

Hello Clara Hughes families,

Our next SCC meeting will be on Wednesday April 7, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. We will send out a Google meet link that evening. We are hoping to see you there! Enjoy your weekend and see everyone back at school on Monday!!

Please see below for our weekly updates;

### **Family Pizza Night**

We will be having another Family Pizza Night on Wednesday March 31, 2021. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Please click on the link

### **Upcoming Spirit Days**

March 27 - 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.

### **Dates of Significance**

March 20-21

Now Ruz

"Today, we join Persian, Afghan, Kurdish, Zoroastrian, Bahá'í, Central Asian, and Ismaili communities in Canada and around the world to celebrate Nowruz, the first day of spring and the beginning of the New Year in the Persian calendar.

"Nowruz is a time of spiritual renewal, and a chance to show gratitude for our blessings and share aspirations of hope and optimism for the year ahead. It is also a chance for all Canadians to recognize the important contributions the many communities that observe Nowruz make to our country." Statement by Justin Trudeau

March 21

**United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

1960 - Sharpeville, South Africa. A group of mainly racialized anti-apartheid activists marched to their local police station to protest against the country's "*pass law*" that was enacted in the 1800's to curtail movement of non-white citizens.

The "*pass law*" required all Black Africans and racialized people to carry a "pass card" in order to travel within the country. As the activists marched, police opened fire and killed 69 people, including eight women and 10 children. An additional 180 people were

injured. In 1966, the United Nations declared March 21 as the [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) and as a way to commemorate the [Sharpeville](#) Massacre. In 1986, as South Africa moved towards the dismantling of apartheid and the “pass card” requirement was lifted, South Africa held its first democratic election in 1994 and elected [Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela](#) as president.

59 years later, the world continues to be shaken by many forms of racial discrimination that occurs on a daily basis around the world. In Canada, we are collectively acknowledging decades of discrimination faced by First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) peoples of Canada, Muslim Canadians, immigrants both past and present and refugees seeking a safe harbour within our borders. Activist and organizations like *Black Lives Matter and Murdered and Missing Women* are calling for the eradication of discrimination based on race

## March 21

### World Down's Syndrome Day

Down syndrome, also known as trisomy 21, is a common genetic condition where a person's cells have an extra chromosome. Chromosomes are packaging structures for our genetic information, and typically people have 23 pairs of chromosomes. One chromosome from each pair comes from the female, and the corresponding chromosomes come from the male. Because chromosomes contain genetic information, having too many or too few can cause differences in growth and development. In cases of Down syndrome, the individual has three copies of chromosome 21.

People with Down syndrome are just like everyone else. They have similar dreams and goals, and they want to have successful careers and families

People with Down syndrome still face stereotypes and myths, but they've shown time and again that the condition is just one part of who they are and doesn't define them or limit their abilities. That's why it's so important that all year long, we help spread the message of love, acceptance, inclusion, and respect.

## 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](#)