

Dear Clara Hughes Community,

We know that this has been a stressful week for all of you. We would like to take a moment to thank you as a community for your patience and understanding as we navigate through these uncertain times. Your kindness as we speak to you and work through your questions is very much appreciated. We may not always have all the answers but we will do our best to find them for you! We want you to know that we are working diligently to keep our students and staff safe at school.

Please see our weekly updates below;

Human Rights Policy Consultations: NEW Human Rights Policy: Consultation

Here at Clara Hughes P.S., human rights are part of everything we do. Human rights are about treating people with dignity and respect. Protecting these rights is very important for everyone's safety, well-being, mattering and belonging. It's the law and it's the right thing to do. The DDSB is writing a new policy on human rights. Your voice matters and is very important to us. You can have your say on the policy by completing a short [survey](#) by December 8th, 2020 at 11:59 pm. Please click on the link for a Message to Students [2020_11_26_Students handout message.human rights policy consultation \(003\).docx](#)

You can find more information about the policy on the [webpage](#) and in an email message sent to you on November 26, 2020.

Google Classroom for Families

I am excited to announce that our ESL Department has partnered with SWIS and our Innovation Department to put on this important event for families on Thursday, December 10th at 6pm. Families will have an opportunity to explore Google Classroom and ask questions, so that they may better support their learners. Please click on the link for more information [Google Classroom for Families Dec 10.pdf](#)

Dates of Significance

December 3rd: International Day for Disabled Persons (UN)

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is annually observed on 3 December to promote the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities and to take action for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society and development.

This year, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities will be commemorated throughout the week of 30 November- 4 December in conjunction with the 13th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The theme this year is “[Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World](#)”.

December 10: Human Rights Day (UN)

This year’s Human Rights Day theme relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and focuses on the need to build back better by ensuring Human Rights are central to recovery efforts. We will reach our common global goals only if we are able to create equal opportunities for all, address the failures exposed and exploited by COVID-19, and apply human rights standards to tackle entrenched, systematic, and intergenerational inequalities, exclusion and discrimination.

December 10th, is an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of human rights in re-building the world we want, the need for global solidarity as well as our interconnectedness and shared humanity.

Have a safe and wonderful weekend,

Your Admin Team,

Sharon Knights and David Budd