



# Halbert News Online # 2

September 9, 2019

# 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** 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 our 2018/2019 School Advisory (Parent) Council for starting our year off with coffee and treats! Thank you to our council members for their dedication and support throughout the year!

A big thank you to all of our students for their enthusiasm and passion during our first week of school! We look forward to the many new learning moments in the coming months.

# Upcoming Dates

Sep 9 - Cross Country @ Lunch period

Sep 10 - Student Leadership Council Meeting @ lunchtime - Gr 4, 5, and 6

Sep 11 - Terry Fox Kick Off Assembly

Sep 11 - Cross Country @ Lunch period

Sep 12 - Junior Girls Borden Ball TBD

Sep 12 - Announced and Guided Lock Down

Sep 13 - Cross Country @ Lunch period

Sep 25 - Welcome Back to School Family Dinner @ 5 PM

Sep 25 - Curriculum Night @ 6:15 PM

Sep 26 - Terry Fox Run / Walk @ Halbert

Sep 27 - Halbert Welcomes "DrumFit"

# Events Schedule at a Glance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School					
Lunch Period	Cross Country Gr 1 - 6	Student Leadership Gr 4 - 6	Cross Country Gr 1 - 6	Girls Borden Ball Gr 5 - 6	Cross Country Gr 1 - 6
After School					

# 2019/2020 Start of Year Digital Forms

For the last several years, families, on the first day of school, receive a hefty package of multicoloured papers that needed to be completed and signed for each child! There was the health form, the consent to use technology form, the walking permission form, etc.

This year, you will be receiving an email directly from TDSB requesting that you complete these forms **online!** This email have been sent out to families directly from the TDSB last week (the email will come from: [noreply@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:noreply@tdsb.on.ca)). Please take the time to complete the online forms.

We will also set up laptops in the office should you wish to use them to complete the online forms! We will be more than happy to help you!

# Welcome to Start of Year Forms Video Tutorial



Start of Year Form



Toronto District School Board



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Please click on the image above or [here](#) to view the tutorial regarding the TDSB  
Start of Year Digital Forms!

# WHOA!

## SLOW DOWN

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# Parking Lot Safety

Safety of our students, families and staff is a top priority for HA Halbert and for the TDSB. Therefore, we are asking for your support in ensuring our parking lot is safe especially during drop off and pick up times.

The 15 minutes before school starts and 15 minutes right as school ends are the busiest time for our parking lot. We encourage families in our immediate neighbourhood to please walk to and from school.

If you are driving, please note that the parking spots very limited and we share it with the school buses who pick up and drop off students!

Please park **in designated parking spots**. Please consider parking at Lowell or Rockwood and walk your child(ren) to their designated lines or dismissal area.

**Please note**, there is no parking on the driveway on Halbert Place off of McCowan. This is a two lane street. There are signs that say “No Standing” on this laneway.

# Walk to School

We encourage families to walk or ride to school. Bicycles can be chained to the fence beside the yellow gate.

Those who do walk to school are asked to use the **sidewalks** and to **refrain from walking through the parking lot** as this is not safe as cars are continually entering, looping or backing out of spots.



# Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills

At the beginning of each school year, our students and staff prepare for the year ahead by establishing the foundations for a successful year. One of the ways we know we can help students be successful is to create a safe environment in which to learn. Though no one ever wants to see an emergency happen at a school, it's important for school staff to be equipped to deal with those situations, should these occur.

The safety of students and staff is a top priority at our school and to that end, as with all emergency drills, it is essential that we are prepared and understand the importance of procedures that will help ensure the safety of everyone in our school.

# Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills

We successfully executed our first fire drill last Thursday exiting the premises in less than three minutes! That fire drill was announced and guided (with pre-instructions given through the PA system).

This week we will hold our announced and guided lockdown drill.

Please take time to talk with your children about these safety drills and consider planning a fire drill in your own residence as a follow up to the safety discussions at school.

# International Languages Program

As the world continues to move towards connectivity, learning languages becomes critically important. Encourage your child's natural curiosity and enroll them in our JK to Grade 8 International Languages and African Heritage program. Online registration is now available.

In-person registration opens the week of September 16, 2019. Visit [www.ILEprograms.ca](http://www.ILEprograms.ca) for more information and for sites offering specific language classes. Please follow @TDSB\_ConEd on Twitter for more information.

# Halbert Goes Cashless!!

Beginning this September, Halbert transitions to a cashless environment. All items that students and families will need to pay for (e.g., pizza, trips, etc.) can be paid online either by debit or credit card.

Please visit: <https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> to register and to find out more information.

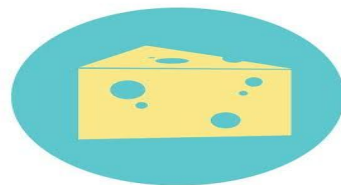
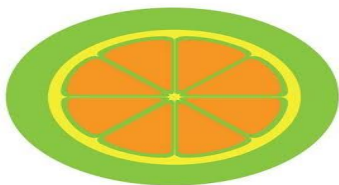
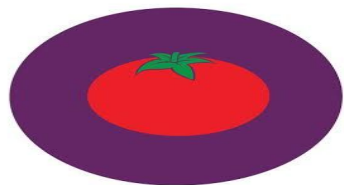
The whole registration process takes about 10 minutes to complete and you are set!!



# Snack @ HA Halbert Jr PS

On **Monday, September 9**, please expect the Snack Program information package to be heading home! Students at Halbert receive a morning meal (up to 3 different food group items) each day. This year, our Snack program will begin on Monday, September 30!

Families donating \$10 or more to the Snack program may request for a Tax Receipt for the 2019 fiscal year!



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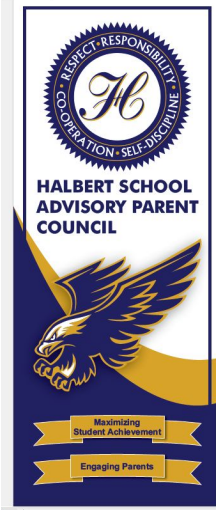


## **Community and Curriculum Night Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

Community Dinner @ 5:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions @ 5:45 PM

Classroom Visits @ 6:15 PM



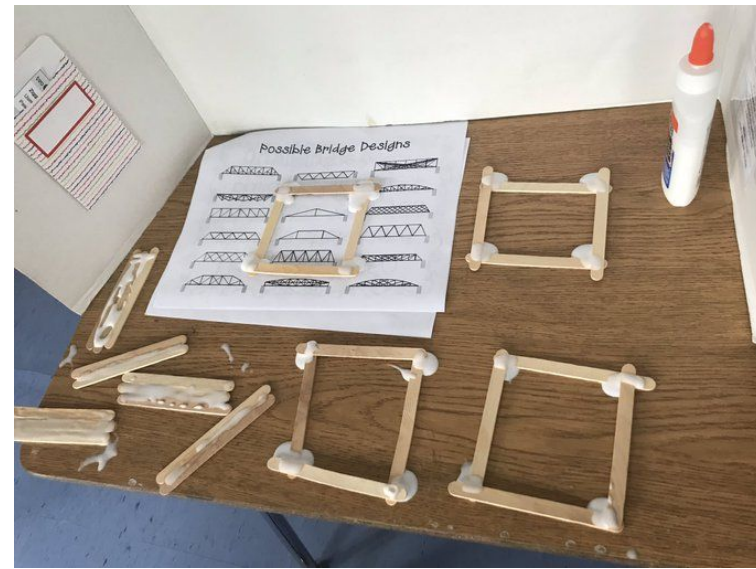


Grades 4 and 5 students in Ms. Karacorovski's class were testing out theories and possible bridge designs.

What have other architects made? What are the pros and cons? Which shape will be more stable?

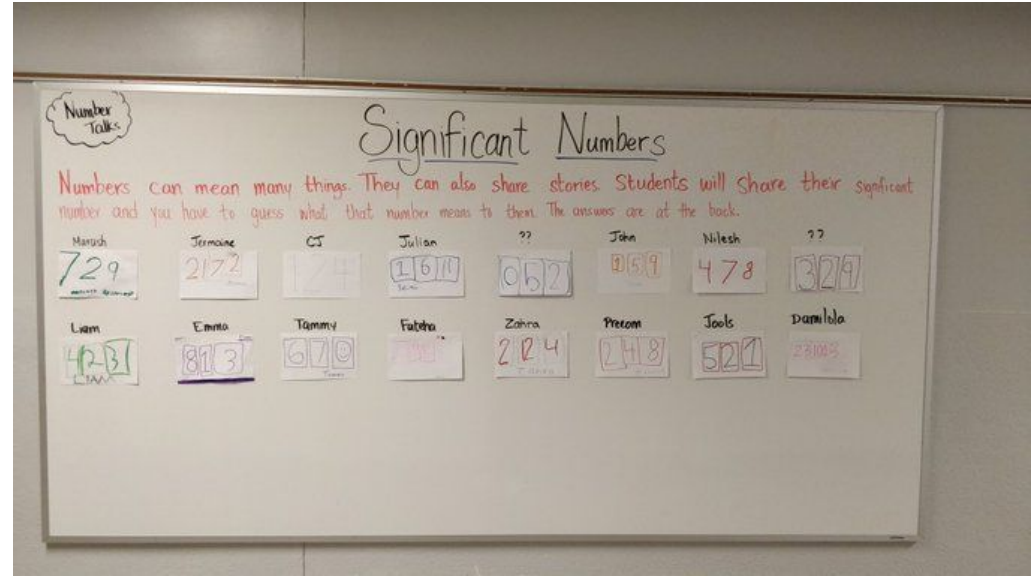
*STEM, meet Inquiry! Inquiry, meet STEM!*

(STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)



Numbers are not just numbers in a vacuum! They are significant in many different ways. Ms. Zubair's Grade 3 / 4 class have been thinking about how numbers are significant to them.

What numbers are important to you? Why?



# Thank You

As an appreciation to the Halbert Community, we purchased several texts helping students and families to increase awareness of Autism. We used funds raised through the Light It Up Blue Bake Sale that took place in April of last school year!

Thank you, Ms. Karacorvoski for initiating the opportunity!



This week we had the pleasure of welcoming the Executive Director of [DayTrippers](#), Allison Pether, Associate VP of Human Resources at TD Bank and Neera Arya, Trips Committee Co-Chair.

Both Allison and Neera volunteer their time at DayTrippers.

We thank [DayTrippers](#) for their overwhelming support of our students and families at HA Halbert!



# 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**

