



Dolphin Talk

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another new school year at Clemens Mill Public School. This past summer, our former principal, Mr. Podrebarac was selected for a superintendent role with the Halton Board of Education. I have been serving as interim principal until the Board is able to appoint a principal for our school, which we anticipate sometime in the month of October.

We are well into the swing of an exciting year and it certainly promises to be a very busy one for all our Clemens Mill Dolphins! We welcome many new students and new staff who, along with our former staff, have worked hard preparing for the new school year, creating an inviting learning environment for our students. School cross-country and football teams are practicing and competing with other schools with impressive results. Our PALS playground crew and Kodaly Choir are planning exciting events for our students. Many families and students have set new priorities and new resolutions as part of this back to school season. We look forward to working together with families and our community to enrich the Clemens Mill School experience for all students and staff. Our home and school partnerships contribute to making our students the best they can be. Your involvement is vital to your child's success! We will strive to keep you informed and welcome your input and ideas. Check out our school website for our complete newsletter and for regular updates at cle.wrdsb.on.ca. We encourage you to join our school council that meets monthly on Wednesday evenings. The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 8th in our school library. Please feel free to call the school with your comments and suggestions. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and fun!

Sincerely,
Jo-Anne Soye
Principal

School Activities

Character Trait Assemblies

"Cooperation" for October



On September 17 we will launch our character education initiative. Students were treated to a fun assembly, focused on ways that students can get the most out of school by caring for themselves and others, participating in class and getting involved in the school and community. Clemens Mill is a "Caring and Inclusive" school and at Clemens Mill we focus on eight key traits. We spend an entire month on activities highlighting each trait. The traits for each month are as follows:

October: Cooperation

November: Respect

December: Social Responsibility

January: Integrity

February: Kindness

March: Empathy

April: Hope

May: Initiative

June: Celebration of all of the Traits

School Council

We encourage all parents to come out and have a voice on council! The next council meeting is October 8th at 7pm.

The Hydration Stations are in full operation and students are encouraged to bring in their water bottles.

Minutes from our first council meeting can be found on the website

Thank you,
School Council

Peanut Alert!

A new substitute peanut butter product is being marketed to consumers as a safe alternative for children to bring to schools in place of peanut butter.

The Waterloo Region District School Board asks that parents refrain from including these kinds of products in your child's lunches or snacks.

These products tend to look, taste, and smell very much like peanut butter. While the product is nut free, it mimics a known allergen that causes anaphylaxis in some children to the degree that it is indistinguishable from the allergen. It is a convincing substitute, opening up the possibility that it can be confused as peanut butter, or worse yet, peanut butter could be confused as this soy-based product.

The safety and health of our students is our first priority, which is why our schools have procedures in place to minimize risk of anaphylaxis reactions in our students. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in avoiding the use of these products to assist in our continued efforts to create a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment for all students.

Come for a Trip Around the World!

We will be hosting our 3rd **Around the World Multicultural Night** on Wednesday, November 19th, 2014!

We are again looking for as much support as possible from our community to celebrate all of the different and very unique cultures that exist at our school. On the evening of the Multicultural Night, we are hoping to showcase all of the different cultures/countries that are represented at Clemens Mill. This would include information about the country/tradition/culture, foods, cultural wear, traditional dances, etc. We want each student to be proud of his/her heritage, so why not share this with everyone!

We are looking for one leader from each cultural group to organize how each culture/country will be showcased. Your contact information will be shared with everyone involved in the planning of our 3rd annual Around the World Multicultural Night!

Sincerely,
The School Climate/Multicultural Committee

Multicultural Night

Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
in the Clemens Mill P.S. Gym

Fill your Clemens Mill Passport with stickers
from every "country"!

Try some food samples, see the costumes!



Enjoy the music, see the displays!
What a wonderful, fun learning opportunity!

School Activities

Movie Night!



School Council will also begin their Family Movie Nights starting October 24th, at 6:30pm. The selected movie is shown on the big screen at a cost of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Advance orders for Pizza/Popcorn and water are encouraged. Come in your PJs and bring your own chairs if you want.

Watch for the order forms coming home in your child's planner shortly.

Terry Fox Trot



The Clemens Mill Terry Fox Trot is coming up on Wednesday, September 24. Students at Clemens Mill will show their support by running, walking, skipping or trotting in Terry Fox's honour.

Over the last 20 years, Clemens Mill has raised over \$25,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Pledge forms have been sent home with Clemens Mill students. Donations of any amount are appreciated!

School Activities



It's time to kick off the football season at Clemens Mill. The boys' football season is underway. Thank you to all gentlemen who tried out for the team, and congratulations to those who made the team. Here's to a fun season full of development, sportsmanship, and excitement.



The Clemens Mill Intermediate Cross Country Team is already off to a great season of training! Upcoming 3km races include the Stanley Steamer on Wednesday, September 17th and the Trojan Trek on Thursday, September 25th. Good luck to all runners!



All the Grade 8 students will be participating in the Native peoples Festival at the Waterloo Region Museum on October 1st.

The First Peoples Festival is a celebration of First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, history and realities for school children in grades 5 - 8.

This 3 day festival will include opening ceremonies by Elders in the community, presentations of dance, music, traditional crafts and knowledge. Student's will get to try their hand at Native crafts, sports, tool-making, dance, drumming, and more!

For more details check out the Waterloo Region Museum website!

Announcements

Open Up The Books!



Library Hours 9:00 to 2:50 (excluding nutrition breaks)

All students will require a planner (or something resembling a planner) to sign out library books. Students are allowed to sign out a book for 3 weeks after which time they will receive an overdue notice. Once a student has an overdue item from the library they will not be allowed to sign out a book until the book is returned or renewed.

Please supply your child with a plastic bag, big enough to hold large books, to keep in their backpack to protect the books. Damaged books cannot be placed back in the library and payment to replace the book will be required (\$5 or \$10 depending on the book). During library orientation, students were informed on what steps to take in the event a book is damaged.

Looking forward to another great year in the library,

Mrs. Zilio
Library Clerk

International Languages

The International Languages program provides opportunities for students to learn a language at the elementary or secondary school (high school credit) level, at a variety of sites around the Region.

Do NOT call Day School Staff for information. Call Continuing Education at (519) 885-0800.

2014-2015 School Year Registration Procedure

Classes begin on Saturday, September 13, 2014 and run until Saturday, June 13, 2015.

All classes for the 2014-2015 school year are offered subject to sufficient enrolment.

Students who miss the spring registration will be able to register for language classes that have sufficient enrolment at the school locations on Saturday mornings, starting September 6, 2014.

Elementary – students may start at any point throughout the school year. Students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2014 to be eligible.

Secondary – credit classes will not accept new students after the 4th class (October 4, 2014). Attendance is critical for credit classes, and students who miss more than 4 classes during the year may not be eligible to earn their credit.

To Register, please bring:

Proof of Birth and Citizenship – one of the following:

a Canadian Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate

a Canadian Passport (not a Canada Visa within a passport)

Canadian Citizenship Card

Confirmation of Permanent residence Form 5292 or IMM100 (verified with a passport)

Permanent Resident Card

A current CCS or Transcript (Secondary Credit Courses only) available from their day school guidance office.

Fees – There are no WRDSB tuition fees for elementary or secondary students. There may be a student fee assessed by the Parent Cultural Association. These fees vary by language groups.

Adults – fees may apply in some situations, call (519) 885-0800 for more information.

Schedule

Elementary classes run Saturday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from September 13, 2014 to June 13, 2015 (excluding holiday weekends)

Secondary classes run Saturday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., from September 13, 2014 to June 13, 2015 (excluding holiday weekends)

Course Cancellation Policy – Courses listed will be offered provided there are sufficient registrants and/or qualified teachers available. That is, some of these languages MAY NOT be offered, depending on final registration numbers!

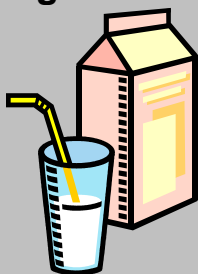
For any information during the week, please call: Continuing Education at (519) 885-0800.

Location	Elementary Level	Secondary Level
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300 Winston Blvd, Cambridge	Arabic, Gujarati, Hindi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Punjabi, Tamil, Urdu, Vietnamese	Arabic, Pubjabi
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Milk Program



The Clemens Mill Milk Program will be offered on a four week cycle in the near future. You must sign up for each cycle separately and a new form will come home with your child each time. The cost for each week is \$4, therefore a four week cycle is \$16.

Further information and order forms will come home in your child's planner.

Lost and Found

As the year commences, many items become unclaimed. Please check the lost and found to see if your child's lost items can be found. All remaining items will be donated to charity.

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SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS!

THIS FALL WE WILL BE PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY
TO RENEW EXISTING MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS
AND BUY NEW ONES!

Please disregard all publishers' renewal notices you might
receive and renew through our school.

The profit from the **subscriptions** will stay here in our community
and help benefit our school programs
We are guaranteed the lowest prices!

Discount coupons are accepted
Over 550 magazine titles to choose from
Great gift ideas for everyone on your list!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

Campaign begins last week of October

Dates to Remember

September 23 - 27

Drill Week

September 24

Terry Fox Run

September 25

Grade 8 Girls HPV shots

October 1

Grade 8s to the Museum

October 8

iWalk to School Day, School Council meeting 7pm

October 9

Grade 7 HepB and Meningitis shots

October 6-10

Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 13

Thanksgiving (no school)

October 24

School Council Movie Night 6:30pm

October 27

Magazine Campaign opens

October 28

Class Photo Day

October 31	Trait Assembly
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November 3	KG vision screening
November 3	Progress Reports Go Home
November 7	PA Day
November 11	Remembrance Day Assembly
November 19	Multicultural Night
November 28	Trait Assembly
December 22	Holiday Break begins
January 5	First Day Back in New Year

What's New?

Clemens Mill "School Improvement Plan" for 2014-2015

**"All students will
improve their ability to
communicate their
thinking."**

***How can you help your
children achieve the
Clemens Mill goal?***

In an article by Carla Thomas McClure titled The Benefits of Teacher Collaboration, she states that "teacher collaboration and professional learning communities are frequently mentioned in articles and reports on school improvement. Schools and teachers benefit in a variety of ways when teachers work together. A small but growing body of evidence suggests a positive relationship between teacher collaboration and student achievement."

Teachers at Clemens Mill will work to plan and implement learning pathways focused on improving students' communication skills. Students will receive descriptive feedback while working on collaborative tasks which promote student inquiry.

Students and parents will become familiar with the terminology of "Learning Goal and Success Criteria" which will be used throughout the school. Examples of this may be found on Anchor Charts posted on the walls of the hallway and in all classrooms.

Parents are encouraged to ask their children **what** they are learning each day (Learning Goals) and **how** do they know they are achieving it (Success Criteria). We are confident that this strategy, and other high yield strategies, will truly enhance our focus on Assessment For Learning. Please refer to <http://www.wrdsb.ca> for more information on the Board's Improvement Plan