

WHAT'S HAPPENING

September 2014

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.

We are also excited about our new Kindergarten addition and play area. There is still some ongoing construction to our soccer field and baseball diamonds. We anticipate that this will all be completed before the snow comes!

School Council for 2014/2015

The executive council is comprised of:

- Irit Hartman - Chair
- Wendy Whittle - Vice Chair
- Tina Selby - Treasurer
- Reka Nicholas - Secretary
- Joanne Benson – Fundraising Chair

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! You can contact them at Clairleacouncil@gmail.com

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. **(in the back yard or Kindergarten area)**
- pick up time is at 3:15 p.m. **(in the back yard or Kindergarten area)**
- **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 Knightsbridge 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.

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 continues to be a secure door access school.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Oct. 8th:
 Cross Country Meet all day @ Thompson Park
 Volunteer planning Mtg. for Halloween Howl @ 7pm confirm attendance to clairleacouncil@gmail.com

Fri. Oct. 10th:
 Forest Valley – Mme. Camara & Ms. Jeffrey's class

Mon. Oct. 13th:
 Thanksgiving – no school

Wed. Oct. 15th:
 School Council Mtg. @ 7 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 17th:
 Cross Country Meet – East Finals @ Thompson Park

Wed. Oct. 22nd:
 Norcard/Steeped Tea Orders Due

Mon. Oct. 27th:
 Cross Country City Finals – Centennial

Wed. Oct. 29th:
 Pizza lunch
 Spirit Wear Orders Due

Thurs. Oct. 30th:
 Kindergarten Farm Trip all day to Whittamore's – Mlle Bauman, Mme. Fahim, Ms. Sharman & Ms. Cano
 Halloween Howl @ 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 31st:
 Spirit Day – "Costume Chaos Day"
 Dance Gr. 6-8 - pm



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.

New Staff

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

- Ms. Roberta Jeffery – Grade 5 (am)
- Ms. Lucy Jang - Naruse – Grade 4/5 FI
- Mr. Peter Mastorakas - Grade 5/6 FI
- Ms. Carolyn Byrne – Grade 2 FI
- Ms. Stephanie Brown – Grade 1
- Ms. Nermin Gorab – Grade 1/2 FI
- Ms. Kim Ristic – Grade 3 FI
- Ms. Miranda Sidheri – ECE with Ms. Cano
- Ms. Denise Johnson-Bennet – ECE with Ms. Sharman
- Ms. Kayla Crewe – ECE with Ms. Bauman
- Ms. Maria Ibrahim – ECE with Ms. Fahim

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 # _____