



Dolphin Talk

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Clemens Mill Families;

We are into the final stretch of the 2014/15 School Year and I want to congratulate you on the many successes that your children have had at this wonderful school. Clemens Mill is a school filled with energetic and engaged learners and with staff who are committed to delivering a quality education to our students. I have so enjoyed my time here at Clemens Mill and am very proud to be your Principal. When we return on September 8, we will continue to support our School Improvement goals of Math and Descriptive Feedback.

June continues to be a busy month here: Track and Field, Grade 7 transition events, field trips, Graduation, freebies for Free the Children, Community BBQ etc. I would like to thank all of our staff who continue to make a difference in the lives of our students by providing their time to coach, create Grade 8 yearbooks, book trips, arrange play days, etc. You make such a positive difference. A huge thank you as well to our amazing office staff of Mrs. Barratt, Mrs. Cureton, and Mrs. Ross who keep things smooth and running at the front end and to our custodial staff who keep our school well maintained. I also want to thank your School Council who has worked tirelessly to support our school and especially to our outgoing Chair, Ozzie Ahmed, who has dedicated years of volunteerism to Clemens Mill. As his last child graduates we lose his wisdom, patience, and thundering support of this school.

This time of year is one of transitions. We have our Grade 8's who will soon graduate, leaving their Dolphin roots behind them as they head off to high school and we have our new Dolphins who will be entering JK along with our incoming 7's who will join us from Saginaw and Elgin. We wish you all the very best! And the very best wishes as well to our staff that will be leaving us for new opportunities: Mrs. Colbeck, Miss McCreight, Mr. Dietrich, Mme Guillou, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Monkhouse, Miss Payerl, Miss Reinhart, Mrs. Silcox, Mr. Watt, Miss Weber, Mrs. Whicher, and Mrs. Venneri. Thank you for all of hard work and dedication to our Clemens Mill Dolphins! We also would like to welcome some new staff members to our Clemens Team: Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Fuller, and Mrs. Cook.

Vice-Principal, Mr. McLeman and I wish you all the very best for a safe and fun filled summer and look forward to seeing our Dolphins back here ready for another great year of learning on Tuesday September 8th!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carolyn Graham, Proud Principal

Clemens Mill News & Events

Freezie Friday!

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Clemens Mill cares about EMPOWERING others. Freezie Friday was held on June 5th to raise money for goats in Kenya. With your help we raised \$800! That's enough for 16 goats! In total this year we have raised enough for 42 goats!! WOW, great job Dolphins!!!

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast



On May 22, Clemens Mill hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to say thank you to our valuable volunteers. We were very pleased with the turn out. Thank you to the junior choir for singing. Most importantly, a huge thank you to all our volunteers. We appreciate your help so much!

*We sometimes take for granted
In the rush of all we do,
And forget to say a special thanks
To volunteers like you!
So we send this note to tell you
How much all you do means,
Your gifts of time and of yourself
Are special ones indeed!*

~The Volunteer Breakfast Committee

Thanh Campbell



The Clemens Mill parent community experienced an inspiring true story of hope and resiliency when Thanh Campbell visited on the evening of May 7th. Thanks to contributions from our School Council and Fiddlesticks, we were able to have "Orphan 32" speak in our gymnasium. Mr. Campbell spoke about how he came to Canada in Operation Baby Lift, but as he later discovered, his path had taken a much different direction from the rest.

To make the evening even more memorable, a surprise ending found one more of the orphans from Operation Baby Lift in the audience! Unbelievably this re-united another of the unaccounted orphans, making this truly an amazing journey of life, love and self-discovery!

Family Math Night



Clemens Mill Family Math Night was a huge success! We had many families from our community out to see what math in our school is all about. Highlights included a dance & math workshop courtesy of Groove Education, opportunities to try out technology including Smart Boards and iPads and a presentation from Rhonda Hergott, a consultant in our board. There were many games and activities for all to enjoy. Thank you to the many staff and parent volunteers who made this night a success!

Dolphin Café



Thank you for supporting this fantastic fundraiser! With your help, we raised over \$700 which will go towards new books for our library. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make this cafe a success!

Science Discovery!



Scientists from rooms 26, 27, and 29 went on a scavenger hunt following a visit from the Region of Waterloo. Students used a map of the community to locate a well (G18) that is right here on the Clemens Mill property! Most of the water we use in our houses comes from underground (and some from the Grand River). We challenge you to find the well too!

Extra-Curricular Activities

Dance Fest



The Clemens Mill Dance Club represented our school with pride at the Dance Fest South Showcase at William G. Davis. They had worked for several months preparing and polishing their dance routines and did a fabulous job. Well done, dancers!

Junior Track and Field



On May 19th Junior students participated in a variety of track & field events at GCI. Everyone had a wonderful day even though the weather was a bit chilly! We would like to thank the parents who volunteered their time as well as those that came out to support their children and the event. We look forward to our next Junior meet with our family of schools at Jacob Hespeler on the morning of June 12th. Way to go Dolphins!

Intermediate Track and Field



Congratulations to the Intermediate athletes that have been training at St. Benedict. All 68 athletes competed in the D meet at Jacob Hespeler against 7 other schools. Over 75% of our athletes performed personal bests at this meet and should be extremely proud of their results. Fourteen events are being represented by Clemens Mill athletes at the county finals where the top athletes from the entire county compete. Good luck to them all.

Avery F - Standing Long Jump
 Ryan F - Softball Throw
 Connor M - Softball Throw
 Lili M - Triple Jump & Running Long Jump
 Nyabath R - 60 m Hurdles
 Annemieke T - 1500m
 Adam S - Softball Throw
 Natasha M - 400m
 Walter L - Running Long Jump & Relay
 Tanner S - 100m, 200m, & Relay
 Ethan M - High Jump
 Thomas M - Relay

Ultimate Frisbee



Congratulations to the Ultimate Frisbee team for an amazing season! Since September, the students have committed themselves to learning the game & skills of Ultimate Frisbee. On May 21st, they had the chance to showcase their talents at a county-wide tournament. In the end, our Dolphins finished on top! I would like to sincerely thank the following team players for their energy, enthusiasm, and dedication all year: Camden, Joe, Ethan L, Matt, Eric, Annemieke, Kathryn, Leanne, Sarah, Trent, Nate, Logan, Joel, Cooper, Harghun, Ethan S, and Josiah S. I am so impressed by your teamwork and skill development. Never stop throwing that Frisbee!

Intermediate Choir



The Intermediate Choir has had a really great year. We performed at the Math Night on May 13th and on May 28th we performed at The Festival of Music at Canada's Wonderland. Thank you to all students for a really fun year and thank you to the parents for your support.

"Music doesn't lie. If there is something to be changed in this world, then it can only happen through music." ~ Jimi Hendrix

Announcements

Library News...



Our school year is coming to a close, and this means the return of all library materials! The final due date is Friday, June 12th. Notices for lost books will go home the following week. I would like to thank the Forest of Reading participants for supporting this program; the wonderful library helpers and volunteers who help to keep our library shelves in order; to everyone who supported the Dolphin Cafe; and to the staff and students for your library visits and safe return of library materials. Many thanks to all of you for sharing your love of reading ~ enjoy your summer!

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Dress Code



Students are reminded of the dress code which is outlined in detail on page 4 of the student planner. We wish to stress having no undergarments showing and shorts/skirts being mid-thigh in length. Thank you.

Parking Lot



We are now beginning Phase 2 of our "Kiss and Ride" program. Parking lot monitors will encourage cars to proceed in a single file line up to the safe "drop off area". Once in the area, students will get out of the cars on the safe side of the vehicle. It is **IMPORTANT** that students do not get out of cars prior to reaching the drop off zone.

Lost & Found



This is a **LAST CALL** for unclaimed items in our lost and found bin! All items remaining at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

YMCA Child Care



YMCA CHILD CARE is committed to delivering exceptional quality early learning programs that provide children and families a safe and nurturing environment which promotes growth and development of the whole child. We have spaces available in our Toddler, Preschool and Before and After School programs. We also have spaces available for summer care. If you would like more information please call 519-622-3266 or email Eleanor at emccoy@ckwymca.ca

Transportation



After August 24th parents can log in and view 2015/2016 transportation details by going to www.stswr.ca and following these easy steps:

- Click on "Student Login"
- Click on "Student Login" again (near the bottom of the page)
- Enter your child's OEN (found on your child's report card- no dashes)
- Enter your child's birth date (dd/mm/yyyy)
- Enter your child's street number (house number only)
- Select the school your child is attending from the drop down menu

Any address changes need to be done through your school. If you are moving this summer you should communicate the change of address to your child's school before the end of the school year. You can also visit www.stswr.ca to see bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures and follow us on Twitter.