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Dear Clinton Street PS Community:

As we hope regular readers of the Chronicle have gleaned, Clinton Street PS is a dynamic, engaging, and welcoming school. In our weekly newsletter editions, we focus on the positive aspects of our school's life and deservedly so. However, like every school in the system, we are not immune to experiencing situations that are more serious in nature. When issues occur that require further investigation, we look to examine each one confidentially, thoroughly, methodically and in concert with the TDSB's Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour policy.

In the past week, incidents have occurred that have required further consultation with families, staff, students, and various TDSB departments. As you can imagine, connecting with the different parties, does take time and we appreciate your understanding. We are pleased to say that more problematic issues occur infrequently at Clinton Street PS and are treated professionally and carefully when they do occur. The safety and well-being of our students is always our priority. We find that the best way to 'promote positive student behaviour' is to offer comprehensive academic programming combined with a wealth of various co-curriculars. Below are a few of the more recent Clinton activities.

Although it was a four-day week for our students, the Clinton staff and community somehow managed to fit at least six days of activity into the tightened timeframe.

Our week started with the Junior Girls basketball team playing their tournament at Central Tech on Monday and making it all the way to the finals. Many thanks to our teacher-volunteer coach, and parents, for their support and great job by our Cougar players. The girls' basketball tournament concludes the 2023 Cougar sports tournament season but try-outs for the junior boys' basketball team start next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Also on Monday, our Book-Fair opened and kept set hours throughout the week. By the time the book-fair closed on Thursday afternoon, the Clinton community's generosity shone through, and the total sales topped \$6000. Many thanks to the Clinton Street staff and parents who volunteered their time and expertise to make the sale possible and for purchasing every book on the 'student wish' table to ensure that every child who wanted a book was able to receive one. The money the school keeps from the sale will go to augmenting our classroom and school libraries.

Our Art room on the main floor has also been a busy place this week with the Artsmart program offering the first of their sessions for many of our classes. You could tell how much the students, staff and volunteers have been enjoying these lessons from the excited voices emanating from the room. Artsmart also delivered their fundraiser holiday plants to all those who had placed orders this week, so our front hallway had the lovely smell of a garden nursery and was alive with beautiful foliage. Once again, many thanks to the parents and staff who volunteered their time and energy to co-ordinate the art sessions. The original planning meetings began last spring, and it was so rewarding to see *(editorial note – obvious plant life-cycle analogy forthcoming as a connection to the Artmsart fund-raiser – fair warning given)* how the ideas from those meetings were able to fully germinate, sprout, and grow into genuine learning opportunities for all our students.

As for next week, we look forward to seeing many of our families on the evening of Wednesday, December 13 for the Café Clinton concert. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The hallways have been full of students preparing their performances and it promises to be a great show.

To all our Clinton Street families currently celebrating Chanukah, we wish you and your families and friends the best of the season.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Dan Taylor

Principal