

Hello Clara Hughes families,

Ms. Davis has been working very hard with some of our intermediate students who will be doing virtual Anti-Bullying workshops with our FDK and Primary students starting the week of March 15, 2021. Our Intermediate students have been practicing and putting together their workshops and we are so proud of the work that they are doing. They will also be working with our Junior and Intermediate students as well.

Please see below for our weekly updates;

### **Technology**

Please return all technology that was lent to your children during remote learning back to the school. We are in desperate need for these devices so we can provide our students with optimal learning opportunities as these devices are great learning tools for our classrooms and our students.

### **Upcoming Spirit Days**

March 11 - Beach Day

March 17 (Wednesday) - Green Day

March 26 - Rainbow Day

### **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.

### **Anti-Black Racism & Its Impact: A Well-Being Toolkit for Families**

Users of this Toolkit will find a variety of resources of interest compiled for easy access by children, youth, and adults. Fostering a positive racial identity in black children is crucial and can be done in a variety of ways. Reading is an excellent, child-friendly way of learning about the world around them. Seeing representations of themselves as lead characters, in prominent professions, and with various skin tones, shapes and unique features will instill and restore pride and confidence in their identities. In this toolkit there are a variety of text references to support/foster students positive self identity. [Please click on the link to view this resource](#)

### **Dates of Significance**

Lent (orthodox)

March 2

**Lent**, in the Christian [church](#), a period of penitential preparation for [Easter](#). In Western churches it begins on [Ash Wednesday](#), six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day [fast](#) (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of [Jesus Christ's fasting](#) in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. In Eastern churches Lent begins on the Monday of the seventh week before Easter and ends on the Friday that is nine days before Easter. This 40-day "Great Lent" includes Saturdays and Sundays as relaxed fast days.

## International Women's Day (UN)

### March 8

UN Women announces the theme for International Women's Day, 8 March 2021 (IWD 2021) as, "***Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.***" The theme celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is also aligned with the priority theme of the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, "Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls", and the flagship Generation Equality campaign, which calls for women's right to decision-making in all areas of life, equal pay, equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, an end all forms of violence against wo

### March 11

#### Shivratri (Hindusim)

As per the Hindu calendar, Shivratri is celebrated on the new moon day in the month of Maagha. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, the festival owes its origins to several versions, one of them being a celebration of Shiva and Parvati's marriage to each other.

#### 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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