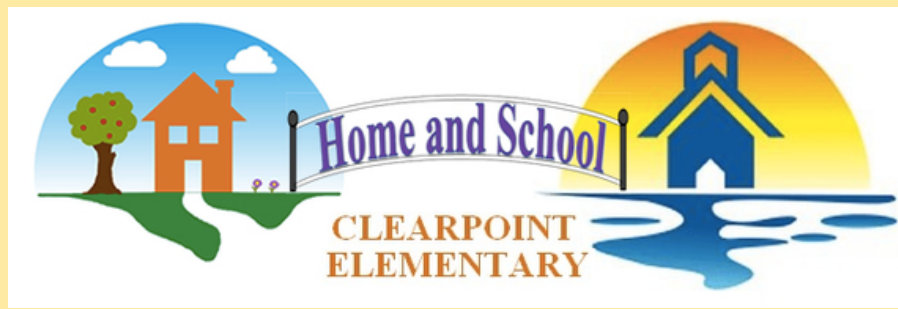


OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



With the first month of school behind us, we hope that you and your families are settled in and back into the school routine. We're excited to share some updates.

DATES/EVENTS COMING UP SOON



OCT 2023

Digital Citizenship Month

Week #3 Theme: Digital Footprint & Identity. Resources for parents:

- For K to Grades 2: [Meet Feet](#)
- For Grades 3 to 5: [Our Online Tracks](#) (*If time is limited, we recommend looking at "On Your Honor.")

OCT 27, 2023

Halloween Dance

6-7:15pm: K4 - Grade 3

7:30-9pm: Grades 4-6

- 1 parent per child **MUST** come.
- Wear a costume (no full face masks or weapons allowed). We strongly encourage parents to dress up with the kids!
- Entry fee: pay what you can up to 3\$ per child
- We ask that you please reserve your spots here: **Junior** or **Senior**
- A QR code will be provided once you are registered. Please make sure to have that on hand at the door.
- There will be refreshments and snacks for sale. Please make sure to have cash.
- The dance will have loud music and flashing lights. Music provided by DJ Alex Serio.

Volunteers are needed for the Halloween Dance. [Sign up here.](#)

WEEK OF NOV 20-24, 2023

Reading Week and Scholastics Book Fair

Save the date. More details to come!

DEC 2, 2023

Clearpoint Holiday Fair

Save the date. More details to come!

HOT LUNCH BEGINS



Registration for hot lunch is closed. If you already registered, here's a reminder of the dates.

All pizza dates for the year:

Oct 10th	Feb 20th
Oct 24th	Mar 12th
Nov 7th	Mar 26th
Nov 21st	Apr 9th
Dec 5th	Apr 23rd
Dec 19th	May 7th
Jan 9th	May 21st
Jan 23rd	June 4th
Feb 6th	June 18th

First 2 pasta dates (trial)

The trial pasta lunches are this month. Please pack a fork and ask your child to put their leftover containers back into their lunch bags.

- **Tuesday, October 17th**
- **Tuesday, October 31st**

More info to come to register for the rest of the school year.

DID YOU MISS THE MEDIA LITERACY WEBINAR?

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the recording.

The webinar had 88 registrations and 46 participants.

Our first media literacy event organized by H&S "Explore Digital Parenting Workshop with MediaSmart" was a great success. It was amazing to see so many parents from the Clearpoint community get together to learn about how we can keep our children safe online. It was a very engaging session—parents had MANY great questions for our host—with a lot of learning, great insights and tips about kids' safety online.

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT MEDIA LITERACY? GET INVOLVED!

We are looking for more parents to join our media literacy committee.

Our goal is to gather and share resources as well as organize workshops to help equip parents with the knowledge, tools and skills to safely navigate their children through a digital environment.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below by **Sunday, May 7th**, and we will contact you with details of our first online meeting taking place at the beginning of May. It will be a great help and contribution to our current small-but-mighty committee!

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up for the committee!

FALL LUNCH + AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

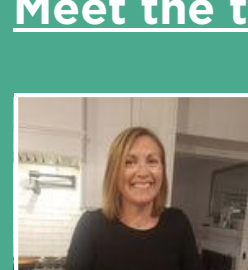
Please note that registration is closed. The fall session of lunch and after-school activities began on October 16th.

[Click here](#) for the full list of activities and schedule.

MEET OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM!

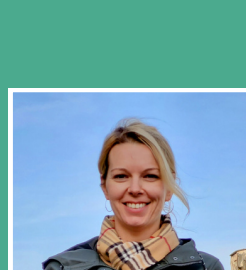
Our executive committee is comprised of volunteer parents from the Clearpoint community who have been nominated and/or elected for two-year terms. Don't hesitate to stop and say hi or ask a question if you spot any of us around the school!

Meet the team:



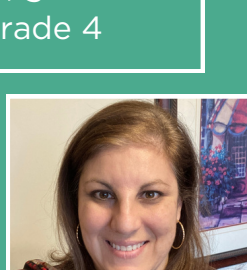
ANGELA DANDY, PRESIDENT

Sydney, grade 6
Julia, grade 4



ERIKA GUNN, VICE PRESIDENT

Jack, grade 4



REAN LAWAND, TREASURER

Milana, grade 3



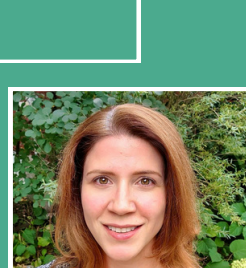
TRACEY MURDOCH, COMMUNICATIONS

Alex, grade 4
Matty, grade 3



JENNIFER ROY, SECRETARY

Philip, grade 5
Ian, grade 3



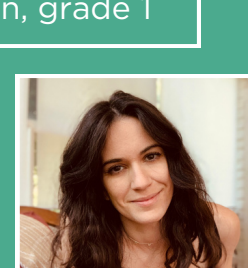
JENN DONALDSON MEMBERSHIPS

Alex, grade 3
Sebastien, grade 1



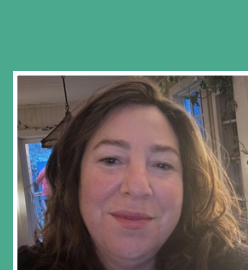
ALEJANDRA JUGE, MEMBER AT LARGE

Declan, grade 4
Adrian, grade 2



MARLEE KOSTINER, COMMUNICATIONS

Parker, grade 3



JUDITH WEISSMANN, SECRETARY

Finn, grade 6



TAYBA HUOT, MEMBER AT LARGE

Paisley, grade 6

WHERE DOES THE FUNDRAISING MONEY GO?

When you buy hot lunch, fall veggie baskets or lunch activities, you are also supporting your Clearpoint community. All profits go to the Home & School Association to give back to the students and school. But what exactly are we spending it on?

- **Providing coffee hour** for the wonderful staff on a monthly basis
- **Large projects** to improve the school for students and staff:
 - This year, one of our big goals is to raise enough to build an **outdoor play structure** that's specifically for the K4 and K5 kids.
 - **STEM programming** for older grades.

OUR ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

We've partnered with several companies who sell products we think our Clearpoint community will love. A percentage of sales will go back to the Home and School Committee to use toward events and initiatives for our school community.

TruEarth

These eco-friendly laundry detergent strips are plastic-free and zero waste! Order online through our link and **20% of all purchases get remitted back to Clearpoint Home & School.** It's that easy to support your school and the environment!

It's a WIN-WIN-WIN.

[Click here to shop!](#)

Mabel's Labels

Cute and functional labels to keep your kids, yourself, your home or office organized. Order online through our link and **20% of your purchase price gets remitted to Home & School.**

[Click here to shop!](#)

Then search for and select:

Clearpoint Elementary School
(Pointe Claire)

BECOME A MEMBER OF CLEARPOINT'S HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FAQ :

How do I become a member?

[Click here](#) to become a member today!

What's the time commitment like?

Give as much or as little of your time. There is no set amount of volunteering. We appreciate any time that can be given.

What does volunteering involve?

We rely on volunteers to help with events and initiatives. For example:

- We always need volunteers to help distribute pizza lunch for 1h30 once every two weeks.
- Whenever an event is coming up, we will share a digital sign up sheet with blocks of time that need to be filled for a variety of roles such as concession stands, entry to an event, floater as well as help setting up and tearing down the event.
- There are ways to be more involved if that interests you, such as leading event planning or helping with a part of the planning.

What does it cost?

It costs \$20 to become a member for the school year. When you pay online, there is an optional \$0.92 added to cover the transaction fees for online transactions. This annual fee is used to cover the insurance and to indicate you are a member in good standing for our provincial QFHSA.

What's the purpose of Home and School?

We are here to support our school community with activities and fundraisers to make sure our children have the best possible experience in their elementary years.

This is also an opportunity for you to have a say in your child's learning environment:

- Be one of the firsts to get important information
- Bring your concerns to the table and help be a part of the solution
- Become a voting member of the team
- Help decide which events, activities and fundraisers move forward (or not)
- Decide how to spend funds