

Hello Clara Hughes families,

We have been so excited to see your children online. The staff and students are both doing an awesome job with online learning. We are proud of all of the staff and students and we want to say a big “Thank You” to all of the parents, Guardians and friends of families who are making this work for our students! This is a challenging time, but we are all doing the very best we can. Have a wonderful weekend and have fun with your families!

Please see below for our weekly updates;

Ramadan Excitement

Week 3 Contest: [Ramadan Pic Contest\(2\)](#) Open to all students K-12

Video: My Favourite Part of Ramadan P2 of 4 Series

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQnpQjT89g8&t=10s>

Continue to **tag** us on Twitter: **@mend_dds** or Instagram **@menddsb** and please *use the hashtag* **#RamadanDDSB** when posting on any social media throughout the month.

Dates of Significance

Asian Heritage Month

This recognition was first observed in the United States in 1978 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. In Canada, the idea to observe Asian Heritage Month was proposed by the Honorable Vivienne Poy and was unanimously adopted by the Senate of Canada in 2001. The Senate declared May should be recognized as Asian Heritage Month, given the important contributions of Asian Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of Canada, the diversity of the Asian Community, and its present significance to this country

May is South Asian Heritage Month

South Asians are those with ancestry from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and includes South Asians who

have come to Canada by way of other countries notably the Caribbean. This observance was first spearheaded in Ontario by South Asians from the Caribbean who wished to commemorate the arrival of South Asians to the western hemisphere and to Canada. The observance began in 1999 as Indian Arrival and Heritage month, where Indian was intended to refer to anyone from the Indian subcontinent. However, because of lack of acceptance of the term Indian by South Asians not from present-day India, and because of possible confusion with the then widely used designation for some Aboriginal peoples, the name was changed. South Asian Heritage Month was officially recognized in 2004.

Please join the Durham Educators Network of South Asians for 3 Family Nights this month. See attached flyer for details

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](#)