

Dear Clara Hughes Community,

Thank you for a great first month of School!! We continue to appreciate your understanding, patience and flexibility as we navigate through this new "normal"! We would like to take a minute of your time before we go over our weekly updates to address the issue of parking around the school community. We know that it is frustrating in the morning when you are dropping your children off and there is no where to park. We are asking you to please be kind and mindful of our community members who live close to the school. As a school, we are following the directives given by the DDSB to keep our Kiss and Ride closed and to keep our School Bus drop off area cleared for the safety of our students especially now as we are living through the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a school community we need to work together, keeping in mind that we all want what is best for our students at Clara Hughes. Please continue to work with us so we can keep our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call us at the school.

**Weekly Updates:**

**School Community Council Meeting:**

- **Just a reminder that our first SCC meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday October 6, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. We will be doing our elections at this time. Please be reminded that all nominations are due to Mr. Budd by the latest on Monday October 5, 2020. You can email your nomination to [david.budd@ddsb.ca](mailto:david.budd@ddsb.ca)**

**Acceptable and Safe Use for Technology and Cyber Safety:**

- DDSB technologies allow all schools to offer Internet access to their students. The Internet is a vehicle for accessing a global network of information resources. Students may use the Internet to locate and retrieve information and communicate learning with others. Students are encouraged to report cyber-bullying to parents/guardians, teachers, and principals. Cyber-bullying involves the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated and hostile behaviour by an individual or group that is intended to harm others. Cyber-bullying can happen through the use of e-mail, cell phone text,

multimedia messages, instant messaging, defamatory Web logs (Blogs), personal Web Sites and social media websites and applications.

### **Need Medical Advice?**

- If you do not have access to a family doctor and need to seek medical advice we encourage you to connect with Cover Health at <https://cover.health/>. This virtual service is covered by OHIP and even without OHIP is covered if you are in Ontario. It is a free service with same day appointments.
- Another virtual service that is available for medical advice is Durham Doctors as long as you have an Ontario Health card. With COVID-19 they are offering over the phone medical advice with doctors available 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. – 9 p.m. at (905) 619-6641

### **Elementary & Secondary Daily Checklists:**

The DDSB has put enhanced health and safety measures in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19. We are also asking students and families to do their part to help to keep everyone safe and have a successful 2020/2021 school year. We are encouraging parents/guardians to use the checklists below to help them prepare for each day before their child(ren) leave home to go to school. You can find the checklists on our Return to School webpage via the following links.

Elementary Daily Checklist: <https://bit.ly/3jfHuB4>

Secondary Daily Checklist: <https://bit.ly/2Gd6iLV>

### **NATIONAL CUSTODIAL WORKER'S RECOGNITION DAY**

On October 2nd, National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day encourages appreciation to the employees who keep our schools and workplaces across the nation running smoothly.

Custodial workers operate behind the scenes. They are often under-appreciated for the hard work they do day after day, too. These are the personnel keeping schools, hospitals, office buildings, museums, churches, and other buildings clean and well maintained.

While delivering outstanding services and running a well-maintained building, they contribute to critical first impressions and the success of any business.

They're the people we call on to give our brick and mortar businesses a polished look. The bank, schools, and office buildings look organized and presentable because custodial workers efficiently keep everything in top condition.

Additionally, their skill saves businesses and organizations money. Well-maintained carpets and surfaces last longer. Seasonal updates and maintenance help buildings to run more efficiently, too. Custodial workers make sure buildings are ready for each season and running correctly. As a result, the buildings are safer and healthier for those entering them. They also free-up time for the rest of the organization to focus on growing a business, teaching students, or caring for others.

The work is physically demanding. Depending on the position, custodial workers may work varying shifts and possibly in several locations. They may be part of a team or work independently. No matter where they work, this day recognizes their dedication and hard work.

We would like to say a Special Thank You to our custodial staff, Mr. Fusco, Mr. MCAuley and Mr. Allen for the awesome work they do to keep our school clean, safe and welcoming!

### **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY**

World Teachers' Day on October 5th honors teachers and teacher organizations making vital contributions to the education and development of our future leaders.

If you think back to your school years, you are bound to think of at least one teacher who made a difference in your life. Maybe they helped set you on the right career path. One may have encouraged you to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Or maybe they helped you when you felt unaccepted by your peers. Even though a teacher's job is to teach, they wear many hats. They are also counselors and friends. To some students, they may even be guardian angels.

While teaching is indeed a noble career, it is a challenging one, as well. As teachers prepare students for the future, it's more important now than ever to recognize the difficult job they do.

We would like to recognize, honor and give thanks to all of our staff here at Clara Hughes P.S. for all that you do for our students and their families.

Your Admin Team,  
Sharon Knights and David Budd