



# Clearmeadow P.S.

September Character Trait: Respect

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## CALENDAR

Sept. 14 Day 5	Cohort A-L returns for their 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of School JK students come for their 1 <sup>st</sup> day – cohort A-L
Sept. 15 Day 1	Cohort M-Z returns for their 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of School JK students come for their 1 <sup>st</sup> day – cohort M-Z
Sept. 16 Day 2	Everyone returns for their 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of school JK students come for their 2 <sup>nd</sup> day – cohort A-L
Sept. 17 Day 3	JK students come for their 2 <sup>nd</sup> day – cohort M-Z
Sept. 18 Day 4	Everyone at Clearmeadow is here together! Rosh Hashanah begins
<b>Upcoming Dates</b>	
Sept. 21	International Day of Peace
Sept. 27	Yom Kippur
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Monday: No School

## PHOTO GALLERY



## AT A GLANCE INFORMATION

**Welcome Back!:** We are so happy to see all of our students again. It was wonderful to welcome them back to school!

**Parking & Kiss n Ride:** Thank you to all of our parents who are dropping off children using the Kiss n Ride. This is a reminder to all of our families that parents are NOT to get out of their car. A staff member will open the door and help your child out and will ensure that they get to their appropriate entrance door. We ask for all parents to please co-operate with our request to refrain from parking their vehicles in our parking lot when dropping off and picking up students. Please use adjacent or neighbouring side streets to park your child and walk to the entry door to pick up your child. Thank you for co-operation.

**Medication/Epi Pen:** Remember if your child requires Medication or has an Epi Pen or has other Health concerns please submit notice to the office **ASAP**. There are additional forms that are needed to be filled out and are available via email. \*\*\*\*If your child requires an Epi Pen, it needs to be worn on their person (i.e., in a pouch) and an extra one must be provided to the office.

**Dismissal:** This is a reminder that if you are picking up your child(ren) at the end of the day that you proceed to their dismissal zone by 3:20. Once you have picked up your child we ask that you promptly leave school property to help us maintain social distancing. As well, we ask all family members to please wear a mask when on school property for the protection of self and others. Thank you for your cooperation as we all work together to keep our families, staff and students safe.

**School Twitter:** Please follow us on Twitter [@Clearmeadowps](https://twitter.com/Clearmeadowps). We post school information items, events and updates here daily! Stay informed!

## A FEW REMINDERS

As we continue to learn together all of the new health and safety protocols to keep our students and staff safe, we have a few reminders for parents to review with their child(ren).

- Students must come to school with a snack and a lunch. No lunch deliveries can be accepted. This includes parents dropping off a packed lunch.
- Students in Grades 4-8 must wear a mask while in the building, but may remove it to eat and when playing outside.
- Children need to dress for the weather as they will be participating in more outdoor learning.
- At the end of the day those children walking home should leave the property as soon as possible to help maintain social distancing.
- Beginning on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> we will be moving to free entry beginning at 8:45 am. Students will need to come in as soon as they arrive and proceed directly to their classroom. There is no outdoor playtime before school begins.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

As we begin a rather different start to the school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning students and families. Whether you are returning to school in person or participating in remote, online learning, we look forward to welcoming you into safe, inclusive and engaging learning spaces.

Staff members have been working hard over the summer months with the Ministry of Education and public health experts to develop a [reopening plan](#) that prioritizes the health, safety and well-being of our students and ensures that important [health and safety measures](#) are in place.

Please know that whatever learning model you chose, we will continue to provide your children with high quality education, and to support their learning, achievement and well-being. Our school staff are prepared to help your child transition back into our learning environments, and we will continue to partner with families to support your child's success.

We know that families have many questions about what to expect as their children return to school. You can find information about what to expect at the start of the school year on the Board website, including frequently asked questions that you may find helpful at [www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening).

As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The [Board of Trustees](#) makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#).

We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

The relationship that we have with families is important, and I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website. You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, healthy and successful year ahead.

Linda Gilbert

## EDSBY



### Welcome to Edsby

York Region District School Board has partnered with Edsby to provide a secure platform for families to connect with what's happening at school and with your child's education.

Edsby offers many different features that YRDSB will be rolling out over the next several years. Some of these features include:

- Absence reporting
- A news river with school events and information
- Appointment bookings for Parent-Teacher Interviews/Student-Led Conferences
- Program registration
- Extra-curricular Groups and Activities
- Access to your child's schedule and upcoming events.

Our school will communicate more information as features become available.

For Edsby to be effective, it contains personal information about you and your family that is collected by the Board at registration. This information is used to provide services and support to you and your family. Edsby has been designed as a secure system that protects the privacy of this information for our families.

#### Setting up your Edsby Account for the first time

An email from York Region District School Board would have been sent to you with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. Make sure the school office has your current email address on file.

If you do not see the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

1. Click the link in the email. The browser will send you to a screen like the one on the right.
2. Click the "I don't have an Edsby parent account" button. **Your username will be your email address. You will choose your password.** Similar to a banking password, it is important to choose a strong password. Please do not share your password.
3. Click "Create Edsby Account." A "Welcome to Edsby" message will be sent to your email address.

For questions about your Edsby account, please contact your child's school

## AFROBEATS DANCE

**AFROBEATS**  
*Baby Groovers*  
**3-5 YEARS OF AGE**

**MOVEMENTS | RHYTHM | EXERCISE**  
**AFRICAN | CARIBBEAN | CULTURE**

45 Minute Classes  
AFIWI GROOVE SCHOOL  
**Classes begin**  
**Saturday | September 26 | 11am**  
**2020**  
**8 WEEK SESSIONS**

Presented by AFIWI GROOVE SCHOOL & NACCA  
To Register: [www.afiwigroove.com](http://www.afiwigroove.com)  
For more info: [naccacommunity.ca](http://naccacommunity.ca)

**NACCA** est.2018

## WALK OR BIKE TO SCHOOL

As we start the 2020-2021 school year, we would like to remind and encourage families to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn.

Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness.

Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones.

Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.

For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your daily routine.



# INTERNATIONAL AND INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES REGISTRATION

Due to the pandemic, International and Indigenous Language classes for SK to Grade 8 students will take place online, not in the school buildings. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language class.

Please click on this link <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Documents/YRDSB-ElementaryInternational.pdf> to access the brochure for more detailed registration information.

**INTERNATIONAL AND INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES**  
[www.yrdsb.ca/international-languages](http://www.yrdsb.ca/international-languages)

**ELEMENTARY PROGRAM  
(SK to Grade 8) 2020-2021**

This program provides any child with the opportunity to speak, read and write a new language or maintain heritage language and culture.

**IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING PROGRAM DELIVERY – SEPTEMBER 2020**

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**What does this mean?** Your child will use Google classroom to see the teacher teach the live lesson during the regularly scheduled language class.

If a student is not able to participate in a live lesson during the regular scheduled class, alternative asynchronous support is provided to ensure the student has access to the online learning (e.g., posting of pre-recorded material or tasks for reference at a later time).

We look forward to providing engaging, online language learning through our Google Classrooms until normal in class language instruction resumes.

**FEES**

A \$20 consumables fee will be collected when schools re-open for International and Indigenous Language classes and normal in class language instruction resumes. International fee-paying visa students are required to pay an additional \$225 for registration, plus consumable fees.

**Grade 8 students entering grade 9— we also offer language programs in grades 9 to 12 where you can earn credits toward graduation.**

**ALTERNATIVE REGISTRATION METHOD**

**YRDSB Students**

There will be no in-person registration in the fall 2020. For elementary registration, please use [Edsby](#) (SK to grade 8 students). If you are having trouble with EDSBY, please complete the fillable [Elementary Paper Registration Form](#) and email it to our office at [international\\_languages@yrdsb.ca](mailto:international_languages@yrdsb.ca). For credit registration, please use [myPathway Planner](#) (Grades 9 to 12 students) to register.

**Non-YRDSB Students**

There will be no in-person registration in the fall 2020. For elementary registration, non-YRDSB families may register online by using [Edsby](#) (SK to Grade 8 students) or complete the fillable [Elementary Paper Registration Form](#) and email it to our office at [international\\_languages@yrdsb.ca](mailto:international_languages@yrdsb.ca).

Apply for credit language programs (Grades 9 to 12) using the [Credit Paper Registration Form](#) and email it to our office at [international\\_languages@yrdsb.ca](mailto:international_languages@yrdsb.ca).

More information about [elementary](#) programs (SK to Grade 8) and [credit programs](#) (Grades 9 to 12 students) is available on our webpages. If you require assistance, please contact our office at [international\\_languages@yrdsb.ca](mailto:international_languages@yrdsb.ca).

**Research shows that speaking more than one language may:**

- Deepen cultural awareness
- Enhance communication with people from diverse backgrounds
- Improve memory and concentration
- Enhance decision-making and multi-tasking skills
- Open future employment opportunities

International Languages Elementary Program, Resource Guide, Ontario Ministry of Education (2012)

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