

Hello Clara Hughes families,

Happy Long Weekend!! Please remember there is no school tomorrow as Friday March 12, 2021 is a Board Holiday. Enjoy your long weekend!!

Please see below for our weekly updates;

How to Talk to Your Children About Anti-Black Racism Parent Engagement Event

The DDSB welcomed acclaimed public speaker, writer, social media influencer and parent Bee Quammie to speak with parents/guardians on “**How to Talk to Your Children about Anti-Black Racism**” as part of the DDSB’s Parent Engagement Series. Ms. Quammie was joined by over 650 people as they watched this virtual event live on this very important topic. We have made the video available for parents/guardians to watch as part of our commitment to combat anti-Black racism and provide resources to support and encourage parents/guardians through the DDSB Parent Involvement Committee.

To view the webinar, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyygYSgAR6k>. The presentation coincides with the recently released “[Addressing ANTI-BLACK RACISM & ITS IMPACT: A Well-Being Toolkit for Families](#)” created by the DDSB Inclusive Student Services (ISS) Department (Social Work and Psychological Services staff) that identify as Black, Latinx and White.

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 17 (Wednesday) - Green Day

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 17th

Irish immigrants were among the earliest settlers in Canada. In 1845, Irish immigrants, fleeing the potato famine in Ireland, began settling in Ontario in large numbers. They brought to Ontario and Canada their values of hard work, devotion to family, service to the community and the perpetual hope for a better future for themselves and their fellow citizens.

Ontario citizens of Irish descent made significant contributions to the founding of Canada. They have made and continue to make significant contributions to the development of Canada, especially over the more than 150 years since the first large waves of Irish immigration. It is important to recognize and celebrate those contributions.

Today the rich cultural heritage of Canada's Irish community is an integral part of Canadian national culture and identity and belongs, by right, to all Canadians of all backgrounds. As evidence of that fact, the coat of arms of Canada bears several symbols of Irish heritage: the Royal Harp of Tara representing the historic coronation place of the High King or Ard Righ of Ireland and the Shamrock and Cross of Saint Patrick.

It is appropriate to recognize March 17, the day of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of the Irish, as Irish Heritage Day in Ontario

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](#)