



Halbert News Online # 6

October 7, 2019

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Any updates about Monday?

As of 7:30 AM on Sunday morning: We have yet to receive information about the outcome of the continuing negotiations. Families are invited to listen to the news or visit the TDSB website for up to date and more information.



GENERAL ALERT

Important Labour Update: Should a deal not be reached and the CUPE strike proceeds, TDSB schools will be closed to students beginning on Monday, October 7. [For more information, read the letter to parents/guardians.](#)

Appreciation

A big thank you to the families who have supported our fundraising effort through our Move-A-Thon! To date we have raised **\$6, 810!!!**

Thank you to the many families who supported our Orange Day by sending your child to school dressed in orange!

Upcoming Dates

Oct 7 - TELUS Digital Citizenship Presentation (Gr 5 & 6 - P 5/6)

Oct 8 - Band and Strings for Grades 5 and 6

Oct 8,15, 22, 29 - Grade 4 Cooking Club (Rising Chefs)

Oct 9 - HA Halbert SAC (Parent Council) Elections (6 pm)

Oct 10 - Celebration Assembly (P 1 / 2)

Oct 10 - Band and Strings (Gr 5 & 6 - P 5/6)

Oct 11 - PD Day

Oct 14 - Thanksgiving Day

Oct 21 - Federal Elections Day (our school is a polling station)

Oct 30 - Halbert Earth Hour

Oct 31 - Move-A-Thon

Nov 5 - Vision Clinic

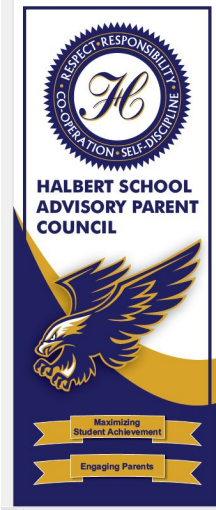


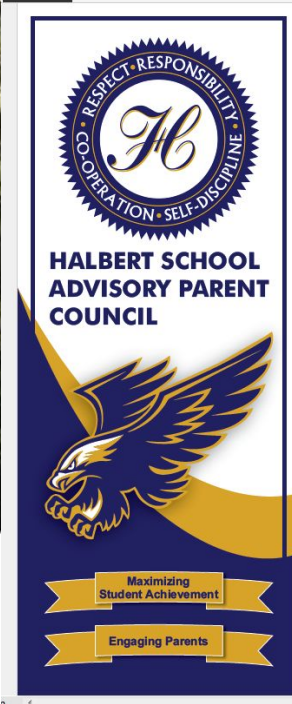
**HA Halbert School Advisory (Parent) Council
Elections for the 2019-2020 School Year**

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

6:00 PM in the Library

Child minding available in Room 9.





HA Halbert School Advisory (Parent) Council

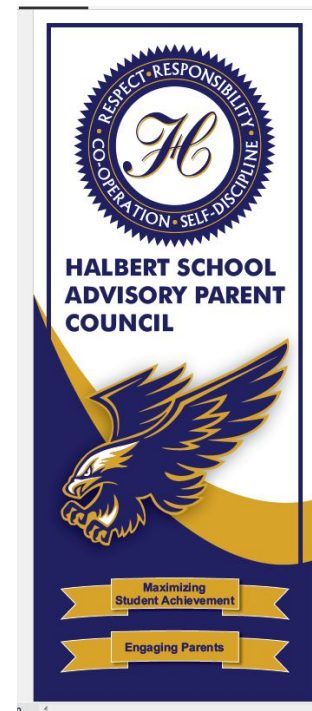
Parents interested in running as Parent Council Representatives are reminded that applications are due to the office by **Tuesday, October 8 by noon.**

Paper applications are in the office.

Online applications can be accessed through: <https://bit.ly/2pNNXMN>

Agenda for School Council Meeting

- A) Land Acknowledgement
- B) Introductions and Welcome
- C) Election of New Parent Representatives
- D) Selection of the New Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Community Outreach
- E) Selection of Next Meeting Updates
- F) Exploring the School Improvement Plan: Examining the School's Literacy Goal



HA Halbert's Literacy Achievement Goal

If we focus our language teaching on meeting our students' immediate reading needs within small groups, taking into consideration the students' readiness, interest and learning profile, then the students will better grasp the decoding skills and comprehension skills they need to build fluency, stamina and comprehension.

Think Tank Discussions at the Council Meeting: Why might we teach in small groups? How do teachers determine the groups or needs? What data has informed the school to make this a goal? What work is happening at the school level to support the goal? How can we support at home?

Walk to School Wednesday



Every Wednesday, Mr. Joyce and staff will be meeting students at **320 / 330 McCowan Road** at around **8:25 AM** and walk to school together!

Participating students will receive snacks and fruits upon reaching the school!

Grade 4 Rising Chefs

The Grade 4 cohort will be our first Rising Chefs!

October 8, 15 - Group 1 - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

October 22, 29 - Group 2 - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM



Cross Country

As noted in an email sent to families last week, the Cross Country Meet scheduled to take place on **Monday, October 7, 2019** has been **postponed**.

Ms. Fromstein will communicate a new date to the school community once it has been selected by the organizers.



Events Schedule at a Glance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Boys Soccer (8:15 PM)		Boys Soccer (8:15 PM)	
First Recess					
Lunch Period					
After School			Girls Soccer Gr 4 - 6		

For more information, please connect with our Coaches

Girls Soccer - Coach White

Boys Soccer - Coaches Zubair & Kidane

Girls Basketball - Coach Prince (Dates are TBD)

Looking for Corporate Donors

As we finalize the Board funded new playscape, our attention now draw to how we can **enhance the play area for all students.**

We are looking for corporations and/or small business who would be willing to donate to our enhancement program.

Please connect with Mr. Cabrera in the Office and we can discuss the parameters for corporate donorship further.





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**.
- Applications for **Junior Extended French** must be completed online between **January 6, 2020 and January 31, 2020**.



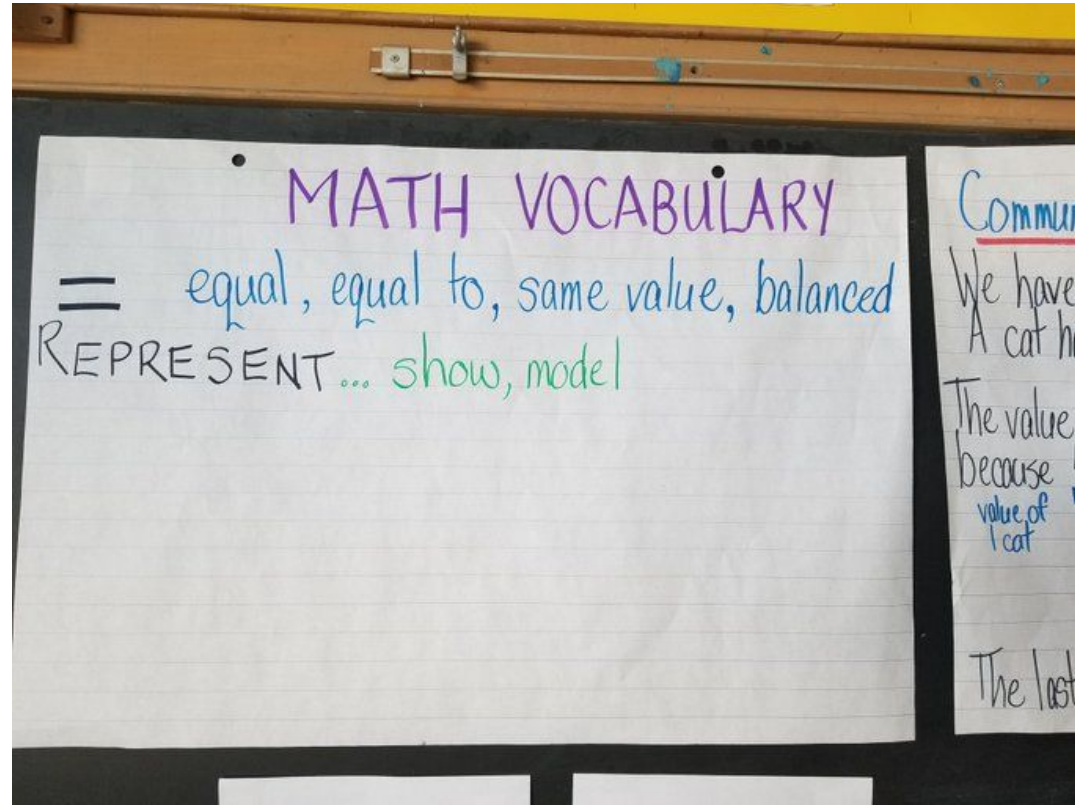
At Halber this week ...

The Fall Science Centre in Room 10!!



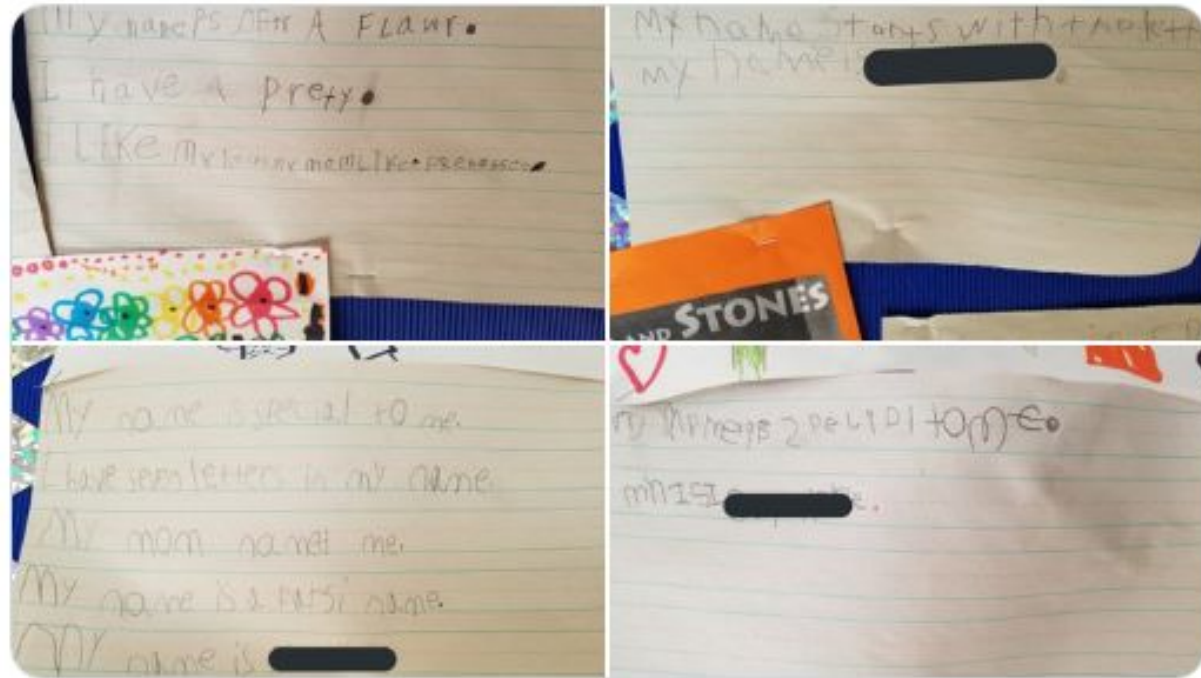
One of our achievement goal is to support students' ability to communicate their reasoning and proving skills.

This begins with being able to communicate. A Math Word Wall helps students find the right words they need to communicate their understanding.



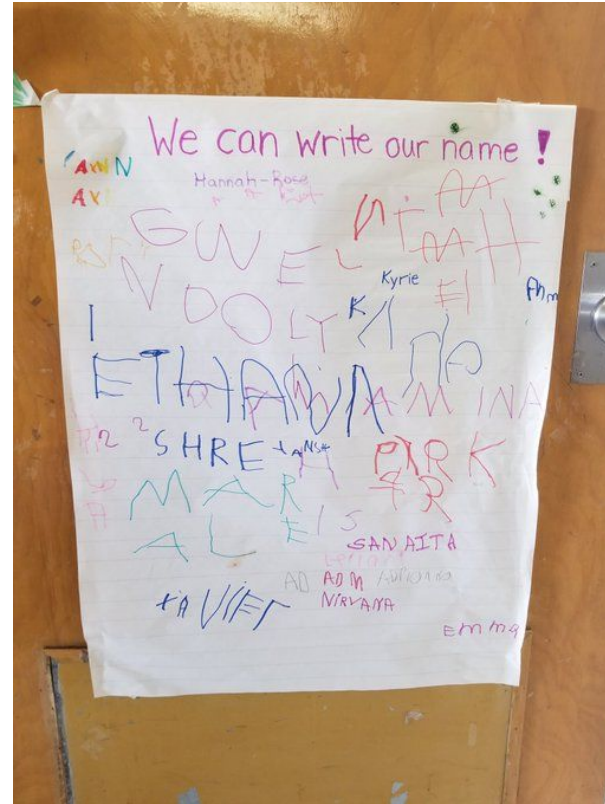
One of the most special things in the world are our names.

The students in Room 13 have written about what is special about their names.



One of the most special things in the world are our names.

The students in Room 10 are learning to write the most important word in their lives - their names.



Patterns are everywhere in the world.
Can you notice a pattern happening?
What makes a pattern a pattern?

Kindergarten students in 16B are using loose parts to show and represent patterns.



Our first school wide theme this year came through an inspiration from a book entitled, Be Kind. Students were encouraged to think about ways we can show kindness to the students in the school!

We hope to celebrate students showing random acts of kindness!

This is the Grade 6's work from Room 2 and 3.



HA Halbert Jr PS

@TDSBHalbert

Let our kindness spill out of our school and spread through town: the Gr6 Motto after reading @PatZMiller Be Kind. #HalbertLife @Viv_azz



The author of the book, Pat Z. Miller, saw the students' work and commented on Twitter.

Engaging with the author live is a great experience. Books can become more meaningful because readers interact with the author.



7:52 AM · Oct 5, 2019 · [Twitter for Android](#)

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1 Retweet 3 Likes



Pat Zietlow Miller @PatZMiller · 22h

Replying to [@TDSBHalbert](#) and [@Viv_azz](#)

That's a great motto!

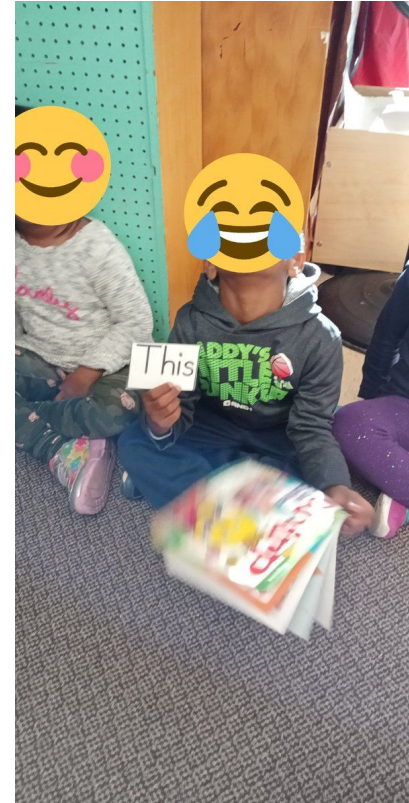
We began our week with listening to the Orange Shirt Day story and learning that every child matters!

A big thank you to the Halbert WE-vengers and their staff moderator, Ms. Hawkins.



“Mrs. Benoit, I found ‘this’ behind me.”

A sense of humour shows a student’s critical and deep thinking skills!





Primary Playground Updates





MOVE-A-THON
FUNDRAISER
OCT 31, 2019

BIG **CONCEPT**



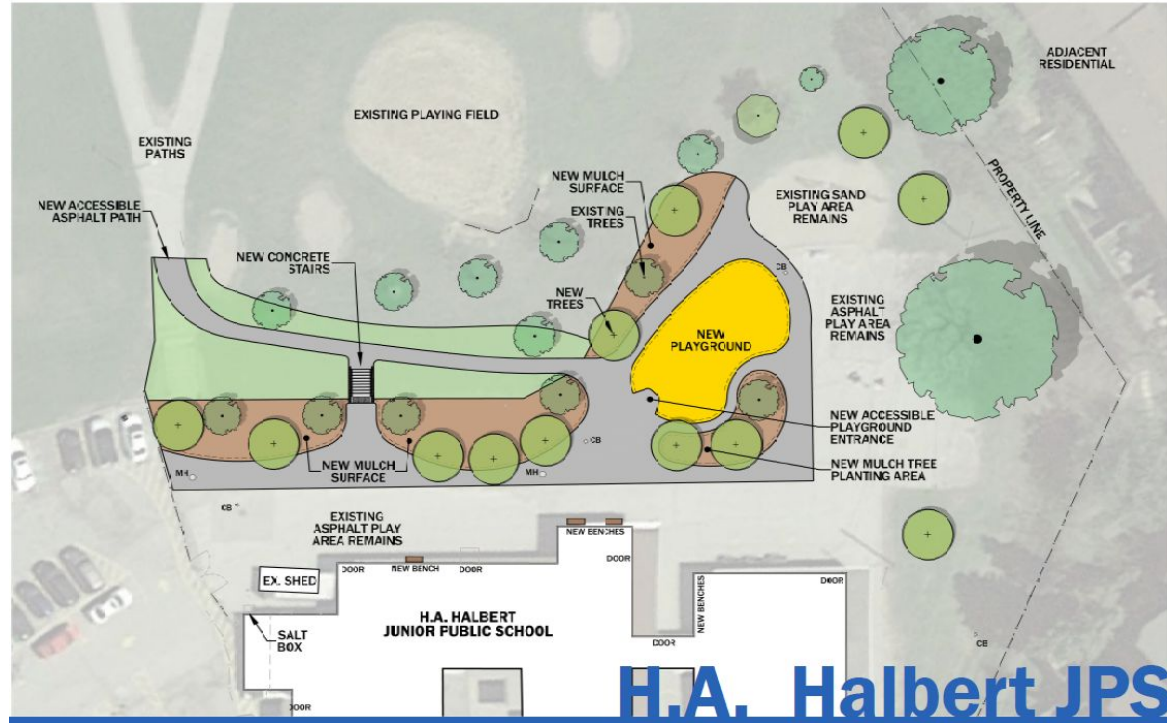
What are we raising money for?

New Playscape

The TDSB has approved the refresh of our playscape.

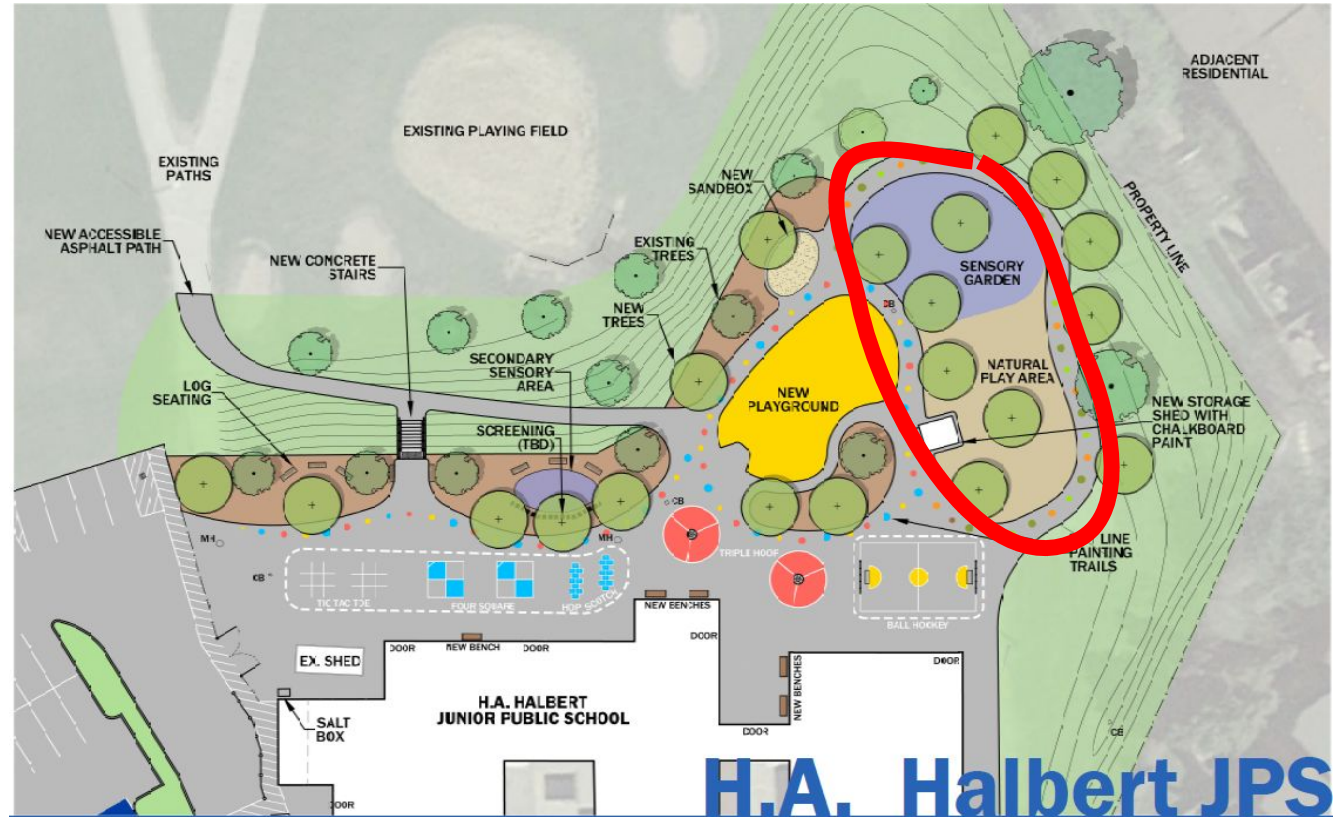
The image opposite indicates the extent of the Board funded refresh!

New stairs, a new path and a new play structure will be erected, as well as new trees!



This is the full scope of our fundraising efforts!

Our goal is create the sensory garden and natural play area on the right side of the new playground.



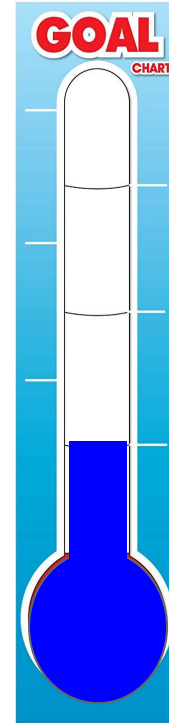


***PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE.
OUR GOAL: ENHANCING THE
HALBERT PLAYGROUND!***

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Your support of our Move-A-Thon will greatly enhance our ability to enhance the play area.

Please send completed envelopes to the main office. Our SAC members will secure the funds collected!



\$6,810
As of Oct 4, 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.

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

