

Dear Clara Hughes Community,

Thank you for working with your children to keep them engaged in online learning. We are so proud of all of you and your children. We look forward to seeing you as you come in this week to pick up your children's belongings. Please see details below. Please also note report cards will be emailed to you on Monday June 28, 2021. Have a safe and wonderful weekend!

Please see below for our weekly updates;

Reminder: Confirmation of 2021-22 Learning Preference in Early-August

We want to remind families that we will be reaching out to you in early-August with more information on how you can confirm or change your child's learning preference for the 2021-2022 school year. Families will have a one-week window to select either in-person or virtual learning. We also anticipate sharing information in August as we receive updates from the Ministry of Education about what elementary families can expect for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

2021-22 School Year Calendars Now Available

Durham District School Board's (DDSB) upcoming 2021-22 school year calendars for elementary and secondary schools have been approved by the Ministry of Education. You can view the 2021-22 school year calendars on the DDSB website:

<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/whats-happening/school-year-calendars.aspx#Approved--2021-2022-School-Year-Calendars>.

The 2021-22 school year will begin for students on the following dates:

- Regular Calendar Schools (Elementary and Secondary) - Thursday, September 9, 2021

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.

Picking up of Personal Belongings (Grades FDK-7)

Families will be able to pick up their child's belongings the week on Monday June 21, to Friday June 25, 2021. Please come to the front of the school and our office staff will retrieve your child's belongings for you. The office will be open daily from 9

a.m. – 4 p.m. Please be advised that we are still under strict public health guidelines of, screening before you come to the school, masking, and social distancing.

School Loaned Technology Devices

Unless your child changing schools, or your family is moving out of the DDSB, they are to keep their DDSB issued Chromebook, or School loaned device (Chromebook, iPad, ThinkPad) over the summer months.

Upcoming Events Please Click on Links for More Information

[Girls Inc. Summer Camps](#)

[Summer Camp for Indigenous Students](#)

[Summer Up Institute for Black Student grades 8-12](#)

D.S.T.S: Young Rider Program www.dsts.on.ca

[Durham Behaviour Management Virtual Resource Fair](#)

Dates of Significance

June 19

Juneteenth

Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in [Galveston, Texas](#) in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops’ arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the [Emancipation Proclamation](#). Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

<https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth>

June 20

Litha (Wicca)

Litha is a pagan holiday; one of their eight sabbats during the year. Litha (also known as Midsummer) occurs on the summer solstice and celebrates the beginning of summer. The traditions of Litha appear to be borrowed from many cultures. Most ancient cultures celebrated the summer solstice in some way. The Celts celebrated Litha with hilltop bonfires and dancing. Many people attempted to jump over or through the bonfires for good luck.

June 21st National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This year marks a significant milestone, the 25th anniversary of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Don't miss the opportunity to recognize and learn more about the cultural diversity of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples by taking part in the many activities happening across Canada. Get more information on [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) and [start your learning journey](#).

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.

Your Admin Team,

[Sharon Knights and Marianne Rogers](#)