



# Halbert News Online # 13

November 25, 2019

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# HA Halbert is a Nut - Aware / Allergy Aware School



Please **do not** send **peanuts** or **tree nuts** (e.g., almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, etc.) shellfish or any products **made with** or **made of** sesame, peanuts or tree nuts (e.g., chocolate almonds, chocolate bars with nuts, nutella, etc.) or shellfish for lunch or as a snack.

# Appreciation

A big thank you to the families who have signed up for School Cash Online! It is an online way to submit payment for school trips, events and activities (e.g., Pizza Days, Halbert SWAG, etc.).

A big thank you to our SAC and our Pizza Leaders, Ms. Guerrero and Ms. Tunney for, once again, spearheading this month's Pizza Day fundraising!

A big thank you to Coach Prince who was our coach and cheerleader as our Lady Hawks went 3 and 0 at last week's Basketball Tournament! Well done Lady Hawks and Coach Prince!

# Upcoming Dates

**Nov 25** - School-wide Pediculosis Check

**Nov 27** - Halbert Earth Hour

**Nov 27** - Student of the Month Assembly & Spirit Day -- Backwards Day!

**Nov 28** - Pizza Day

**Nov 28** - Snuggle Up and Read Afternoon: Workshop for Parent(s) , Guardian(s) and Families

**Nov 29** - Last Day for Early French Immersion

**Dec 2 - 5** - Grade 6s at Scarborough Outdoor Education School (Kearney)

**Dec 6** - PA Day

**Dec 11** - Winter Holiday Concert - Grades 4/5 - 6

**Dec 12** - Winter Holiday Concert - Kindergartens to Grades 3 / 4

**Dec 18** - Halbert Earth Hour

**Dec 20** - Sing-A-Long and Pie in Mr. Cabrera's Face Celebration

**Wednesday, November 27 -- Spirit Day**





# HA Halbert Jr PS invites you to ...

## snuggle up & READ

Thursday, November 28, 2019

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

An afternoon workshop for families.

Child minding available.

This **afternoon** session will focus on the importance of **Sight Words**.

Families will engage in thinking about:

*What are sight words?*

*Why are they useful?*

*How I can support my child's development of sight words?*

*How can sight words help my child in reading continuously?*



# Halbert Gear

**Wednesday, November 27, 2019** is the last day to order Halbert Swag!

Forms are available in the Main Office!

Next order time frame will be April 2020!







# French Programs in the TDSB

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, we offer an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten;
- Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4

At this time, we guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2020 are:

- Applications for **Early French Immersion** (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between **November 4, 2019 and November 29, 2019**.

**[APPLY FOR SK FRENCH BY CLICKING HERE](#)**



# Revealing the Playscape

Over the last two weeks students, families and staff have taken to the online world to vote on playscape design!

A big thank you to the families who sent us your thoughts!

The Big Reveal will take place on Wednesday during our school's assembly!

The selected design will be posted on Twitter and through School Messenger shortly after the assembly!



# Save the Date - Yet to be named Holiday Concert!

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019**

6:00 PM

Grades 4/5, 5/6, and 6

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

5:15 PM

Kindergarten

6:15 PM

Grades 1 / 2, 2 / 3 and 3 / 4

# Events Schedule at a Glance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b>	Breakfast Club 8:30 AM	Breakfast Club 8:30 AM	Breakfast Club 8:30 AM	Breakfast Club 8:30 AM	Breakfast Club 8:30 AM
<b>First Recess</b>					
<b>Lunch Period</b>	Boys Volleyball		Robotics	Boys Volleyball	
<b>After School</b>					

For more information, please connect with our

**Boys Volleyball** - Coach McMichael

**Robotics** - Lead Teachers Azza and Zubair

Heads Up:

## **Office Hours**

**November 18, 2019 - December 20, 2019**

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020**

CLOSED

**January 6, 2020 onwards**

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



## **School Improvement Planning @ Halbert**

# Literacy @ Halbert



This year our school will focus on small group instruction, specifically in Literacy. You will continue to hear phrases like “shared reading,” “modelled reading,” “guided reading” or “independent reading” from your children and teachers.

In our Early Years (K - 2) we are focussing on helping our students learn letter sounds and how these sounds form words when we string them together. By knowing sounds children will be better able to decode unfamiliar words during any of the different reading lesson throughout the day.

# Literacy @ Halbert



In our Primary and Junior divisions our teachers focus on making deep connections with the texts they are reading. Students are expected to make links to other texts they have read or to real life situations.

Students, in the Junior division, are asked to think more critically about what they read and express their opinions on the issues presented by the text.



# Levelled Text - What are they?



As students become proficient readers their ability to decode words and reading stamina increases. Teachers use levelled texts as a way to gradually build independence.

Texts are levelled or grouped according to difficulty. The level of difficulty could be based on words with larger numbers of syllables, content of the text or complexity of vocabulary and sentence structure.

# Why use levelled texts?



A Russian psychologist named Lev Vygotsky taught educators that if you want your students to advance, you must provide instruction slightly above their current skill level. He referred to this as **The Zone of Proximal Development**. By providing instruction that is slightly challenging, students can learn new skills and apply them to different situations.

By using levelled texts, teachers can meet the students at their current reading level and provide instruction to scaffold their learning to develop their stamina, fluency and comprehension.



**At Halbert this past week ...**

Students in Room 10 sit down to a family-style snack table! We sit. We chat. We listen to each other. We laugh. We eat!



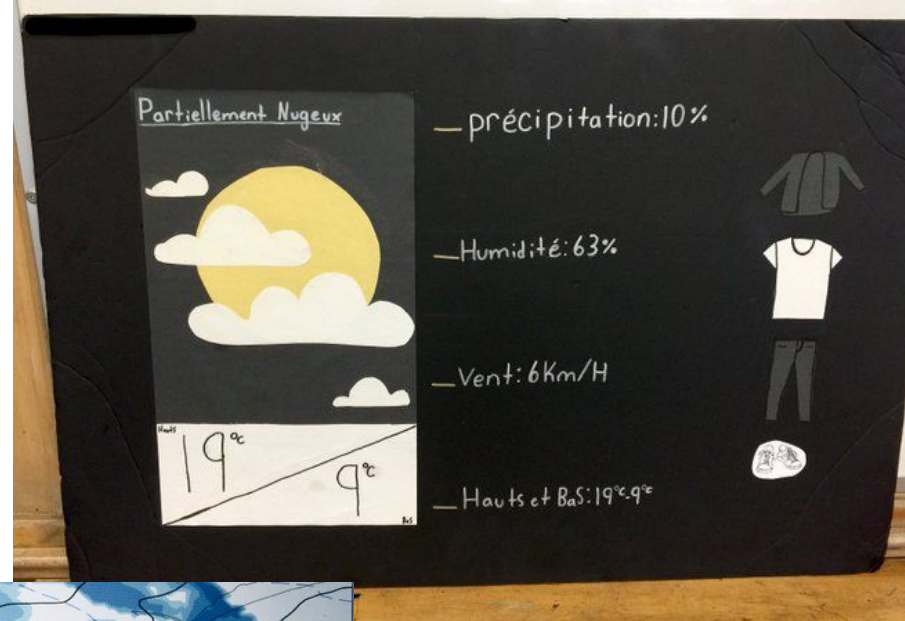
We use split pea in our sensory bin!

Can you pick up the peas?

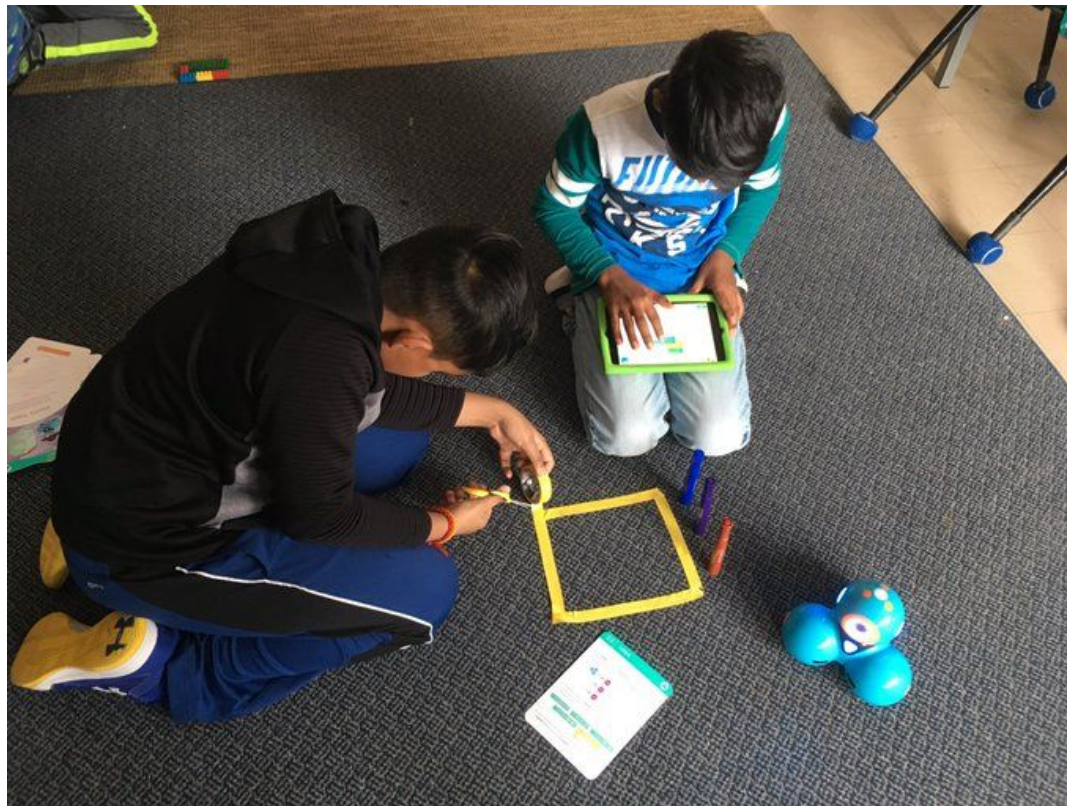




Learning to report the weather en français.



Hard at work in the  
Robotics Club!





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# 19/20 Halbert School Advisory (Parent) Council

Ms. J. Bergeron, Ms. L. Chung (**Chairperson**),  
Ms. C. Guerrero (**Vice-Chairperson**), Ms. N. Ibrahim,  
Ms. S. Mitchell, Mr. N. Singh (**Secretary**), Ms. J. Smith,  
Ms. M. Tassie (**Treasurer**), Ms. E. Tunney (**Community Outreach**), Ms. H. Tunney



# School Advisory (Parent) Council Meeting

**Monday, January 13, 2020**

**5:30 PM**

Library

Focus: Mathematics



# Heart Beatz Childcare

Heart Beatz Childcare.

Spaces Available for students ages 3.8 to 12 yrs.

Please contact Shiromie at 647-808-1439 for more Information.

Heart Beatz Child Care will be operating during the Holiday Winter Break on the following dates:

**December 23, 24, 27, 30, 31, 2019**

**January 2, 3, 2020**



# Safe Arrival Routines

A reminder to call school if your child will be late or absent.

One measure of keeping our students safe is to ensure we can account for any absences or reasons for being late to school. If your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, we ask that you contact the school immediately and report the reason for the absence.

**416-396-3298**

**Safe Arrival Phone Number**

# HA Halbert earlyON

The EarlyON Child and Family Centre is a program for parents and caregivers with children from infants to 6 years of age. This FREE program is located in Room # 9.

Daily activities include family story and music time, art, sand and water play, gym time and a nutritious snack.

Please visit the centre whenever you can and participate in an enjoyable play based program.

**Mondays – Thursdays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

