Mills HS, Markham
- Sir William Mulock SS, Newmarket
- Tommy Douglas SS, Vaughan

More information is available from [Continuing Education](#).

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