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Dear Clinton Community:

For those of us who have been fortunate enough to call Toronto home for many years, we are very familiar with the tell-tale signs of the changing of the seasons. As autumn begins, the Blue Jays' season abruptly ends. When the blooms start coming out in the spring, the Leafs start playing golf. There is no need to consult an almanac as this is just our city's natural order. For what it is worth, in these times I am reminded of this quote by William Blake, "In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy." Well, it is harvest-time, and the Jays were just taught a painful lesson in humility. Here's hoping the Leafs and Raptors enjoy the winter and learn something by the spring.

Fortunately, as much as we also value being humble, this fall the Clinton Street PS students, staff and community have continued to place an emphasis on generosity. September's Terry Fox Run raised over \$ 3645.00 for cancer research. Many of our parents volunteered their time this week to assist with our school's cross-country running team. The school spirit wear sales raised more than \$1000 and this money will be put towards new school team jerseys. Our curriculum night and first school council meeting of the year was extremely well-attended with hundreds of people enjoying being back inside the halls of Clinton Street PS once again or for the first time.

However, even with all of that and more going on, perhaps the truest representation of Clinton Street's generous and caring spirit has been made evident by Ms. Weger's Grade 5 / 6 class in Room 300.

With the municipal election just around the corner, Room 300 had been thinking about active citizenship. One area of focus for the class was non-governmental organizations and the services they provide to communities. Coupled with a recent inquiry into grocery shopping and budgeting, the class decided to start a collection of items for the Fort York Food Bank.

If you wish to donate any non-perishable items, such as canned meat / fish / vegetables / fruit, pasta, rice, soup, or cereal, as well as any toiletries, that would be greatly appreciated. Just have your child bring the items to school and students from Room 300 will arrange to pick them up. While the Food Bank appreciates peanut butter / nut products, please refrain from sending these due to TDSB policy for nut free schools.

As always, please go to www.clintonstreetschool.ca for all the Clinton Street PS news.

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