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Dear Clinton Street PS Community:

Over the span of a school year, you tend to have a few specific days that truly capture the essence of the school and community. At Clinton, we had one of those days yesterday.

On Thursday, November 30, Clinton Street PS, welcomed over 50 visiting student athletes, and nearly as many staff, from three other TDSB schools (Essex, Beverley, Morrison) as we hosted the Special Olympics for our area of the city. All the students and staff participated in various games in our gym and there was a great spirit of cooperation, collegiality, and fun. The cheering emanating from the gym remained consistent for three hours. The visiting schools were extremely impressed and appreciative.

Of course, an event like the special Olympics does not occur without an incredible amount of planning, flexibility, and changes to daily routines. Teachers and support staff assisted wherever required, older students served as ambassadors, and some students even returned to help in our kindergarten classes. It was a full-team effort, and we are so proud of all the students and staff who made it happen.

As soon as the Olympics' closing ceremonies had concluded, other staff members began setting up the book fair that will run throughout next week. Then at 6:00 p.m., the Clinton School council held a hybrid (in-person/virtual) council meeting from the Clinton library. Teachers explained the carefully curated 'wish-list' items to best allocate the funds the council continues to raise. It was a great meeting, that wrapped around 8:00 p.m., and will prove to be extremely beneficial for all our students. Many thanks to the council for all their continued efforts. It had been a galvanizing, wonderful, and busy day.

In terms of what do you do for an encore, the Clinton Chronicle editorial team is writing this edition courtside at our boys' volleyball tournament hosted at Palmerston PS. Our volunteer teacher-coaches had the team ready to go by 8:15 this morning. The Chronicle even brought a grade 5 member of our sports department to conduct interviews with the players and write about the games. Our readers might have to wait until Volume 15 to read the reporter's copy.

A reminder that next week is only a 4-day week for students (no school for students on Fri. Dec. 8). Our girls' basketball team has their tournament on Monday at Central Tech and as mentioned, the book fair will run in Room 103 all week. We thank our community for their continued support and look forward to the final month of 2023 at Clinton Street PS.

Sincerely,

Dan Taylor

Principal