



HUMBERCREST PS

Family Communication



September 29, 2023

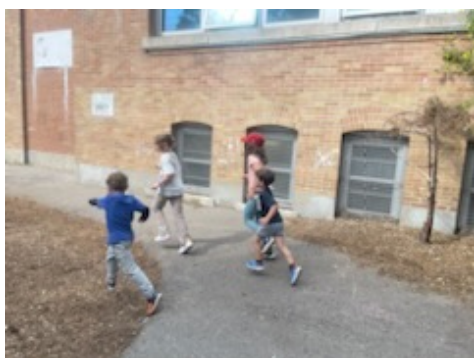
Dear Humbercrest Families,

The month of September has quickly come to an end. It has been a month full of new learning opportunities and a return to school routines. With the changes in weather at this time of year, students are reminded to dress in layers in order to be prepared for any weather. Fall can bring bright sunshine but also cool, crisp days, so please make sure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather each day.

As we enter the month of October, we are looking forward to building stronger relationships with our Humbercrest families.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

Humbercrest Highlights



Carrying on an important tradition of walking or running for Terry Fox.

Terry Fox Update

It was perfect weather for our students and staff to walk and run in memory of Terry Fox. Thank you to our Humbercrest Families for your donations. We have surpassed our \$2000 goal. Humbercrest families have currently donated over \$2600!! If you still wish to support the Terry Fox Foundation, please use the link below.

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/HumbercrestPSToronto>



Photo Day



SMILE! Our School Photo Day is on October 2, 2023. Please be sure to send your child to school wearing the outfit they will be photographed in, as there will not be time for them to change.



Grade 5 & 6 Soccer

The grade 5/6 boys soccer team tryouts were well attended and we are looking forward to a great season! Students who made the team should have received an email with tournament and practice information. The girls grade 5/6 soccer tryouts will be this week on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8 am.

Choir

The Primary and Junior choirs had a great first week of practice with Ms. Warson and Mme. Rutledge! New members are still welcome to join.



Due to a schedule conflict with Arts in Action, **we have decided to move the Primary Choir practices to Thursdays at lunch instead of Tuesdays.**

The schedule is as follows:

Junior Choir (Grades 4-6)- Wednesdays at lunch (students eat lunch in the lunchroom, then come to the music room at 12:00)

Primary Choir (Grades 1-3)- Thursdays at lunch. (students come to the music room at 11:40 and eat lunch in the music room)

Thank you,
Ms. Warson and Mme. Rutledge

Curriculum Night

We are really excited to be welcoming families back in the school for an in-person Curriculum Night on Wednesday, October 4th. The purpose of this evening is to learn more about the curriculum that will be covered, how students will be assessed, classroom routines, communication between home and school and much more. If you have any specific things you would like to discuss about your child, the teacher would be happy to arrange another time to connect with you. Here is the schedule for the evening to maximize the number of teachers you can visit:

6:00 - 6:10 pm Families arrive and make their way to Class Visit #1

6:10 - 6:30 pm Class visit #1

6:30 - 6:40 pm Transition to next visit

6:40 - 7:00 pm Class visit #2/Opportunity to visit prep teachers

7:00 - 7:15 pm Opportunity to visit prep teachers

We have set-up a bulletin board outside the office because we want to hear from our parents/guardians. We will have stickies available for you to write your comments under one of three columns: What should we start at Humbercrest? What should we continue at Humbercrest? What should we stop at Humbercrest? Your voice matters so please stop by to contribute your ideas!

After School Supervision

Staff are on duty after school everyday only for a limited time. During that time, staff have noticed students making unsafe decisions such as climbing fences, throwing salt at each other from the containers, riding scooters, skateboards and playing roughly. We want students to use this space, however, if they are not able to manage their behaviours without parent supervision, they may be asked to leave.

Parents & Caregivers as Partners Conference

Join the annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference, *Joy in the Journey of Learning*, on October 21 and 22, 2023. Parents, guardians and caregivers are invited to participate in a weekend of learning, connection and engagement and learn strategies to support your child throughout the year. This year, attendees can participate in the conference virtually and also join in-person presentations. Visit www.parentsaspartners.ca for more information

Digital Media Literacy Workshop Opportunity

Parents/Caregivers are invited to a free online session to learn about **digital media literacy skills** so you can understand and better support your child to use technology for learning, identify misinformation and help stop the spread of online hate.

The TDSB is partnering with Civix to offer this valuable learning opportunity to TDSB families via Zoom.

Thursday, October 12th from 6:30 - 7:30PM

or

Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 - 7:30PM

Registration is required at: <https://CTRL-F-TDSB.eventbrite.ca>

Please note that registration is free and will be limited to 300 participants on a first come, first served basis, so please register early.

This virtual workshop is designed to help parents/caregivers learn simple skills for verifying online information, in this era of social media and artificial intelligence such as ChatGPT.

Raising a Reader Parent/Caregiver Workshop Opportunity

To help engage parents and caregivers in their child's reading journey and to create a supportive reading environment at home, the TDSB has organized this initiative. It is aimed at nurturing a love for reading and strategies to make reading fun while building fluency, confidence and joy as a reader.

This initiative is a 3 part series, with the other dates:

Raise A Reader Part 2 - Wednesday November 8th, 2023

Raise A Reader Part 3 - Wednesday December 6th 2023

School Advisory Committee

The first meeting will be October 11 in the Library at Humbercrest PS. Please feel free to email us if you have any questions or concerns. You can also visit our website at www.humbercrestcouncil.ca to get information on past meetings, budgets, events and the subcommittees we have that work within our council.

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Volunteering at Humbercrest

Many parents have enquired about volunteer opportunities at Humbercrest. It is important to have a completed Police Reference Check prior to any volunteering within our school or on field trips. Effective 05 September, 2023, Toronto Police Service has moved online for Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC). [Instructions for this volunteer process.](#)

The new weblink for online application is <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>

October Heritage Month

Somali - Educate. Elevate. Excel.

Islamic - *Salaam: Joy, Excellence, Belonging.*

Upcoming Dates

Photo Day	October 2
Curriculum Night	October 4
PA Day	October 6
Shemini Atzeret	October 7
Simchat Torah	October 8
Thanksgiving	October 9
School Advisory Council	October 11

School Website

[Humbercrest Public School](#)

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