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Dear Clinton Community:

School Safety:

Understandably, we have received several inquiries this week regarding school safety. At Clinton Street PS, we place a great emphasis on the multiple ways in which we address issues of school safety, and we are always monitoring our practice and looking for ways in which to improve. We do our best so that our students, staff, and community appreciate that our school is welcoming, inclusive, active, and secure. The Chronicle editorial team thought it would be an appropriate time to share some nuggets of how we try to make Clinton Street PS a safe place for everyone:

- 3 fire drills and one lockdown drill in the fall and again in the spring
- During the instructional day, external school doors are locked, and staff have access keys
- Staff follow a detailed yard duty schedule for before, during, and after school
- Focused literacy and numeracy student support to instill greater confidence and self-esteem
- School safety is discussed at each staff meeting and school council meeting
- Staff carefully monitor the safe arrival and dismissal of all students
- We follow the TDSB Safe Arrival policy as it pertains to lates and absences
- Offering a breadth of co-curricular activities for more student and community engagement
- Our Caring and Safe Schools Committee (Parents/Guardians, staff, principal) also meets periodically to discuss more community matters such as crossing guards, traffic calming zones, etc. – if you are interested in participating, please connect with the Chronicle editorial team
- We follow the TDSB's Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour policy as it pertains to determining next steps if issues arise between students <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Detail/docId/1801>
- Ensure that all students, staff, visitors, and community members adhere to the TDSB Code of Conduct while at Clinton Street PS <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Policies-Procedures-Forms/Detail/docId/1714>
- Ongoing communication between the school and community

We wish everyone in our Clinton Street community a safe, happy, and peaceful weekend.

Sincerely,

Dan Taylor

Principal