



# Humbercrest Happenings



Humbercrest

## From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents:

It's been a great year at Humbercrest! The end of the school year brings with it farewells as we say good-bye to our departing Gr. 8 students. This group of students provide the models and leadership for those in the younger grades. We thank this year's Grade 8's for taking on this role, and wish them all the best as they begin High School in September. We are also saying goodbye to our Vice Principal Carl Gambacort who has accepted another position closer to home as Vice Principal at Duke of Connaught P.S. Shauna Davidson will be joining us in September as our new Vice Principal.

The final report card will be sent home on Tuesday, June 28th.

Class placements will be sent out by email at the end of August. Please make sure we have your up to date email address.

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### Dates to Remember:

**June 28 Report Cards**

**June 29 Last Day of School**

**July 1 CANADA DAY**

**Aug 1 CIVIC HOLIDAY**

**September 5 LABOUR DAY**

**September 6 First day of school**



# Classroom News



Mme Bacalu's class is using the Poplet app in their Literacy program—integrating STEM into language!



More STEM in action: Testing the power of wind in Mr. Chiu's science class!



Ms., Forte's class (above) and Mme Hamara's class (below) exploring at Warren Park Outdoor Centre!



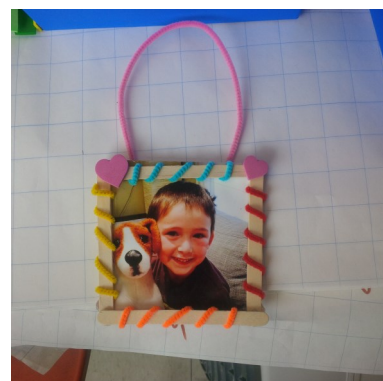
Some very thought-provoking dance in Mme Panucci's class dealing with subjects like bullying.



Ms. Robinson's Grade 8's spent the day learning about film at TIFF for their movie Trailer project!



Mme Wong's group had fun learning about parachutes!



Mme Le Bouedec and Mme McCowan created lovely Mother's Day Gifts!



## 4B Hits it Out of the Park!

On the heels of the now-infamous incident between the Blue jays Jose Bautista and Texas Rangers' Rowned Odor, Mme Stevens' class wrote to Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred to argue that the punishment handed out wasn't fair. They were excited when they got a personal response back. The story was featured on the CBC, as well as Sportsnet!



Humbercrest Public School  
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May 18, 2016

Dear Mr. Manfred,

This is Mme Stevens' class from Humbercrest Public School in Toronto, Ontario. We are in grade four, so we are 9 or 10 years old. We are writing to give our opinions about the incident on Sunday at the Jays-Rangers game.

We think what happened on Sunday was wrong. We feel the players' behaviour was irresponsible, disrespectful and immature. A lot of people are talking about the reasons for the fight, we don't think the reasons matter. We know that when you are mad you should use your words and not your fists unless fighting is the only way to protect yourself or someone else. No one was being protected in this case. Because a lot of young people look up to pro athletes, they could think this is okay and copy it. Also, parents might worry that a baseball game is not a good environment to bring children to, so the MLB could sell fewer tickets if that happens. Also, we feel that someone could have been injured, or might be injured if something similar happens on another occasion.

We think that the consequences given for this incident aren't acceptable. Major athletes were acting like children, even though they should know better. In elementary school in Toronto, students who fight or assault someone can be suspended for up to 19 days. Odor only received an 8-game suspension and that's not right. He's an adult, and playing baseball is his job, so he should have greater self-discipline at work. Because he didn't show restraint, he should receive greater consequences.

We have learned that even MLB players and coaches can make mistakes. They should treat others the way they want to be treated. We feel the teams should have controlled their players better and hope they will next time. In the meantime, we'd like to see a longer suspension for Odor.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Willem Sophia Patrick Robley Emily Mary Abbey SHAN  
Georgios Victoria Aldwyn Hannah Taylor Hani Wilson  
Rachel Jackson Shanon Noah  
Cobe Julian e Kosi Jack

Office of the Commissioner  
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



ROBERT D. MANFRED, JR.  
Commissioner of Baseball

May 26, 2016

Humbercrest Public School  
Mme Stevens' Class  
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Dear Students:

I received your thoughtful letter dated May 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the unfortunate incidents in the Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Blue Jays-Rangers game and wanted to ensure that you received a response.

I appreciate your view of this issue, and I echo your premise that some of the behavior demonstrated in the game was wrong and deserving of serious consequences. Mr. Odor's seven-game suspension, following his appeal, was the longest that a position player has received for an on-field altercation in more than three years. In that context, I believe that our office acted appropriately. It is our firm expectation that we will not see a repeat of such unacceptable actions again. While competition sometimes spurs challenging emotions and heated situations, it is a responsibility of our players and on-field personnel to rise above such circumstances and carry themselves with dignity and professionalism. When they fall short of that standard – which was certainly the case in the situation that prompted your letter – we hold them accountable.

We are fortunate to have a great game, with countless players who set strong examples for young fans like you. At its very best, baseball imparts important values like sportsmanship, teamwork and determination, all of which have meaningful applications beyond the diamond. I truly believe that our sport stands for those qualities in the vast majority of its 2,430 games each regular season.

On behalf of Major League Baseball, I thank you for taking the time to write to me and wish all of you the very best in school and in your future endeavors. I hope that you will be great fans of our sport throughout your life.

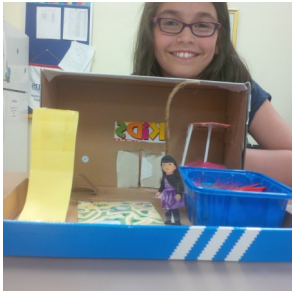
Sincerely,

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# Around the School...



Art in a box from Mrs. Wasley's Art classes!



Mme Caine and several of our students participated in a Mind and spirit mindfulness workshop sponsored by the Board



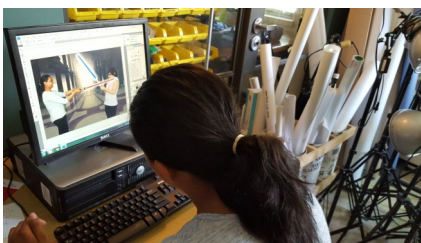
The kids in Mad Science launching a rocket!



When the call goes out, you can count on the community at Humbercrest to respond. We raised several hundred dollars in a one day bake sale to help the people of Fort McMurray, Alberta recover from that devastating wildfire that scorched the city.



Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 had a blast at the Groove Dance workshop!



Grade 7's got a glimpse of their future on a visit to Western Tech!



It was 'panda-monium at the Zoo!



# Sports



Humbercrest hit the podium in Track and Field!



We also excelled on the pitch: Our Junior Boys Soccer team were Western Conference winners, while our Junior Girls Soccer Team reached the Division 2 finals, losing in a shootout! Well done!



Taking a break from training for the Family 5K Run this month



# Parent Council

## Home Alone: Part 2

Wendy Negrazis, our Public Health Nurse, delivered the second of two important workshops for parents and children on the issues surrounding being home alone.. The workshops were facilitated by our Parent Council and is part of the Council's mandate of community engagement.



## Grandparents Day



... Over 250 Humbercrest Grandparents were celebrated on Friday, May 27. Thank you Student Ambassadors and to our Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers for helping to make their experience special!

# SoFUN

## Humbercrest Party in the Playground



Once again, our community came out in droves to soak up the sunshine, mix and mingle and have a good time! Many thanks to the army of volunteers who made it such a special evening and to the talented bakers who contributed to the Cake Walk. Also thanks to those who created so many wonderful jars of goodies for the Jar Walk!



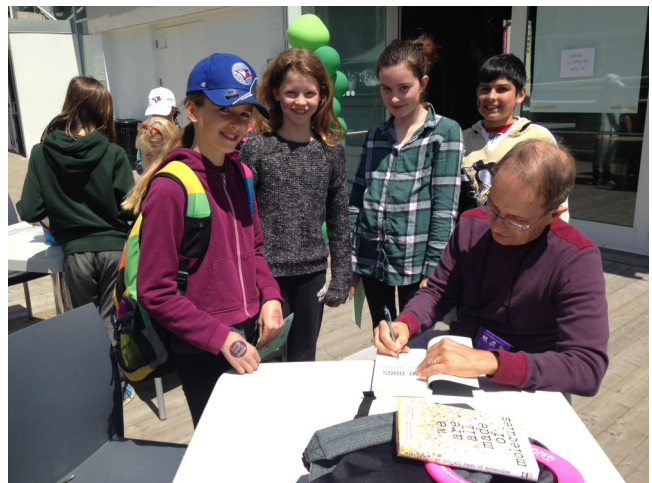
Family Movie Night did boffo box office!



## Library News

### Festival of Trees

We know Humbercrest students love to read and that was clearly evident again this year during the Forest of Reading Campaign. The event culminated in a major celebration at Harbourfront and we of course, were there!



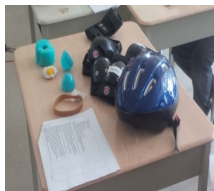




## Green Team News



Once again, Humbercrest achieved Gold Eco School status! Many thanks to our Student eco team (pictured below), and to our fabulous parent volunteers: Georgina Bruinsma-Cajic, Avabel Zbogor and Natasa Zupanic



Our students from Grades 1-5 participated in our annual Bike Rodeo. Thanks to Officer Eric and our student volunteers, for organizing the rally, as to Julie Brandsma, our Public Health nurse, and Eco Schools for organizing workshops on bike safety and maintenance!



Outdoor Ed with the Grade 6's at Sheldon!



## Wahanowin—An Experience to Remember!

Our Grade 8's spent 4 sun-drenched days engaged in a plethora of outdoor activities: canoeing, mountain biking, rock climbing, outdoor cooking, tennis, swimming—all supervised by Wohanawin's excellent staff. The kids really had a great time and a special thank-you goes out to Mme Scott-Houchen, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Drynan, Mr. Dymond and Mr. Gamba-cort for accompanying the students on their adventure!





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## Humbercrest Public School

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Ann Perez, Principal/Directrice

Carl Gambacort, Vice Principal

June 24, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you can imagine, our students are very excited about the long-anticipated summer break that is now just around the corner. One of the best parts about living in our community is the variety of activities that we can enjoy in our parks and public spaces all year round. With these activities, and with warmer weather and longer daylight hours upon us, students may be spending more time outside. This presents a good opportunity to remind everyone to take extra care in enjoying all the outdoors can offer.

We are fortunate to have a number of initiatives, programs, and policies that contribute to a caring and safe school. Staff periodically speak to students about how to stay safe. I know that you too will want to help ensure children are safe. Here are some tips that you may find helpful when discussing safety with your child:

- always walk with a buddy to and from school
- always tell your parents where you are
- never accept gifts from strangers and never approach or enter a stranger's car
- if a car is following you, change directions and run
- when help is needed, go to the nearest store or school, the home of a friend or run towards a group of people or a parent with children
- know your name, address and phone number
- know that police officers are friends and can help you
- tell your parents or teacher whenever someone treats you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe; trust your instincts.

Our staff also review traffic safety with students. Please reinforce these messages with your child. Below is a list of tips that might be helpful to review:

- stop, look, and listen for traffic
- only cross at corners and crosswalks and only if clear
- obey crossing signals
- make eye contact with drivers when crossing
- walk on sidewalks; where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible facing traffic.

For those who drive, please take extra care on the roads, especially in areas where children might be present.

It's been a good year and we want to ensure that the summer is equally enjoyable. Let's continue to work together to make our communities as safe as possible for everyone.

Sincerely,

Ann Perez  
Principal, Directrice

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