



HUMBERCREST PS

Family Communication

April 19, 2024



Dear Humbercrest Families,

We have many items in our Lost and Found. To help return lost items to your child, it is helpful if you put your child's name on their belongings. If you are missing any items, encourage your child to visit the Lost and Found. At the end of next week, all winter clothing in our Lost and Found will be collected and donated to a local agency.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

Electronics/Ear Buds/Speakers/Game Controllers/Smart Watches

Students are reminded that they should not be bringing speakers or game controllers to school. Ear buds similar to cell phones must be powered off and kept in a student's locker. We remind students that Smart Watches are to be on silent so they do not disrupt the learning environment. We kindly ask parents and guardians not to text or call their child during school hours. If you need to reach your child, please call the office at 416-394-2370 and we will be happy to connect you with your child.

Class Placements - 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR

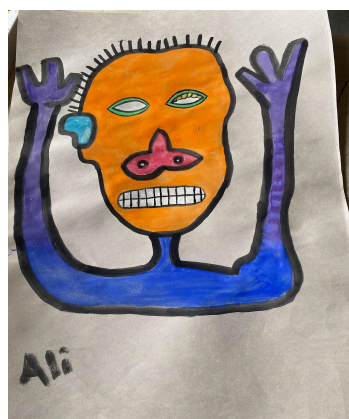
As we head into the final months of the 2024/2025 school year, the planning and organization process for next September is already underway. As with past practice, we want to reassure parents that the staff and administration put a great deal of time and thought into the organization of classroom groupings each year. Instructional needs and social/emotional needs are all carefully considered. Teachers meet with the school administration to discuss the needs of each student.

Due to the complex nature of this task, we are not able to entertain requests for specific teachers and/or friends. We must take into account The Ministry of Education's Primary Class Size which places a 'hard cap' of 20 students in Primary classes (Gr.1 – Gr. 3). We do our best to create an optimal learning environment for each student. If you have specific requests or considerations that you would like to bring forward, **based on your child's learning needs that the school may not be aware of**, please email me directly at marlene.calligan@tdsb.on.ca **no later than May 17.**

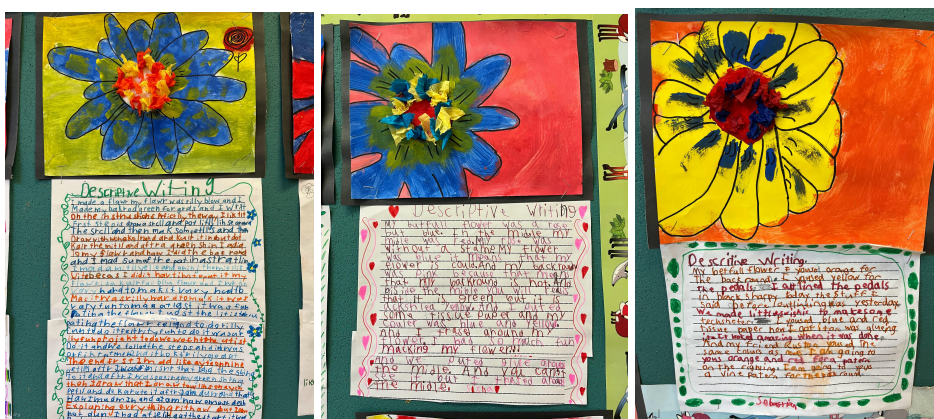
We appreciate your trust in our professional judgement in balancing the considerations mentioned above. **Once again, specific requests for teachers will not be considered.**

Not returning next school year?: If your child(ren) will not be attending Humbercrest next school year, please inform the main office. This will help in our planning for the 2024/2025 school year. Thank you to families who have informed us of any changes.

Humbercrest Highlights/Student Voice



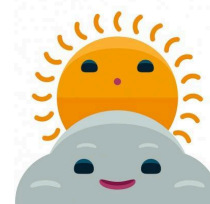
Artwork from our 7/8 FI class.



Spring Art with Descriptive Writing by Ms. Caudle's class

Rain or Shine Recess

Beginning May 1st, we will be having outdoor recesses Rain or Shine. We ask that our students come prepared with clothing appropriate for all weather conditions. We recommend bringing a change of clothes for students to keep in their classroom if needed. We believe the fresh air and benefits of being outdoors will be welcomed by all. If students are not dressed appropriately we are fortunate to have our large overhang that students can stay under.



Volunteers for Graduation

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Grade 8 graduation. Humbercrest has a long standing tradition of grade 7 parents 'paying it forward' and completing the set-up and decorations for our Graduation, but we welcome all volunteers. We need help in 2 locations to prepare for our Graduation. Some of the volunteer positions are:



- Gym Set-up at Humbercrest, the day before
- Set-up/Clean-up at Runnymede CI, the morning of and after the ceremony
- Organizing food for the Dance at Humbercrest

If you are interested in volunteering for Graduation, please email: debra.marshall-macleod@tdsb.on.ca

Spring Concerts



We are excited to announce two upcoming concerts. More details will follow closer to the date, however, please hold the dates for the following:

Wednesday, May 8th	Kindergarten Concert including Primary Choir	2:00 pm
Wednesday, May 22nd	Intermediate Concert including Junior Choir and Strings	Evening

JaysCare Start-up

This week, sign up started for our new Girls at Bat program. The program, which is generously supported by the Jays Care Foundation, aims to give girls in grades 5-8 a chance to build baseball skills and confidence. The non-competitive program also aims to foster community and participation in sport. Humbercrest was lucky to receive additional equipment as part of the program, including new mitts, bats, balls, and batting helmets. Practices will take place Wednesdays after school from 3:20 - 4:00. We are excited to see students engage with this new program. If you have any questions, please email Mme Rutledge at Anna.rutledge@tdsb.on.ca



Humbercrest Athletics Update



Coed volleyball grade 8 team, 2024

The Grade 8 Coed Volleyball team came in 2nd place in the Division 1 Pool D tournament and advanced to the quarter finals. The team this year qualified for the playoff tournament after winning 3 of 5 games for qualification. The thing we did well to get to that point was the control over the ball and the awareness we showed to get us in a position of winning. We would like to thank our community coach and parent volunteer Yvonne for all of her help!

We definitely had some struggles and a big part of why we lost in the quarter finals of the tournament was not being as vocal as we needed to, being more prepared and cooperative. The other thing that did not help us was that we were not moving enough so that we would be prepared to always hit the ball. We think that for the future it would help if we worked on cooperating and active listening.

Jacob Kayser, grade 8 FI

Ultimate Frisbee

Grade Four, Five, and Six Families,

Tryouts for the all gender ultimate frisbee team will be starting during the week of April 29th! If your child is interested in trying out, please login to [EMA](#). Select "Athletics" and then select "Grade 6 All-Gender Ultimate Frisbee team 1". From there you must complete the digital permission form. Instructions are attached to this email as well. If you have any difficulties with this, please have your child see Madame Chow or Ms. Brown for a hard copy form.

Tryouts and then subsequent practices will be after school from 3:30-4:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Due to high interest, the initial tryouts will be divided by gender. We are asking that girls and non-binary students come to the first tryout on Monday April 29th and boys and non-binary students come to the second tryout on Wednesday May 1st. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out,

Katherine Chow and Jessica Brown

The **Grade 7 Coed Volleyball** team played in the Conference Championship on April 18, 2024 at 9:00 am at Lakeshore Collegiate. They played well as a team and pushed their opponents to a third set overtime. Unfortunately, they will not be moving on.

Grade 7 & 8 Coed Football Schedule

- Tryouts the week of April 15-19th during gym
- Practices after school 3:30-4:30pm the week of April 22-26 (TBD)
- Western Tech Invitational tournament on Friday May 3, 2024

Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 Track & Field Schedule

The jumping pit has now been filled with fresh sand. It is not a sandbox. Please keep out unless using it for Track and Field practices.

- Tryouts the week of April 22-26th during gym classes with Ms. Drynan(Gr. 6-8) and Ms. Brown (Gr. 4-5)
- Practices - TBD
- Qualifier Meet: Friday, May 24, 2024
- West Final Meet: June 5, 2024
- City Final Meet: June 11, 2024

Grades 6, 7 & 8 Coed Ultimate

- Tryout during gym week of May 6-8
- Tournament schedule TBD

Grades 5 & 6 (Boys) - Slow Pitch

- Stay tuned for tryout information - Beginning of May

Grades 5 & 6 (Girls) - Slow Pitch

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Please direct any questions or if you would like to be a community coach and help with our athletics program, please contact humbercrestathletics@gmail.com

School Advisory Committee

PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND - SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Exciting news! Our annual Party in the Playground will be held on Thursday June 20th from 5 to 8 pm. This is a highly anticipated event at Humbercrest, bringing together students, parents, and the wider community for a fun-filled celebration.

We invite local businesses and organizations to join us as sponsors for this special event. By becoming a sponsor, you will not only contribute to the success of the Party but also make a positive impact on the education and development of our students.

If you know of a business looking to support our community, please have them see the sponsorship details [here](#) and complete this [Google Form](#).

Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a significant difference in ensuring the success of our Party in the Playground and the educational experiences of our students.

Questions? Please contact: [Elizabeth](#) or [Jillian](#)

Be sure to watch for more Party in the Playground announcements to follow!

To keep up to date with SAC events follow our Instagram account  @humbercrestparentcouncil

Get Real Workshops - Students

On Tuesday, April 30th, Get REAL will be here to do a workshop called Inclusivity. Get Real is a Canadian non-profit focused on combatting 2SLGBTQ+ discrimination, racism, and bullying in schools. Speakers will facilitate an interactive workshop that relies on the power of personal storytelling and anonymous student activities to build connection and increase empathy and acceptance. Students will deepen their understanding of 2SLGBTQ+ realities and gain practical allyship tools while also connecting with inspiring, relatable 2SLGBTQ+ speakers who have grown to find confidence in their identities and belonging in community.

Grounded in authentic and positive representation, this workshop encourages continued vulnerability, reflection and meaningful supportive action. Information will be shared with our community about this workshop.

For more information, visit: <https://www.thegetrealmovement.com/>

Human Development and Sexual Health (HDSH) Application



Information was sent home this week about exempting your child from this unit. The curriculum to be covered can be found here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/health-and-physical-education-grades-1-8/human-development-and-sexual-health-education-grade>

If you wish to exempt your child from this Health unit, please see the information below.

The Human Development and Sexual Health (HDSH) application is used by school staff (teachers and principals) to allow parents/guardians to be aware of when the Human Development and Sexual Health curriculum is being taught in the classroom. This application also allows parents/guardians to complete an online form to exempt their children/wards from classes that have Human Development and Sexual Health teaching. The HDSH application supports communication that meets the requirements of [PPM162 \(Exemption from Teaching of Human Development and Sexual Health\)](#).

The following URLs can be used to access the HDSH application:

Parent/Guardian : <https://parent.hdsh.tdsb.on.ca>

Upcoming Dates

Lunch Lady (every Tues & Thurs)	April 23 and 25
Shoestring Opera (K-8)	April 24
Dance-a-thon	April 26
Get Real Workshops (Grades 5-8)	April 30

Extra-Curricular

The Watermelons	Thursdays at Lunch
Eco Club	Day 3 - Lunch - Library
Minecraft Club	Thursday Lunch (room 22)
Pokemon Club (gr. 4-8) (paused)	2 Mondays per month - Lunch (library)
Mila's Book Club (Grade 5)	Last Wednesday of the month in the library at Lunch
Strings	Thursdays after school
BSA	Day 5 - Lunch
Student Council	Lunch
Coding Club	Wednesdays Lunch
Choir	Lunch
Rubix Cube Club	Wednesday Lunch



TDSB Parent/Caregiver/Family Opportunities

Community Parenting/Caregiver Connections

Parent/Caregivers are even more effective when they are able to be supported by a community that understands their parental needs and those of their child, youth or young adult with Special/Complex Needs. For this Virtual Community Fair, parents/caregivers will get the opportunity to build connections with community agencies that offer supportive programs such as parenting groups, family resource sharing groups, and also to discuss supports related to; Behaviour Support, ASD Supports, Life Skills Programs and Respite/Summer Programs.

Guests: Family Services Toronto, Extend-A-Family, Woodgreen Community Services, Holland Bloorview, Lumenus Community Services and Dream Serenade.

When: Monday, May 6th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on Monday, May 13th, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429

Passcode: 3BWFVF

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

For more information send email to virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca

Elementary Summer School 2024

The focus of the 2024 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through July. The local summer school principal develops programs focused on Literacy and Numeracy priorities and aligned with the school's specific focus

Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 2 to July 26, 2024. This year, one remote program will also be available for Grades 4 to 8.

- Program Dates - July 2 to July 26, 2024, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Registration is online. To fill out an application, please click on the registration form link for the school below.
- The remote (online) program is NOT associated with a particular school. Students who are registered will be grouped by grade and assigned an online teacher.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

Days of Significance

First Day of Ridván	April 21
Grounation Day	April 21
Hanuman Jayanti	April 23
Pesach - Passover	April 23 - 30
Theraváda New Year	April 24
Feast of St. Mark	April 25

Trustee Debbie King Newsletter

Visit Ms. King's website for news and updates.

<https://www.debbieking.ca/>

After Hours School Safety

If you see any suspicious activity or vandalism at the school after hours, but feel it is not a call to police, you can call **The 24-hour TDSB security number: 416-395-4620**

School Website

[Humbercrest Public School](#)

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