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# Clearmeadow P.S. Family News

#### Dear Clearmeadow families:

Yesterday, we began Week 8 of the online Learning and Care Plan by sharing a video message with Clearmeadow students and families from our staff. It is a message of care and connection during this time when we continue to learn virtually together, while remaining physically apart. If you have not yet seen it, please take a peek to "see" us: <a href="https://youtu.be/xOwkx8GP67E">https://youtu.be/xOwkx8GP67E</a>.

Thank you to Mrs. Ahrens for her leadership in putting the video together for everyone's viewing pleasure!



Thank you also to all those students and families who participated in our Wellness Week Campaign during Week 6 of the Learning and Care Plan. Everyone enjoyed seeing the photos and family activities that were shared.

### Student Learning in June

We want to remind all families that teacher led online learning will continue throughout the month of June, as per the email communication sent on May 19. It is expected across the province of Ontario that all students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will continue to participate in 5 hours of teacher-led online learning per week, and Intermediate students in Grades 7 and 8 will continue to engage in 10 hours of teacher-led online learning per week. School buildings are closed but learning and teaching continue, so that student learning gaps do not widen during this time of school building closure. We know that online learning without



face to face interaction with teachers and students is not ideal. It is remote and under emergency conditions. We know that students will be able to access the online learning at different times during the day, based on their own family schedules at home.

Continued online learning with teachers throughout the month of June will help students be more fully prepared for a smooth transition back to school in the fall. We ask for parent participation wherever possible to encourage, monitor and support their child's online learning. Your child's teachers and additional school staff want to support you and your child's learning. Please reach out to teachers if you have questions or concerns.

Teachers continue to receive carefully crafted submissions of student work from home. Included in this newsletter are a few student artifacts from Clearmeadow grade 3 students as inspiration!

## End of year procedures for pick up of student personal belongings

The school board continues to work closely with York Region Public Health to ensure the health and safety of our students, families, staff and community. A safe process is being created for families to pick up personal items before the end of the school year. As soon as we have information about the timelines and the process we will share this with families.

#### **Grade 8 Graduation**

As has been previously communicated, all graduations, 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 end of year grade 8 graduation recognition and celebration in June, prior to the formal ceremony that will still take place in the fall. All plans will respect the safe social distancing measures we need to continue in order to keep everyone safe. More to come on this very soon!

## Welcome Back and Thank You!

This week, we are pleased to welcome Ms. Richardson back to school! Ms. Richardson has begun working directly with students and is excited to reconnect with everyone. We want to thank Mrs. Carr, who has been working to fill the Special Education Resource Teacher role for the past few months. Mrs. Carr is going to support Ms. Richardson's transition back to full time for the next two weeks.

We are so glad to have Mrs. Kenny back with us and her grade 3 students. She will resume her full time role next week. We thank Ms. Swanek for her dedication and support to the grade 3 students and families while Mrs. Kenny was away and then as she gradually returned to full time hours. Ms. Swanek is continuing to support the prep coverage role while Ms. Conforti is on leave until the end of the school year.

Please note that all YRDSB schools and grounds continue to be closed with no public access throughout June. Thank you for your support with this, as we all continue to do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



If you have any concerns or questions that you would like to share, please email us at <a href="mailto:clearmeadow.ps@yrdsb.ca">clearmeadow.ps@yrdsb.ca</a>. Also, please contact us if you will be moving over the summer.

On behalf of all of us here at Clearmeadow Public School, continue to stay safe, healthy and positive.

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