

WHAT'S HAPPENING

September 2013

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow! What a busy and exciting September it has been. The Clairlea staff have been working hard and collaborating with each other and have set upon a course of continuing to provide a teaching/learning environment that will enable all students to meet their potential.

I would like to acknowledge the unwavering support of our School Council; their commitment to Clairlea does not go unnoticed and we are most appreciative of the help.

New School Council for 2013/2014

The executive council is comprised of:

- Irit Hartman - Chair
- Kumru Gutierrez - Vice Chair
- Tina Selby - Treasurer
- Catharine Heddle - Secretary

We are reassured that our school will be well supported by this committed and caring group of parents and we are delighted to have the opportunity to work with them over the course of the year. Congratulations to this new council!

School Safety

Bussing and Parking

For your interest and information, we are continuing to have a Caring and Safe Committee in place at Clairlea where we review and monitor our school programs, our site, and the parking lot. We also work together to ensure we provide a welcoming environment for our community. We have a number of procedures in place including pick up and drop off.

Although it may seem convenient to park your car, safety must always be our number one priority. We ask that you share in the responsibility for the safety of our students by keeping the bus loop safe for everyone. The following must be followed and adhered to at all times to help keep our traffic loop/parking lot safe:

- drop off time is between 8:25 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.
- pick up time is at 3:15 p.m.
- **do not park** your vehicle in the traffic loop or any other areas (these areas are **No Parking** areas)
- park your vehicle only in designated parking spots (**No Parking in the bus loop**)
- consider using alternate drop-off and pick-up points, such as parking on Kightsbridge Road and Karnwood Drive
- if possible, have your child walk to and from school with a buddy to eliminate the number of cars around the school and its surrounding streets.

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No loading and unloading in the staff parking lot

We ask that you **do not drive** up the side of the school into the staff parking lot to pick up or drop off your child. The laneway and parking lot needs to be accessible to staff, Board employees and emergency vehicles at all times.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tues. Oct. 1:

Picture Day

Wed. Oct. 3:

Girls Slo-Pitch vs. Blantyre

Thurs. Oct. 4:

7:40 Run Club

Boys Slo-Pitch at George Peck

Fri. Oct. 5:

Gr. 8 Career Fair at the Science Centre

Movie Night at 7 pm

Tues. Oct. 8:

7:40 Run Club

Thurs. Oct. 10:

Cross Country at Thompson Park all day

Fri. Oct. 11:

P.A. Day – No school for students

Mon. Oct. 14:

Thanksgiving – No School

Wed. Oct. 16:

Ms. Moledina's & Mme. Angelevski's classes to Toronto Botanical Gardens all day

Thurs. Oct. 17:

Mme. Volokhova's & Mme. Kakinoki's classes to Toronto Botanical Gardens all day

Fri. Oct. 18 – Mon. Oct. 21:

Gr. 6 Kearney Trip

Thurs. Oct. 24:

All Kindergarten classes to Whittamore's Farm

Fri. Oct. 25:

Panther Assembly

Sat. Oct. 26:

HALLOWEEN HOWL

Thurs. Oct. 31:

Spirit Day – Dress Up Day

Dance for Gr. 6-8 in p.m.



We are confident that with your support, the safety of our students will not be compromised

Staff and students are in the process of being well-aware of the fire, lockdown, visitor and washroom protocols that have been established in keeping with the safety measures of our Board. Security is of paramount importance to us. We also ask for your understanding as we will require you to sign in whenever you come into the school as part of our visitor protocol.

Secure Door Access System

Clairlea now has a new secure access system installed for our front doors. It is a buzzer – telecom – video device that is now operational.

All visitors will be required to buzz in and identify themselves via a video camera to the office staff. They will then be "buzzed" into the school to report to the office.

The system will be active during the instructional portion of our school day. It will be activated at 8:45 a.m. This will greatly affect late students and entry. It will be a great reminder of the importance for all students to be on time for the 8:40 a.m. entry bell.

We know that this change will require some patience and understanding. The safety of our students is a priority and we know that you will work together with us to ensure everyone's well-being.

New Staff

Our existing school staff would like to welcome the following new members to the Clairlea family.

Ms. Paige Ruggles – Grade 6 (am)

Ms. Amanda Yuill – Primary Arts and PHE

Mr. Cheikh Diop - Grade 3 FI

Ms. Fatima Bensalam – Grade 3

STUDENT AND STAFF ALLERGIES

Many of our students and staff have allergies and some are life threatening. As a community, we must work together to provide a safe environment for all. We ask you to ensure that no peanut or other nut products enter our building. Seafood & shellfish also poses a threat to some of our students.

Please take the time to read the list of ingredients carefully on all products. Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation with this very important matter.



If you do not have access to the Internet & would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please fill out the information below & return it to the school office with your child:

Yes, we would like to receive a hard copy of the monthly newsletter sent home with

Name of student _____

Class teacher _____

Grade/Room # _____

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Grade 8 Girls' Slo-Pitch

What an amazing season the Girls' Slo-Pitch team has had so far! As of October 1st, we have 2 wins, 1 tie and 0 losses. Our Panther girls, looking fearsome in Clairlea's purple and white, have shown spunk and spirit in every game. We look forward to finishing strong in the season and can't wait for the playoffs. Gooooo Panthers!

Ms. Lowen, Ms. Vincent, Mme Angelevski

Clairlea Eco Team

Happy new school year from Clairlea's Eco Team! This is our first year with **Platinum** designation and we have many exciting plans afoot to help us maintain this prestigious status. Stay tuned for more - but be ready to ban the plastic water bottle!!!

Our native plant garden has grown by leaps and bounds - and we are hoping that this year's Grade 3 French Immersion students will enjoy studying it as part of their science curriculum on plant growth and development. The school's "No Idling" sign, designed and developed by our students, should be installed within the next few weeks.

A gentle but firm reminder to families and students that as a Boomerang School, all lunch and snack items (including packaging) go home at the end of each day. If you don't enjoy finding soggy packaging and sticky juice boxes in your child's lunch bag, please consider providing re-usable containers and refillable bottles. These create less impact on the environment and often mean that the foods we put into them are not processed. Unprocessed foods are more natural. More natural foods are healthier. Healthier foods feed brains! Well-fed brains bring home happy report cards!

Enjoy October and take a minute to hug a tree! Hee hee.
Your Eco Team.