

Hello Clara Hughes families,

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. Please see below for our weekly updates;

B-r-r-r, It's Cold Outside!

The morning and afternoon recesses and 30 minute lunch recess add up to the need for extra layers. Thanks for sending your child with a warm jacket, sweater, hat and a neck warmer to keep them warm when they are outside. We would like to encourage all students to bring an extra set of clothes to school in case of an accident, (due to falling at recess or a lunch accident). If you know that your child is prone to spilling or getting dirty when playing, this may save you from having to make an extra trip to school.

Indoor Shoes

Students have been reminded they must have indoor shoes to wear in their classroom. This ensures that the classroom remains as clean and comfortable as possible, especially during the wet and snowy season. It also helps to prevent wet feet!

Virtual Basketball Program for Kids Aged 10-16

We are very excited to get our first virtual Hoop Zone started this month!

This FREE online program will run for 8-10 weeks. The program will be run by a local basketball professional focusing on 3 pillars: 1) Life and coping skills, 2) Athletic development, and 3) Academics.

MONDAY'S @ 4pm

**Have fun with basketball training
and learn from real professionals**

WEDNESDAY'S @ 4pm

**Build your math skills with our
online basketball math program**

**FREE basketballs are available with registration that will be
delivered to you.**

If you are interested in signing your child up you can contact:

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Registration open until March 3. Click on the link for the registration form

<https://bigbrothersbigsisters.us3.listmanage.com/track/click?u=f2dc15c9b4bd5e9d11c421042&id=facd910096&e=19355def6e>

Dominos Family Pizza Night

We will be having another Dominos Family Pizza Night on Wednesday February 24, 2021. The special is available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. only. Please see attached flyer for details.

Dates of Significance

World Social Justice Day Feb. 20

Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. We uphold the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality, or the rights of indigenous peoples and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability.

International Mother Language Day Feb. 21

International Mother Language Day has been observed every year since February 2000 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

Languages are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage. All moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues will serve not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue.

Pink Shirt Day Feb. 24

“David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. ‘I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,’ says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. ‘Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.’ So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. ‘It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,’ Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again.”

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.

Parent Engagement Series

The DDSB Parent Engagement Department is having an evening workshop on “How to talk to your children about anti-Black Racism” To register visit

<https://bit.ly/ParentEngagementSeries> @ParentsDDSB #DDSBengagement

Ms. Quammie, a thought leader, acclaimed writer, social media influencer AND also a DDSB parent. Ms. Quammie will deliver this virtual keynote presentation “**How to talk to your**

children about anti-Black racism “and will then host a Question and Answer session.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT
presented by
DDSB Parent Involvement Committee

Please Join Us

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 • 7:00-9:00pm

Parent Engagement Series

How to talk to your children about anti-Black racism.

With Bee Quammie

TO REGISTER VISIT:
<http://bit.ly/ParentEngagementSeries>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This will be followed by a choice of four interactive breakout rooms in which parents, students, school leaders and guests will be able to dig more deeply into this and related topics.

School Climate and Well-Being Survey

Every two years the Safe Schools Department, in collaboration with Inclusive Student Services, Equity and the Accountability and Assessment, have created School Climate/Well-Being Surveys for students, parents/guardians and staff for implementation in DDSB Schools. The School Climate/Well-Being Surveys have been created to allow schools to assess their Well-Being goal(s), and to assist Safe and Accepting Schools Teams to gather data to inform their planning in Safe Schools and to create, maintain and improve safe and caring learning environments.

All students in grades 4-8 will be given time in class to complete the survey. We encourage parents of students in grades 1-3 to help their children to complete the survey. We would really appreciate it if all parents could take some time to complete the parent survey.

The survey is now open and will remain open until Thursday March 11, 2021. Please click on the links below. One is the parent survey and one is the student survey.

Link to Parent Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWB20-21Par128>

Link to Student Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWB20-21Stu128>

Your Admin Team

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