



Halbert News Online # 14

December 2, 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 volunteers who helped run our November Pizza Day! Once again, it ran smoothly thanks to the parents and grandparents who helped our students! We appreciate your assistance greatly! Thank you Ms. Guerrero and Ms. Tunney!

A big thank you to the families who supported our Pizza Day Fundraising efforts! With your support, we raised over \$300 for the school!

Upcoming Dates

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

Dec 4 - Room 1 to Toronto Urban Studies Centre (TUSC)

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 Ms. McMichael, Ms. Prince and Mr. Cabrera's Faces

Dec 20 - Last Day of School

Jan 6 - First Day Back for 2020

Jan 13 - SAC Meeting (5:30 PM in the Library)

Jan 17 - PA Day

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 Friday, December 20 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 / 5:30 PM

Kindergarten

6:15 PM

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

Events Schedule at a Glance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	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
First Recess					
Lunch Period	Boys Volleyball		Robotics	Boys Volleyball	
After School					

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

Stay Healthy During Flu Season

Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

Stay Healthy During Flu Season

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- Reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- Reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- Watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- Informing the school if your child is ill;
- Keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.

Congratulations to Ms. Tasker

Last Thursday, parents in the earlyON Child and Family Centre bid farewell to our Parent Worker, Ms. Tasker, who has been hired as a permanent Parent Worker at Secord ES.

Halbert is sad to see Ms. Tasker go as she was, for many of our students, their Early Childhood Educator and Lunchroom Supervisor!

We wish Ms. Tasker all the best as she begins a new journey.



School Improvement Planning @ Halbert

Reading at outside of school



There are numerous ways through which families can support continuous reading at home.

Environmental Print: Families can point out different prints / texts around the community (e.g., bulletin board, signs, etc.) these become great opportunities to understand that text has a purpose.

With my younger nieces and nephews, while waiting for food, waiting for the train or walking by a billboard, we would discuss the poster, the use of text, of image, of font size, of appeal, etc. These become teachable moments around media and text.

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Purposeful Reading: Families can read food labels, instructions to games, new machines, ingredients in food products, magazines, newspapers, recipes, etc. Reading has a purpose and we read throughout the day.

Printed Text: The Cliffcrest Toronto Public Library (TPL) offers many programs after school or the weekends that support continuous reading. The TPL offers children a myriad of texts (e.g., picture books, novels, graphic novels, etc.) that caters to interest and ability.

Toronto Public Library: <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/>

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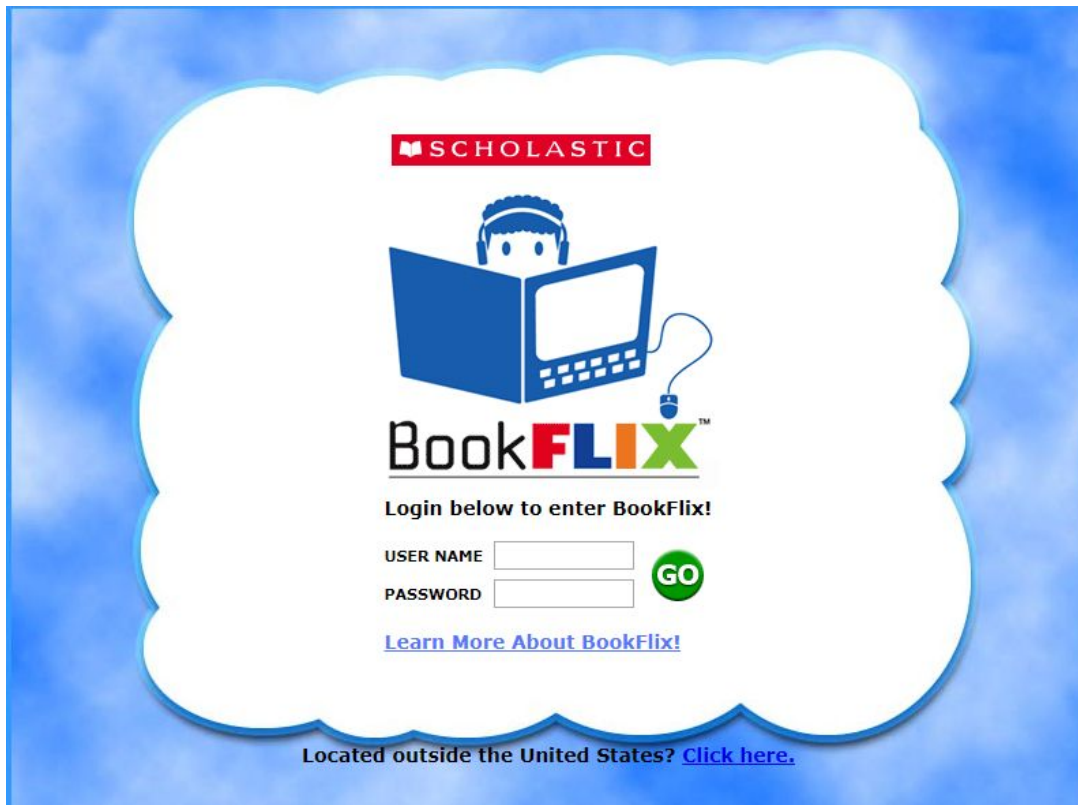


Online books: TDSB has purchased licenses for all of its students to be able to access different online resources. For the next couple of weeks I will outline different online resources that support reading.

You and your child can listen to the stories, read along or have your child read the story themselves.


The first one I would like to share with you is BookFlix through Scholastics Canada. The website address, login and password is on the next page.

School Improvement Plan



The image shows the Scholastic BookFlix login page. It features a blue background with a white cloud-like shape in the center. Inside the cloud, there is a red Scholastic logo at the top. Below it is a blue icon of a person wearing headphones reading a book that is shaped like a computer monitor, with a mouse connected to it. The text "BookFLIX" is displayed in a large, colorful font. Below this, it says "Login below to enter BookFlix!". There are two input fields for "USER NAME" and "PASSWORD", followed by a green "GO" button. A link "Learn More About BookFlix!" is provided below the login fields. At the bottom of the cloud, it says "Located outside the United States? [Click here.](#)".

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BookFLIX™

Login below to enter BookFlix!

USER NAME

PASSWORD

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Website:

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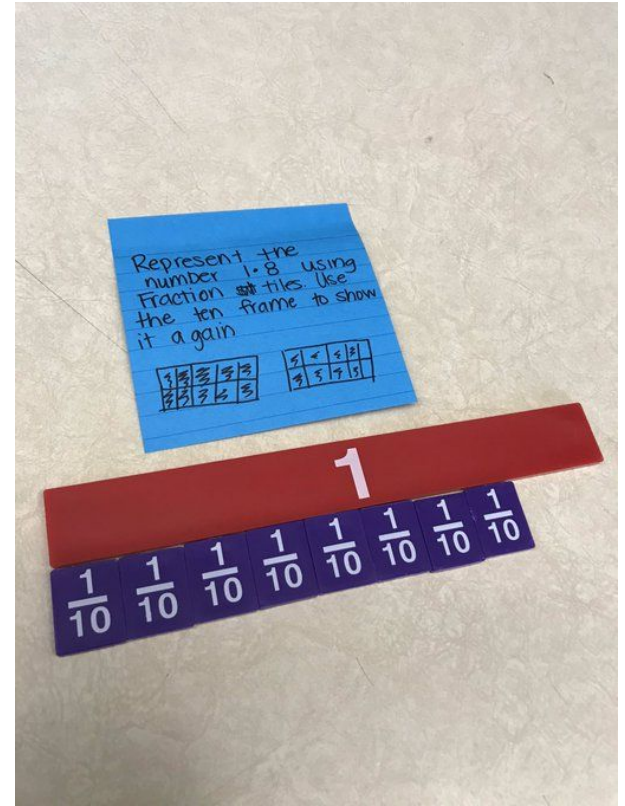
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At Halbert this past week ...

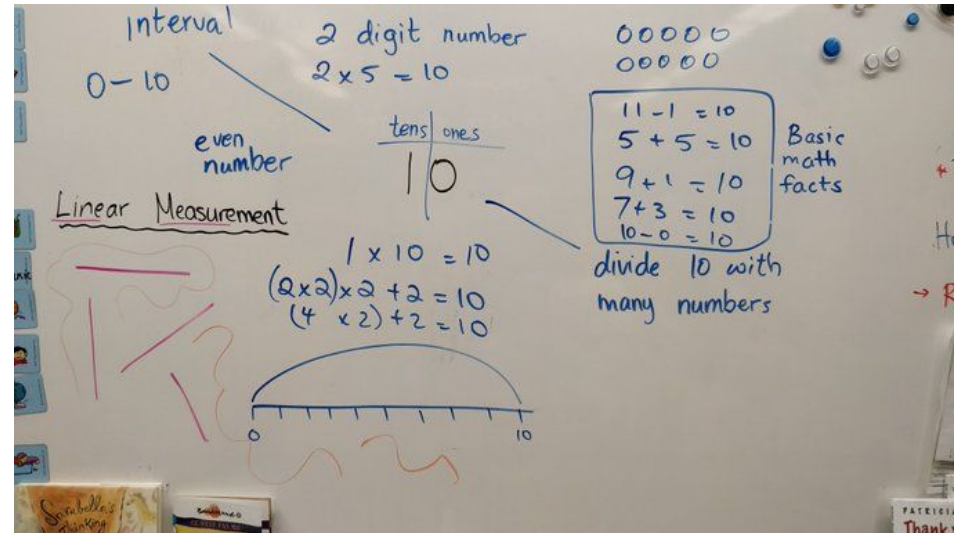
Fractions are a tricky and abstract construct unless we literally make it.

Here, Ms. Karacorovksi's students are trying to understand how many tenths fill / complete / make a whole.



It is all about understanding numbers and not just memorizing numbers. When we understand numbers and their corresponding value, we are better able to deconstruct problems to better understand the issues presented.

10 is a friendly number - easy to add to, multiply with or divide by.



We are thankful to the leadership of the Halbert ECO Team! With their help and leadership Halbert was able to receive a Platinum designation for the 19/20 school year.

Did you know that students come to classrooms bi-weekly to conduct audits of our waste bins and electricity use?



When you make you use parts of your brain that problem solves. You think about design, stability, aesthetics and purpose. You imagine, you compare, you try, make and error and repeat.

This is the world of the Kindergarten program.



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

