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Dear Clinton Community:

As much as this past week remained an impressive one for Clinton Cougar Athletics and Clubs (Girls Football team advanced to the finals next Monday, 5 Cougars ran in the City Cross Country Running Championships, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys' Soccer Team played great in their tournament, the lunch-time music drop-in sessions are increasingly popular, over 50 students attended the initial lunch-hour Dungeons and Dragons session), the main foci of the past five days have been more procedural in nature.

As part of ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in a TDSB building, every school is obliged to hold three fire drills and one lockdown drill in the fall and do so again in the spring. Given that the age of the people in the Clinton Street PS school building during the day ranges from 18 months to (the Chronicle editorial team will tread cautiously here) older than 18 months, we do our best to adhere to our fire safety obligations while respecting various schedules and needs. We are pleased to say that our three fire drills this week were extremely successful and everyone did an exemplary job. Our one lockdown drill is still pending however that is an internal school drill and not quite as intrusive.

As was mentioned in the last edition of the Chronicle, all the Grade 3 students in Rooms 200 and 205 completed the CCAT screening assessment this week. The CCAT is the initial assessment method through which the TDSB determines whether a student might meet the criteria for a gifted exceptionality. Throughout October, Grade 3 students across the TDSB have completed the assessment. At Clinton Street PS, the Room 200 and 205 students completed the assessment over three one-hour sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We also kept Friday available as a make-up day. Many thanks to the teaching team of Ms. Moreira, Ms. Scarfo, Ms. Stacey, Ms. Klassen, and Ms. Lwin for doing such a great job co-ordinating, preparing, and implementing the assessment.

Of course, we needed to accomplish so many procedural tasks this week because next week includes the date of October 31, which tends to be an important one for elementary school children. Our Clinton school community will mark the day with a parade, in which children can choose whether to participate. Costumes worn to school must be appropriate for the school day: no masks or weapons are permitted, and children must be able to move through the building easily on their own. In addition, to support a safe and welcoming environment for all community members, costumes involving cultural appropriation, stereotypes and caricature are not allowed. Any treats are to be pre-packaged and peanut free.

Sincerely,

Dan Taylor

Principal