

Hello Clara Hughes families,

Thank you for your patience as we navigate the new Covid 19 Health measures. We know that this can be frustrating and confusing as the information is changing quickly. We are grateful for your understanding as we try our best to support you and your families.

Please see below for our weekly updates;

### **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.

### **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!

### **Dates of Significance**

March, 2020

### **Bangladeshi Heritage Month**

Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Bangladeshi community. Bangladeshi Canadians from across the province have made significant contributions to Ontario's scientific, athletic, cultural and political development, and they continue to help foster growth, prosperity, and innovation throughout Ontario.

The month of March is an important one for the Bangladeshi community. Every year on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Bangladeshis around the world celebrate Independence Day in commemoration of their nation gaining independence in 1971. This day is often marked with music, parades, fairs, and various other public and private gatherings held to celebrate the history and traditions of Bangladesh.

## **March 1st**

### **Black Mental Health Day**

Anti-Black racism persists in the Province of Ontario and in provincial government systems and services today. It results in inequitable treatment and unequal outcomes for Black Ontarians across all sectors, including the education, justice, employment, housing and child welfare sectors.

By proclaiming the first Monday in March in each year as Black Mental Health Day in Ontario, the provincial government can show Black Ontarians that it recognizes the ongoing impact on mental health that results from staying silent on issues of anti-Black racism in public services. Black Mental Health Day will also raise awareness of the specific mental health needs of Black communities across Ontario.

### **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.

### **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>

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