

Hello Clara Hughes families,

We would like you to join us in congratulating Mr. Budd on his promotion to Principal at Southwood Park Public School in Ajax. Mr. Budd's last day with us will be Friday January 29, 2021. We will miss seeing him around here at Clara Hughes but know that he will be an amazing leader for staff and students at Southwood P.S.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Marianne Rogers who will be our new Vice Principal at Clara Hughes. She will be joining our team on Monday February 1, 2021.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for our patience, understanding and flexibility as we have moved to Virtual Learning, it is greatly appreciated.

Please see below for our weekly updates;

Attendance During Virtual Learning

During virtual learning, we will continue to take attendance twice daily. If your child does not log on, their teacher will mark them absent. Please use the SafeArrival app or phone line (1-844-350-2646) to report any planned absence.

Reminders for Virtual Learning

As we have moved to Virtual Learning for the next two weeks please note the following reminders:

- Due to safety concerns, we are not able to post the Google Meet Links. Students are able to access Google Meet links for Synchronous learning in their Google Classroom
- Due to privacy and confidentiality we ask that you do not take photos of your child's Google Meet
- Please adhere to the Norms set by your child's classroom teacher when engaging in Google Classroom and in Synchronous Learning

Ontario Support for Families

Parents and guardians are eligible to receive a one-time payment of \$200 per student (\$250 for students with special needs) from the Government of Ontario to assist with technology or education materials needed during remote learning. Please visit www.ontario.ca/supportforlearners for more information and to apply. The application deadline is February 8, 2021.

Nuclear Preparedness

We are in the process of updating our records to ensure we are best prepared for Durham Regional drills on Nuclear Preparedness.

As part of reviewing information, we ask that families please review their online registration and see if they have provided consent this year and for all children for the distribution and consumption of Potassium Iodine (KI pill) in the event of a nuclear emergency at the direction of Public Health. Information about KI pills and why it may be needed and what it does can be found here:

<https://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/resources/educational-resources/feature-articles/potassium-iodide-KI-pills.cfm>

Dates of Significance

Tamil Heritage Month

On June 12, 2012, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario had its first reading of Bill 111, an Act to proclaim the month of January Tamil Heritage Month. People of Tamil heritage have migrated to Ontario since the 1940s. Tamil Canadians have overcome obstacles while making significant contributions to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural tapestry. Tamil Heritage Month presents an opportunity to reinforce the important history and contributions of Canadians of Tamil heritage. The month of January was chosen because the first month of the Tamil calendar – Thai begins in January. This month is also significant as Tamil Canadians recognize many cultural and artistic observances including the Tamil Harvest Festival – Thai Pongal.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Your Admin Team,

Sharon Knights and David Budd