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Dear Clinton Community:

Even though it officially takes place in winter, the March Break is frequently referred to as 'Spring Break' and has it ever felt like spring this week. The Clinton Street PS outdoor learning environments have been full of physical education, mathematics, and art lessons. Classes have been going on community walks to explore our beautiful neighbourhood and observe the early change to the season (the morning birds certainly sound like they think spring is here). As a school, we even enjoyed two outdoor lunches this week in the warm sunshine. The Chronicle editorial team has family roots in the Collingwood/Southern Georgian Bay area. There is a saying in that region for people who get too eager when the warm weather comes while it is still winter – 'Don't Change Your Snow Tires.' However, after this week, there are likely more than a few of us who are booking garage appointments.

Speaking of changes, yesterday we welcomed Ms. Cori MacFarlane to Clinton Street PS for her first visit. Ms. MacFarlane (she prefers to be called 'Ms. Mac.') is an experienced Office Administrator, having served in that role at the Island School for years, and was excited to see her new school and community. Ms. Mac was also happy that her new commute to work would not involve navigating the ferry schedule and that that she will now work in a location with incredible options for lunch. Ms. Mac's first official day as Clinton Street PS' permanent Office Administrator will be Monday, March 18.

With the arrival of Ms. Mac to Clinton's OA position, we do need to say good-bye and thank you to Ms. Audette MacIntosh who has done such a wonderful job in that role for the past month. Ms. MacIntosh actually came out of retirement in order to assist us at Clinton and we cannot thank her enough for her professionalism, approachability, and kindness. Ms. MacIntosh has said that she would be open to helping us again in the future if needed so hopefully we will see her at Clinton again.

Also on Monday March 18th, we will have Silver Birch Award winning author, Catherine Rondina, visit our school. She has years of experience writing non-fiction books on the topics of hockey, baseball, the internet as well as debunking myths. You can check out her [website](#). She will have two interactive presentations, for Grade 1-3 and Grade 4-6, to share with us her craft as a writer as well as the process of non-fiction writing. We are grateful to our Parent Council for making this author visit possible.

We wish the Clinton Community a restful, relaxing, and wonderful March Break. We look forward to seeing everyone on March 18.

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