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Dear Clinton Community:

On the afternoon of Wednesday, February 28, Clinton Street PS held its student-lead Black History Month assembly. The students did a remarkable job, and the assembly was engaging, poignant, and informative. Students shared historical biographies, poetry, whole-class presentations, and songs. We thank all the staff who guided the learning and organization for this assembly, the students for their creativity and dedication, and all the Cougars who were such a captivated audience.

Undoubtedly, the success and importance of Wednesday's assembly was a tough act to follow. However, the very next day found the hallways of Clinton Street PS filling up shortly after 7:00 a.m. as eager Clinton Cougars between grades 4 and 6, and many Cougar families, began to arrive with lots of gear for our 8:00 a.m. departure to Snow Valley resort in Barrie for our Junior Ski Day. After receiving final instructions, three full coach buses carrying roughly 150 of us, left Manning Avenue. The temperature was -8 Celsius and it was sunny. Given the weather we had during the days leading to the excursion, both the cold and the sun were welcomed.

As we ventured north on Hwy 400 it began to snow and continued to snow at the resort throughout the day. The students were quickly ushered by the Ski Valley staff to the proper locations for rentals and lessons and then spent the following hours on the hills or coming in for a snack and maybe a hot chocolate. There was a lot of laughter, smiles, excitement, and a few falls. The final bus left just before 3:30 p.m. and we all returned to Clinton by 5:30 p.m. to awaiting families.

Many thanks to all the staff who volunteered their time to go on the trip, and all the staff who stayed behind with changed schedules for the day, for making the ski trip possible. We also greatly appreciate the generosity of the Clinton community and School Council for ensuring that every student who wanted to go, was able to attend. As much as Mr. Ball was the key co-ordinator for this event, it was truly a full-team effort of the Clinton staff and community.

Next week is the week prior to March Break and we have no larger school events planned. Following the March Break, we will be welcoming a new staff member to Clinton Street PS. Cori MacFarlane has been appointed to Clinton Street PS as our new Office Administrator starting on March 18, 2024. We look forward to meeting Cori at that time and sincerely thank Ms. Audette MacIntosh for assisting us at Clinton on a temporary basis.

Enjoy the weekend.

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