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For regular readers of the Clinton Chronicle, you will know that last week's issue focused on school security, safety, and well-being. We received positive feedback regarding that volume, and we are pleased that many found it informative. This week's Chronicle is examining an equally important subject matter; **the general level of awesomeness** (amazing that that word does not trigger the auto-correct function) at Clinton Street PS.

As someone still immersed in their initial calendar year at Clinton Street, I have enjoyed many 'first' events as a Cougar. 'First' graduation, opening day, school council meeting, school team victories, assemblies, and Truth and Reconciliation ceremony to name but a few.

However, on November 30, the school hosted the **Clinton Street PS Annual Special Olympics Floor Hockey Invitational Tournament** (CSPSASOFHIT for short), and, with all due respect to the other 'first' events, this one left an impression on the Chronicle Editorial Team like no other.

Our two visiting teams of athletes and staff, from Essex and Beverley PS, made their way to Clinton through the driving rain to participate in the event and face off against the Clinton players from rooms 206, and 208. All the teams represented their respective schools with positivity, prowess, and pride. The games themselves were a perfect combination of competition, cooperation, and cheering. We wanted to express our thanks to the entire Clinton staff for making this day possible, (especially Mr. Ball who started organizing the event in September), and to the crew of our junior students who gladly volunteered their time to offer any required assistance.

The fact that the CSPSASOFHIT fell on the day of the first student **pizza lunch** organized by our school council since the pandemic began, made the day even more special. Many thanks to the parent volunteers who made that pizza lunch so successful. Usually, after a whole-school initiative like that, we debrief and discuss how we can make the next one even better but the 'next steps for improvement' section of the chart was blank. Just amazing work by all.

For the Chronicle to be distributed on Friday, we tend to complete it on Thursday. At the time of writing, we are preparing to host the **Café Clinton** talent night. The school environment has been full of students practicing their routines and songs in preparation for tonight's show. Again, the entire Clinton staff has worked together to make this evening possible with a special sing-out to Ms. Wolf, who has been conductin' things like Maestro Fresh Wes.

As always, please go to <u>www.clintonstreetschool.ca</u> for even more awesome Clinton PS information.

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