

# Clearmeadow P.S.

September Character Trait: Respect

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### CALENDAR

Sept. 28	Yom Kippur
Day 5	Safety Week begins today
	Health and Safety Inspection at Clearmeadow PS
Sept. 29	Visit from Public Health Nurse
Day 1	
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day
Day 2	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm (virtual)
Oct. 1	
Day 3	
Oct. 2	National Custodial Recognition Day: Thank you to
Day 4	our amazing Caretaking team at Clearmeadow PS!
Upcoming Dates	
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Monday: No School

## **PHOTO GALLERY**



We are learning about the significance of Orange Shirt Day!

#### **AT A GLANCE INFORMATION**

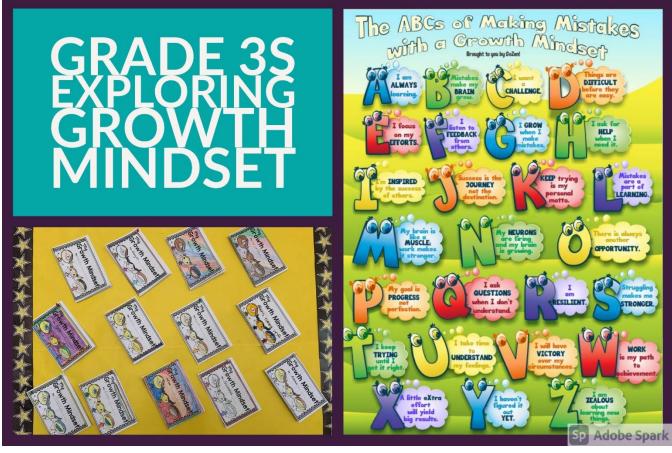
**Orange Shirt Day: Wear your orange shirt on Wednesday, September 30**<sup>th</sup> to show your support and to recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors. Read about the significance of the orange shirt below.

**Safety Week**: This week is Safety Week. Classes will be individually practising a variety of safety situations this week (i.e., Fire Drill, Lockdown Drill). Mrs. Stutt and Mrs. Legros will also be visiting classrooms to talk about creating and maintaining a safe and respectful space for students to learn at Clearmeadow PS.

**School Council:** This week you should have received a nomination form in the online Start up Package. Alternatively, you can find and complete this <u>Google Form</u> to submit your nomination directly to the school. You do not need to be part of the executive in order to attend any school council meeting this year. <u>Additional information on School Councils can be found on our board website.</u> If you are interested in attending our first meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>, please use this information to join our virtual meeting. <u>https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/674503205</u> **You can also dial in using your phone.** Canada: <u>+1</u> (647) 497-9373 Access Code: 674-503-205

#### **CELEBRATING STUDENTS**





#### **ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

The <u>Orange Shirt Day</u> movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973.

Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. New clothes were a rare thing for the young girl, who was being raised by her grandmother. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform.

Webstad has felt the impact of that event long after it occurred, "that feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years. Even now, when I know nothing could be further than the truth, I still sometimes feel that I don't matter."

The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.

Recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors by wearing an orange shirt.



#### **DREAMBOX IS BACK!**

DreamBox Learning is an online software provider that focuses on mathematics education at the elementary school level. DreamBox Learning provides pre-kindergarten through 8th-grade students with over 1,800 lessons presented as animated adventures, games, and challenges. <u>VIDEO LINK</u>

To access your child's Dreambox on a computer: https://play.dreambox.com/login/pwte/6xbb

To access your child's Dreambox on an ipad: Download the Dreambox App School code: PWTE/6XBB

If you have any questions about your child's Dreambox username and password, please contact your child's teacher.



It's the start of 2020-2021 school year! We want all of our students and families to take a positive step and encourage all families to incorporate active school travel in their children's daily routines.

There are many benefits to walking and cycling and riding the bus to and from school including:

- Improved physical and mental health;
- Greater social development and higher academic performance,
- Reduced traffic congestion on school site and in the neighbourhood; and
- Reduced air pollution and greenhouse gases.

Will your children walk /wheel or ride the bus to and from school? York Region District School Board is committed to encouraging Active School Travel in all of our school communities and providing education and information on initiatives for schools to participate in. If Active School Travel every day is a challenge, choose two or three days a week to try and make a change.

## **IMPORTANT MASK INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES**

- For mask wearing, we are hoping that all Clearmeadow PS students will wear masks at school.
- In Kindergarten to Grade 3 non-medical or cloth masks are strongly encouraged for students.
- In Grades 4 to 12, students will wear non-medical or cloth masks while in school.
- Parents/guardians will be expected to provide their child with a personal face covering (at least 3) to wear at school to reduce the spread of their own respiratory droplets to protect others.
- If a student does not have a face covering, they will be provided a non-medical mask by the school.
- It is suggested that parents provide separate bags to store clean and dirty masks and a pouch or fanny pack to hold them. Wash cloth masks daily.