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Dear Clinton Community:

Long-time subscribers of the Clinton Cougar Chronicle are aware that members of our school staff are highly accomplished both in their professional roles at Clinton, and in their other pursuits beyond the school's walls.

At roughly this time last year, we were able to share with the community that our incredible Office Administrator, Ms. Nancy Cabreiro, emerged as the 2022 season champion for the Portuguese Canadian Golf Association (PCGA). We have received many letters to the Chronicle offices asking for an update on Nancy's 2023 season and we are pleased to provide you with the following synopsis.

Ms. Cabreiro' championship run of 2022 was so dominant, that, in hopes of providing relevance for the other players, the PCGA completely changed their format this year. For the 2023 season, the PCGA players were placed on teams of four and it was a cumulative team total of points that would determine the champion team. No individual honours would be bestowed and the maximum number of points that one player could contribute to their team was four.

The amount of points Ms. Cabreiro contributed to her team? Four.

The amount of points the rest of her team contributed? Zero.

The final result? Rigged.

For any Clinton community hockey historians, you will recognize a direct link to the move by the PCGA, and what the NHL did following the 1955-56 season to give other teams a chance against the Habs', Rocket Richard-driven, power play. At that time if a team was penalized, they remained short-handed for the entire two minutes. Rocket Richard destroyed other teams to such a degree during those power plays, that the league changed the rules the next season so that the penalized player was able to return to the game if the other team scored. According to google, the Portuguese word for 'rocket' is 'foguete.' Nancy 'Foguete' Cabreiro.

In addition to the links, Clinton staff are also being acknowledged in the music industry. This week, the Canadian Folk Music Award Nominees were announced and Clinton Street PS' incredible music/dance teacher, Ms. Lorie Wolf, is nominated for two awards. Ms. Wolf is nominated both in the category of Instrumental Composer of the Year for the song 'Fray' and the band in which she plays, Queen Kong, is up for Instrumental Group of the Year. Best of luck to Ms. Wolf and Queen Kong. For more information, please go to https://folkawards.ca/

On another musical note, Clinton Street PS' phenomenal Educational Assistant, Mr. Gary Taylor, hosts a weekly radio show each Saturday from noon to 2:00 p.m. on I Live radio <u>https://to.i-liveradio.com/</u>. If you find yourself needing some mid-weekend, late 70's/early 80's disco and soul (who doesn't?) feel free to give it a listen.

Cougar Athletics

While on the topic of accomplishments outside of the school building, it has been an incredible week for Clinton Cougar sports. We started the week on Monday hosting the most epic girls' Division A soccer game in the history of the Toronto District Elementary School Sports Association (TDESSA). The editors do not know if that previous sentence is true but we do not think that TDESSA keeps any stats so we will just claim it as so. The game was against Withrow Avenue PS and was two hours long. The score was locked at 1 - 1 and the overtime periods failed to produce another goal. The teams then went to penalty kicks and Withrow managed one more goal than Clinton. Congratulations to coaches Attard, Stacey, Noelle, and all the players for such a great season and match.

As much as that was an impossible act to follow, on Tuesday all the Cougar cross-country runners who had qualified for the divisional finals went with coach Wolf to the meet at Sunnybrook. The team had a beautiful fall day for the meet, competed to the best of their ability, and we are awaiting news whether any of the team members will be running in the city finals.

Finally, on Thursday, we had our Cougar Girls' B Soccer team sail off with Coach Ball to their tournament on Centre Island. The team played three games and had a win, loss, and a tie. Yet another amazing Cougar accomplishment. While some of our Cougars were playing soccer on the Island, Coach K was on the field behind Forest Hill arena with the Boys' Football team. The boys played three games, were competitive in each, won a game, and represented the school with pride.

Next week, our fall sports season concludes with Coach Hatt taking the girls' football team to their tournament on Tuesday, October 24 and coach Ball taking the second girls soccer team to their tournament on the 25th. Combined, the elementary and secondary athletic associations for the Toronto District School Board represent Canada's largest, non-profit, athletic organization and we are thrilled to be able to offer these opportunities for the Cougars. We would like to reiterate our thanks and appreciation to all our volunteer teacher coaches for making it all possible.

Grade Three Gifted Screening

We will conclude this week's Chronicle by breaking with the theme of achievements outside of 460 Manning Ave. and inform you of a classroom academic item. Next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Oct 24 – 26), for an hour each morning, the Grade Three students will be completing the Gifted Screening, CCAT, assessment. All the Grade Three students across the TDSB are to finish this assessment before the end of October. We know that our Grade Three students will do their best and that Ms. Moreira, Ms. Stacey and Ms. Scarfo have them wellprepared.

We wish our Clinton Street Community a happy, peaceful, and enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

Dan Taylor

Principal