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HOLIDAY TREE

We are pleased to announce that our Holiday tree is back this year. For the past two years we have turned it into a Hat and Mit tree. For this year, our "WE Club", formerly known as "Free the Children Club" have decided that we would do a "Sock and Slipper" tree. Effective today until December 19th, we ask that our families donate new socks and/or slippers to be put on our tree.

All collected items will be donated to [Eva's](#) which is an organization that has 123 youth residents at [Eva's Place](#), [Eva's Satellite](#), and [Eva's Phoenix](#). Gifts are given to each resident, including necessities and fun stuff every young person needs to live, express themselves, learn, and grow.

See picture of our bare tree that was delivered last week by the parent of one of our past students. Let's fill it up and let's make a difference in the lives of some youth.



RAFIKI CHAINS AR BACK

We are also pleased to inform you that we will once again be selling Rafiki chains.

In Swahili, Rafiki means friend. Being a friend to the world means making sure everyone gets the chance to lead the life they want. From December 12th - 16th (or until they sell out!) WE will be selling handmade Rafiki Bracelets for \$10.00 each to help Kenyan artisans create a better future for themselves and their families. Get yours to show you're a friend to families in developing communities.

Learn more at WE.org/wearerafikis

FRIENDLY REMINDER

In consideration of the colder weather, parents who come at the end of the day to pick up their children are welcome to wait inside the South door entrance (under the overhang). However, we ask that at the sound of the exit bell at 3:30 that you please proceed outside to wait for your child/children at their exit door. This will help reduce congestion at the doorway which ultimately results in a safer exit process for the children. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

CAFÉ CLINTON SUCCESS

Last Thursday, December 1st, we had our annual Café Clinton. It was a fun time had by all. What makes it especially wonderful, is to see our families come out to see and hear the talent that we have in our local community. It was quite special to see some of our families share their "musical talent" as a family. It was also spectacular to sit back and watch our students have the confidence to either play and/or sing in front of an audience.



A big thank you goes out to all who came out to watch and to support our Music Program with your donations and with your clean-up help. A special thank you goes out to Ms. Wolf who organized the event once again this year, and to all of the staff who helped transform the Art Room into a cozy, decked-out setting.

CLINTON TOQUE

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO GRAB A CLINTON TOQUE!

\$5 from every toque sold goes to purchase equipment for our Physical Education and Athletics Program.

Show your school spirit and donate to a great cause. It's the perfect gift for a Clinton student!

DEADLINE DECEMBER 7th (Delivery December 20th)



Visit our online store before it's too late:
<https://clinton2017.itemorder.com/sale>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pizza Lunch

(Dec. 6th)

Celebrating Character Assembly

(Dec. 9th - 12:50 p.m. in Gym)

Special Olympics Hockey Tournament

(Dec. 14th - all day in gym)

Winter Sing-a-Long

(Dec. 23rd - 9:15-10:00 p.m.)

CLINTON NEWS

HIGHLAND GAMES

On Wednesday, November 23rd, our Grade 4-6 students participated in "Highland Games" here at Clinton. Mr. Ball, taught the students some of the traditional Scottish games and on November 23rd, with all of our students as spectators, our Grade 4-6 students competed. It was a fun-filled morning. See the pictures below for a few highlights of the event.



CELEBRATING CHARACTER

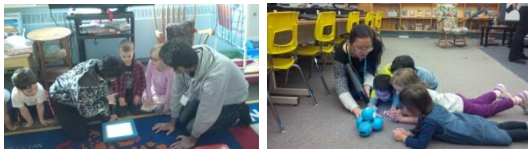
This month we have been celebrating the character trait "empathy". Staff and students have been on the look out for "random acts" of "empathy" over the course of the month and have been filling out "Shout Out" forms and placing them in the "Shout Out" box in the office.

Our next "Celebrating Character" monthly assembly is this week on Friday, December 9th in the afternoon. We use these assemblies as an opportunity to come together as a school-wide community to share and showcase great things that our students are doing at the school, and to provide students with an introduction to the character trait for the month. December's character trait is "kindness and caring".

STUDENT INQUIRY COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Starting on November 21-25th and then this week December 5-9th, we have had the opportunity to host some UofT students who have been working with our Kindergarten classes on coding using our Dash robots.

We are very thankful for this partnership opportunity with this group of UofT students. They are also serving as role models to some of our Junior Students who have taken an interest to wanting to engage in a collaborative learning approach with the younger students. See pictures below.



News from the Art Room – Friends of Clinton-ARTsmart

For the past several weeks, Art Room coordinator Eduarda Sousa has been working with all of the primary classes (Grades K-3). They have participated in extension projects stemming from their experiences with the Indigenous Culture Project that took place in October. Students have been working with watercolour and pastels and have been studying line and form, and thinking about nature, and their gratitude for it. Each child in the primary classrooms has produced 3 pieces. As well, they have started doing charcoal drawing to explore form and light and shadow.

Last week the first set of juniors (Grades 4-6) started coming down to the Art Room to work with Eduarda. Students will be starting their practice with charcoal, exploring form and light and shadow, and will continue to move to other materials, such as acrylics, watercolours, and collage.

The wonderful thing about having an Art Room, and an art teacher, is that over time, children can develop techniques that evolve as they practice and develop. Eduarda has been hanging the kids' art in the display areas on the wall beside the Art Room entrance – stop by and take a look-see!