

Dear Clara Hughes Community,

Our school reorganization is off to a good start and we have had a great week. Staff and students are getting to know each other and lots of learning and fun things are happening in classrooms despite the times we are now living in. Thank you again for your support and understanding as we went through these changes. Please see below for our Weekly Updates.

### **Chromebooks**

We appreciate your flexibility and support throughout all the changes that have taken place at the school this year. The year has provided many different models of learning and we have endeavored to provide resources to families during the months when we have had to adapt to distance learning. Currently, there is a global shortage in available technology, that has significantly limited our ability as a school and board to purchase Chromebooks and chargers for school use. Presently, we have a very limited number of Chromebooks at the school to support student learning. At this time, **we are requesting that all Chromebooks loaned out by the school to families in the spring, be returned to the school as soon as possible**, so that the technology can be accessed to support and enhance learning. When returned, families **will not be charged** if damage has occurred to devices. Thank you very much for supporting the learning opportunities of our students.

### **Welcome to Titus the Service Dog**

Our itinerant teacher for the deaf and hard of hearing Mr. McPherson will be bringing his service dog with him when he visits Clara Hughes on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The dog's name is Titus. Mr. McPherson will be doing a video to introduce Titus to our school community. We will share with you once we have received from the video from Mr. McPherson. Titus is a standard poodle which means he is non-shedding and hypo allergenic

### **Oral Health Screening**

The annual dental screening program conducted in schools is on hold until further notice. Free dental screening services are still available to all children and youth under the age of 18. Dental screenings are scheduled by appointment at the Health

Department's, Oral Health Clinic located in the Whitby Mall. Families with inquiries or who wish to schedule a free appointment can contact the Oral Health Division between 8am – 8pm, Monday to Friday at 905-723-1365 extension 4567. See attached Flyer [Free Dental Screening Notice to Parents.pdf](#)

## Senior Kindergarten(SK) Vision Screening

The annual SK vision screening conducted in schools is on hold until further notice. Please contact **the [Ontario Association of Optometrists website](#) or call 1-800-540-3837 to find an optometrist in your community. Public Health recommends that all children see an optometrist for an eye exam. A yearly eye exam is free for children up to 19 years of age with a valid Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) card.**

## School Photos by Edge Imaging

Edge Imaging has opened a pop-up photo studio in Courtice to provide students with an opportunity to capture their school day photos! To book your appointment, visit [edgeimaging.ca/popup](http://edgeimaging.ca/popup) or to find out more about Edge's safety protocols around COVID-19, visit [edgeimaging.ca/faq](http://edgeimaging.ca/faq).

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your Admin Team,

Sharon Knights and David Budd

