

Hello Clara Hughes families,

We are so excited that we will be back to in-person learning on Monday February 8, 2021. We have missed seeing your children and are looking forward to seeing them. Please click on the links for community events and activities that you may be interested in [FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES.docx](#) , [Lady Knights Fyler.pdf](#) . Please see some very important reminders below;

Please see below for our weekly updates;

New Masking Requirements for Students - Clarification

- Upon the return to in-person learning at school, wearing a non-medical mask will now be mandatory for all students in Grades 1-3, however reasonable exceptions still apply. This masking requirement is in addition to the existing requirement for students in Grades 4-12. Students are required to wear a mask while inside the school, in class, in hallways, on school buses as well as outside when physical distancing cannot be maintained (i.e. recess).
- Do not use neck warmers or scarves in place of masks because they do not form a seal around the nose and mouth and may not be made of the recommended material.
- Please be reminded that masks are mandatory when on school property

Kiss and Ride and Gathering

- The Kiss and Ride will continue to be closed. Please drop your child off as close to the entry bell as possible. Supervision staff will be out at 8:55 and all teachers will be out and waiting for students at 9:05 a.m.
- We ask that you do not gather in groups as you drop your children off to school. We are still continuing to follow Public Health's Guidelines of social distancing and the wearing of a mask.

Dates of Significance

February is Black History Month

Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

It was initiated in Canada by the Ontario Black History Society and introduced to [Parliament](#) in December 1995 by [Jean Augustine](#), the first Black woman elected as a

[member of Parliament](#). Black History Month was officially observed across Canada for the first time in February 1996.

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>

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. 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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