Hello Clara Hughes families,

Happy Long Weekend and Happy Easter to those who celebrate Easter! Please take some time this weekend to enjoy the outdoors and the good weather. Your children have been working very hard at school. Please be reminded that your child will be coming home with all their belongings over this break as communicated to you earlier this week. We will keep you updated with any new information as soon as we know.

Please see below for our weekly updates;

# **SCC Meeting**

Our next SCC meeting will be held on Wednesday April 7, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. We will send out the link and previous meeting minutes for your review at 6:15 p.m.

# Lunch Room Supervisors Needed

We are looking for community members who would like to work at our school as a Lunchroom Supervisor! If you like working with students, it is a great way to become a part of our school community. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

## **Dates of Significance**

April is an important month for the Sikh community. In this month, Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi, which marks the creation of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith. Sikh Canadians widely celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, across Ontario. By proclaiming the month of April as Sikh Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Sikh Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Sikh Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

# April 2nd

Good Friday

Good Friday, the Friday before <u>Easter</u>, the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the <u>Crucifixion</u> of <u>Jesus Christ</u>. From the early days of <u>Christianity</u>, Good Friday was observed as a day of sorrow, penance, and <u>fasting</u>.

April 2nd World Autism Awareness Day Autism has always existed. Autistic people are born autistic and we will be autistic our whole lives. Autism can be diagnosed by a doctor, but you can be autistic even if you don't have a formal diagnosis. Because of myths about autism, it can be harder for autistic adults, autistic girls, and autistic people of color to get a diagnosis. But anyone can be autistic, regardless of race, gender, or age.

Autistic people are in every community, and we always have been. Autistic people are people of color. Autistic people are immigrants. Autistic people are a part of every religion, every income level, and every age group. Autistic people are women. Autistic people are queer, and autistic people are trans. Autistic people are often many of these things at once. The communities we are a part of and the ways we are treated shape what autism is like for us.

There is no one way to be autistic. Some autistic people can speak, and some autistic people need to communicate in other ways. Some autistic people also have intellectual disabilities, and some autistic people don't. Some autistic people need a lot of help in their day-to-day lives, and some autistic people only need a little help. All of these people are autistic, because there is no right or wrong way to be autistic. All of us experience autism differently, but we all contribute to the world in meaningful ways. We all deserve understanding and acceptance.

# April 4 Easter (Christian)

Easter is the principal <u>festival</u> of the <u>Christian church</u>, which celebrates the <u>Resurrection</u> of <u>Jesus Christ</u> on the third day after his <u>Crucifixion</u>.

## Fundraising Initiative: Flipgive

We're using FlipGive this year to raise funds for our school. Buy what you need, and fund the school you love! Every time you shop online or buy a gift card, the school will be earning funds.

Click here to join - https://www.flipgive.com/teams/join?joincode=CKNN3T

If families use the link above they will be automatically directed to our campaign and won't need the code, which is CKNN3T.

Your Admin Team,

Sharon Knights and Marianne Rogers