

FALL FAIR

This past Saturday, October 29th, our School Council hosted our Annual Fall Fair, and what a success it was. Not only was the weather great, so was the turnout. It was spectacular to see our community come out in full force to enjoy their Saturday with their school community. From Face Painting, Raffle Prizes, bouncy castles, PomPom making to our traditional “cake walk” activity, children and parents were involved in some fun-filled activity of their choosing. We even had a parent provide us with his DJ expertise which helped create an upbeat ambiance.

We are very thankful to our School Council for all of their hard work and to all parents and staff who came out to help support this wonderful fundraiser for the school. When all is said and done, this is all in the best interest of our All of our children. Thank you everyone for making this a true success.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

Today we had our Halloween Parade which started with all classes assembling in our schoolyard and walking around the track to parade for the parents who came onsite to see the children. We then proceeded down Manning, west on College St. and up Clinton St.. We are very thankful to our community partners as follows: to BMO for their Haunted House, to Riviera Bakery for baking cookies just for the children, and to Café Diplomatio for distributing treats. It was another year of fun and yet another opportunity to come together as a community to do something special.



YOUTH WELLNESS

Mental wellness is one of our school foci for this school year. One of the things that we are working on as a school is to work on student awareness of their well-being and on how to centre their energy on positive ways of dealing with day to day situations.

On October 5th, we had a presenter, Michael Eisen from Youth Wellness

Network, come in to do two presentations. One was geared toward our Grade 1-3 students



(How to be Your Own Friend), and the other was for our Grade 4-6 students (Power of Choice). The purpose of these presentations was to get our children thinking about these topics in age-appropriate ways.



As a follow-up, a group of over 20 grade 4-6 interested students will become a part of a student mentor group who will be trained through group sessions, on how to be positive student mentors during times such as recess times. Stay tuned for more information on how this initiative is progressing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pizza Lunch

(Nov. 1st)

Parent Session – (How to Help Kids Handle Stress)

(Nov. 1st 6:00-7:30 p.m./Nov. 8th 6:00-7:30 p.m.)

Celebrating Character Assembly

(Nov. 4th)

Photo Re-take/Sibling Photos

(Nov. 8th)

(inform school prior if you want retake and/or sibling photo)

Remembrance Day Assembly

(Nov. 11th)

Progress Reports Go Home (SK-Grade 6)

(Nov. 16th)

Parent/Teacher Interviews

(Nov. 17th/18th)

School Council Meeting

(Nov. 24th)

CLINTON NEWS

ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORT

It's that time of year when parents with children in grades SK-Grade 6 at Clinton, will be receiving their child's Progress Report. Students in JK will not be receiving a Progress Report. On Wednesday, November 16th, parents will receive their child's Progress Report and all parents with a child in Grades JK-Grade 6 will have an opportunity to meet with the homeroom teacher and/or subject teachers/

The purpose of this report is to provide you with an interim update on your child's progress thus far in two key areas: Learning Skills and academic subject specific areas. Unlike the first Report Card in February, where your child will receive a letter grade, this Progress Report will let you know whether your child is Progressing Very Well, Progressing Well, or Progressing with Difficulty in any given subject area. Your child's teacher will be able to consult with you further on your child's individual progress when you meet with them during your Parent/Teacher interview either the evening of November 17th or morning of November 18th. More information on how to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher to follow.

SPORTS UPDATE

Boy's Football The 24 boys on this year's Football Team played really well together! We were very competitive and finished in 3rd place. Great job boys! -Mr. K.



Girl's Football What a great day of football! The girls on the Football Team had a lot of fun playing through rain, mud and fog! We came together as a team and I'm very proud. -Mr. K.



CLINTON RUNNERS – A RUNNING CLUB

Mr. Ball is looking for **parent/guardian volunteers on Tuesdays and/or Fridays (8:00AM-8:40AM).**

- No running necessary: you may choose to run with along the club or situate yourself at a crosswalk to supervise runners as they come by.
- The club will run November, December, April, May, June.
- The club is for grades 1-6 (although grades 1&2 must be accompanied by a parent).

Sign up for one or two mornings a week to get this cool club up and "running".

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News from the Art Room – Friends of Clinton-ARTsmart

The Art Room is up and running and last week ARTsmart commenced with an indigenous art project called **Entsitewayen'tho (We Will Plant Again)** led by Mohawk artists Pauline Maracle and Jayson Martin.

Primary students (Kindergarten-Grade 3) learned about the traditional practice of giving thanks for all the bounty provided by Mother Nature. While they stitched together and beaded their medicine pouches, they learned about the medicines that are used by indigenous



peoples in Canada – the sage smudge to cleanse the body and the spirit, the burning of sweet grass to bring good thoughts and release dark ones, the offering of tobacco to give thanks. They created medicine pouches, rattles, and bone bead bracelets. Several students from grade 6 classrooms came down to the Art Room to assist their younger fellow students. On

Friday afternoon, students participated in a culminating celebration with traditional Mohawk song and dance.



Clinton was fortunate to have the opportunity to provide this program because of funding from: the Ontario Arts Council to support Aboriginal Artists in Schools (AAIS), Parent Council, the school budget, and ARTsmart.

We are very pleased to announce that Eduarda Sousa is our new Art Room Coordinator. While she is new this year, she is certainly not new to Clinton nor to the role of Coordinator. Eduarda's children attended Clinton several years ago at which time Eduarda took on the role of Coordinator. Being a local artist herself and with continued ties to Clinton, Eduarda volunteered to take on this role once again.

Next week, Eduarda will lead extension workshops to further develop the themes of last week's experiences. The second week of November, students from the junior division (Grades 4-6) will begin their journey in the Art Room, led by Eduarda.

We were very pleased with the turnout at our Pompom Booth at the Fall Fair this past weekend. Fabric artist and parent Kate Austin led the way with interested people making 2 pompoms, one to keep and one to hang from a tree outside of Clinton.