



Halbert News Online # 17

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Wishing you and your
families a prosperous,
healthy and successful
2020!



Appreciation

A big thank you to the TDSB Facility Department and to Mr. Porter for preparing our school for students' return. Our gym has been immaculately varnished for our students! Thank you Mr. Porter!.

Upcoming Dates

Jan 6 - First Day Back for 2020

Jan 7 - Welcome Back Assembly

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

Jan 13 - Kindergarten Registration Package Available in the Office

Jan 15 - Be Bully BRAVE Presentation

Jan 17 - PA Day

Jan 21 - Star Lab visits for the Grade 6s

Jan 27 - Grandparents' Day (Afternoon Coffee and Tea)

Jan 27 - Family Literacy Day

Jan 28 - Halbert Earth Hour

Jan 31 - Student of the Month Assembly

Grade 4 Extended French

Extended French programs are designed for students who do not speak French at home. The Junior Extended French program begins at the grade 4 level. Students in this program spend 50% of their day in French instruction from grade 4-8 at the Extended French school. The subjects taught in French are French Language Arts, Social Studies and The Arts. English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science are taught in English. Designated school pathways exist to ensure that students have a continuation of program from the grade 4 entry to the end of grade 12.

The application process for admission to Junior Extended French begins in January. It is an online application process. It is not a first-come, first-served process. Learn more about the [application process and deadlines](#). All late applicants will be placed on a wait list.

Kindergarten Registration

Students born in 2016 are eligible to register for JK with the first day of school being September 4, 2020!

If you have a child, grandchild or neighbour born in 2016, please let them know that **Kindergarten Registration packages will be available at HA Halbert by Monday, January 13, 2020!**

Kindergarten Registration will take place at school between February 18 - 21, 2020!



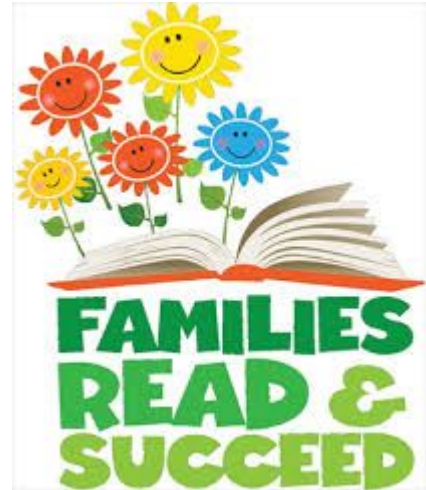
Family Literacy Day (actually it's everyday!)

Though January 27 is marked as Family Literacy Day we believe that it actually is celebrated daily!

That being said, to bring heightened awareness to the importance of developing positive literacy behaviours, Halbert will be sponsoring different activities throughout January!

What is your child's favourite book?

Email us at HAHalbert@tdsb.on.ca and we will feature your child and their favourite book in our rolling TV screen outside the main office.



Monday, January 20, 2020 - Halbert at the ROM

Please mark your calendars - we have spaces for 46 family members to join us as TD Bank hosts 3rd Monday at the ROM!

A school bus will pick up families from Halbert after school for an afternoon and evening of exploration at the ROM. The bus returns to school at 8:30 PM.

All children attending **must** be accompanied by an adult!

If you are free that afternoon/evening, consider joining us. Forms to register will be available soon!



Interested in volunteering?

During the Not So Silent Night Holiday concert, one of our Parent Council members invited families to volunteer at HA Halbert. If you are interested, please connect with Mrs. Khan or Mr. Cabrera to pick up a Vulnerable Sector Screening form. We are in need of:

- family members to listen to children read (mornings);
- family members to help in the Library (afternoons); and,
- family members to help the Snack program.



Preparing for Winter

Fresh air and exercise are important for children. It keeps them physically fit, and helps them stay alert all through the school day. Parents can help by making sure their children come to school prepared to spend time outdoors. Hats, mitts, boots and a warm jacket are important to keep students comfortable during lunch and recess.

But extreme cold can be dangerous, and parents want to know that their children will be safe. When the temperature is predicted to drop below -15C, the City of Toronto may declare a cold weather alert. Schools are very sensitive to the needs of our students and pay close attention to the weather, especially when the windchill is below -20 C.

The TDSB Severe Weather Protocol is flexible, so that every principal can make a decision that meets the needs of his or her school. It sets guidelines for when to allow students outside for recess, when to make outdoor breaks shorter, and when to keep students inside altogether.

Canadian winters can be wonderful but when the weather is cold, school staff keep one eye on the thermometer and the other on the needs of our students - a perfect balance of fun and safety.



Last week at Halbert

A big thank you to TDSB's Design and Construction and the Painting Team for refreshing our entire school! We have been waiting for this for the last two years!

As we noted before, think meadow and blue skies! Then you will see our vision!

We now move the artistic vision to our students' capable hands ... we will transform our hallways to a larger canvas where our students, your children will be the painters.

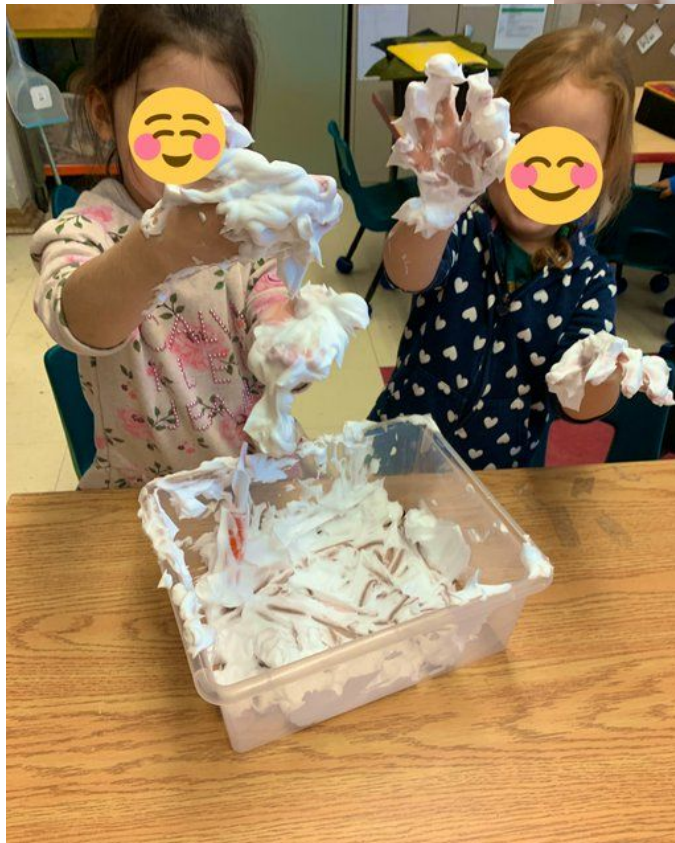


A big thank you the Muslim Welfare Centre who gave HA Halbert Jr PS a cheque for \$2, 728 to support our school's Breakfast and Snack program!

Over the last 5 years, the Muslim Welfare Centre has donated over \$10,000 to support our school's nutrition program.



Amazing fun with a winter and snow sensory bin!



Creating a gingerbread train or house takes cooperation, teamwork and communication. Ms. Kidane worked with our Grade 5 and 6s in creating different gingerbread structures leading up to the holiday break.



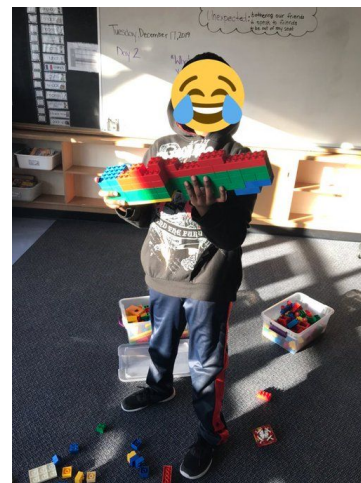
Our amazing Ms. Van Evera has created another beautiful wall mural and display. Our theme is “Celebrating The Past and the Future.”

It is an interactive display that will invite students to write, record thoughts about the past ten years and thinking about the next!





Students in Room 5 had to solve a problem before they left for the break. Santa's sleigh had broken down and they needed to build a new sled.





Three students were randomly selected to throw a whip cream pie on Ms. Prince's, Ms. McMichael's and Mr. Cabrera's face!

Oh the laughter and the joy!!

This culminated our Dance - a- Thon Fundraising effort that saw our school raising \$12, 050 (and I don't think the donations have ended yet ...)



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





HA Halbert's New Playscape





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.

Heart Beatz Childcare

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Spaces Available for students ages 3.8 to 12 yrs.

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



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

