



# CLINTON NEWS

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## WELCOME BACK

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back Clinton Families and new families to our energetic school community. We have had a successful start to this school year so far. Students came back ready and excited to learn, and teachers are looking forward to providing your children with rich learning opportunities and experiences.

We are especially looking forward to our continued Clinton traditions, and implementation of new initiatives. We encourage a collaborative culture of communication and shared decision making between all stakeholders in our community. Parent input into and engagement in our events and new initiatives is always welcome. If you have suggestions, questions or concerns, please know that you can contact us either by phone, e-mail, or a face-to-face meeting.

Also remember that your active involvement in our School Council is one of the many significant contributions that you can make towards helping us enrich the learning opportunities of all of our students. Come out to our monthly meetings and share your suggestions. We also appreciate any time that you can contribute toward volunteering at the school.

Looking forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Sonia Antunes and Karen Maxwell

## CELEBRATING CHARACTER

At Clinton, we will be continuing with our monthly assemblies which will be held the first week of every month. One of the goals of these assemblies is to help promote our TDSB monthly "Character Traits". For the month of September, we celebrated the trait of "RESPECT". For October, we will be promoting the trait of "RESPONSIBILITY".

In addition, as part of promoting and bringing awareness to our students of valuable character traits that will make them positive members of our society-at-large, we include a "Character Trait Thought of the Day" in our daily morning announcements. Creating a common language within our school community on how we interact with each other, will help us encourage a caring and safe culture where we all look out for each other. You will notice signs posted up at all main entrances with the common message "Be Kind, Be Safe, and Watch out for Each Other" so that every community member who enters the building is reminded of what we stand for. We ask for your support in being part of this messaging to your child.

## TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are very pleased to share with you that every morning during our school announcements, we take the time to acknowledge the territorial/ancestral lands that are part of the Toronto Purchase area which includes all land east of Brown's Line to Woodbine Avenue and the areas north towards Newmarket.

The text read aloud acknowledges the traditional territories included in the Toronto Purchase that are comprised of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations, and the Metis Nation, and recognizes the enduring presence of the Aboriginal peoples on this land.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Pizza Lunch**

(Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Youth Wellness Presentations**

(Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Boys Slo Pitch Tournament**

(Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Celebrating Character Assembly**

(Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Annual Fall Fair**

(Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>)

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## TERRY FOX RUN

This year's Terry Fox run took place the morning of September 19<sup>th</sup>. Some of our students did a longer walk through the community and other students remained on school property and did their run/walk on our school track. If you and your family have not yet done so, please send in your donation with your child this week. A big thank you goes out to Ms. Dickson and Ms. Capone who oversaw this event. Below are some pics of the event.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING

A message from Ms. Poffenroth, our Teacher Librarian: The first Scholastic Book Fair for this school year is just around the corner. We will be hosting the Book Fair from October 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> in the Art Room. The Fair will be open during Curriculum Night (Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>) from 3:30-7:30 p.m. for you and your family to come visit. In addition, the Book Fair will be open throughout the four days for students to cycle through to make their purchases.

Parent Volunteers are needed to help run the Book Fair during the instructional day. Please contact Ms. Poffenroth at [jennet.poffenroth@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jennet.poffenroth@tdsb.on.ca) directly if you have any availability to come in to help with this great opportunity. Profits will go to support our school library.

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

We ask that all parents who are either bringing their child in after the instructional time has begun, or picking up their child during the instructional day, that you please report to the office first so that we can help facilitate either the drop-off, or pick-up of your child with as little disruption to your child's class as possible. Your cooperation with this process is greatly appreciated.

Also, our school Lost and Found closet is starting to receive some items. We ask for your support in reinforcing with your child the importance of taking care of their belongings and that they try to remember to have all items that they take outside for recess times (e.g., sweater, jacket, hats, etc.) before they re-enter the school at the end of recess. It would be very helpful if you labelled your child's items. This would allow for us to return lost items, which will ultimately reduce the large number of things in the Lost and Found closet.

**ARTsmart** is back and everyone is working hard to get a program lined up for this school year that will give all students an opportunity to work on art projects in the Art Room.

**We are always looking for volunteers to help out!!!**  
Can you volunteer for an hour or 2? If so, please contact Simone Newstadt at: [simone@artarabesque.com](mailto:simone@artarabesque.com) to let her know of your availability.

Please know that **ALL CLINTON STUDENTS are part of ARTsmart** and a financial contribution is not required. Thank you to those who were able to contribute towards this year's visual art enrichment which benefits our entire school community.

## BUTTERFLIES

Over the course of the month of September, our Grade 1/2 classes were involved in learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. All classes took part in releasing their butterflies as a class event which was very exciting for the children. It is very impactful when children have hands-on experiential learning opportunities to see, feel, and hear what learning is all about. Room 204 shared some photos highlighting their butterfly releasing experience.

