

October 28, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the entire team at Clara Hughes P.S., we hope you are having a great week so far. As we wrap up the second month of the school year, the DDSB is seeking your feedback on your child(ren)'s experience with in-person learning and we are sharing information with you on the following topics in this message.

1. Feedback Opportunity through Thoughtexchange
2. Parent Engagement Event on Wed, Nov 4 from 6:30-9pm
3. Durham Region Health Department Halloween Safety Tips
4. French as a Second Language (FSL) Programs Survey

We thank you in advance for your engagement and hope that you find this information useful as we navigate this new environment together.

Feedback Opportunity through Thoughtexchange

The DDSB would like to gather feedback from students and parents/guardians on your in-person learning experience. We want to know what is working well and where we can improve. We are all on this learning journey in the pandemic together. Your feedback is important to help us determine how we can support you and your child(ren) for the rest of the school year.

Please participate in this Thoughtexchange by visiting:

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/729797915>

It will only take a few minutes to participate and you can go back to it as frequently as you would like to review new thoughts that have been shared. The deadline to participate in the Thoughtexchange is 11:59pm on Tuesday November 3, 2020.

Parent Engagement Sessions – Wed, Nov 4 from 6:30-9pm

The DDSB's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is presenting a Parent Engagement Series webinar on Wednesday, November 4 from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Session topics include *Welcome to School Community Councils*, *Communicating and Collaborating Effectively*, and *Overload: Strategies to Stay Healthy in a Stressful World*. You have the option to attend the sessions that interest you. For information about the sessions and speakers, please view the flyer on our website: <https://bit.ly/2Ttl7gn>.

We ask that you please register in advance by visiting:

https://ddsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n_fSUq4tTWSKCN6amN1Olg. Should you require accessibility accommodations for participation, please contact Manon Laplante at manon.laplante@ddsb.ca or 905-666-6383.

Durham Region Health Department Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is going to be different this year for all the superheroes, ghosts and scary creatures who are planning to celebrate. But it can still be fun, if everyone practices health and safety rules. The Durham Region Health Department has [created a few tips \(PDF\)](#) to help families have a safe and spooktacular Halloween.

French as a Second Language (FSL) Programs Parent/Guardian Survey

The French Second Language (FSL) Programs Review Committee would like to invite parents/guardians to participate in the FSL Programs Review Parent/Guardian Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSLReviewParCom>

The Survey will be open until 11:59 pm on Monday, November 9, 2020.

The purpose of the survey is to gather information in order to prepare a comprehensive report on French language programs the DDSB offers as well as to review the impact of FSL programs on English Language programming. For more information about the FSL Programs Review please visit:

<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/programs-and-learning/fsl-programs-review.aspx>.

We wish all families a safe and happy Halloween this year and thank you for your efforts to help keep our school community safe!

Sincerely,

Your Admin Team

Sharon Knights and David Budd