

# Halbert News Online

Summer Edition # 2  
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# Upcoming Dates

Aug 26 - Office Opens at 9 AM

Sep 3 - First Day of School at 8:55 AM

Sep 4 - Welcome Back to School Assembly

Sep 5 - Announced and Guided Fire Drill

Sep 6 - Outdoor Classroom Afternoon

Sep 12 - Announced and Guided Lock Down

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

Sep 25 - Curriculum Night @ 6 PM

# Halbert Primary Playground Refresh

Many families will notice that there is a huge empty space in the middle of our Primary Yard where once stood Halbert's playscape.

This playscape was removed in the winter and we began the process of acquiring a new playscape!

The TDSB has approved the budget for the replacement of the new structure with a tentative start date of 2020.

This Fall, the members of the parent council, along with the the Hard Surfaces Dept of the Board and I will finalize the layout of the new play area and invite companies to bid for the replacement of the play structure.

At the same time, since the Board is already replacing the play structure with full cost, we would like to add enhancements to our play area that will benefit students for the years to come!

# Halbert Primary Playground Refresh ... 2

Any enhancements, above and the beyond the actual play structure, will need to be funded by the school and the school community.

We will outline different opportunities to support the funding of our enhancements during our curriculum night.

What are these enhancements, you mask ask? For starters, we are looking to add, amongst others:

- A sensory garden;
- Outdoor kitchen play set (e.g., a mud kitchen); and,
- A wooden platform that can act as a stage.

# First Day of School Rainbow Package

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! No longer will you need to hunt down the paper or complete your address, health cards, etc. for multiple children! This year, and moving forward, you will be able to complete all of this on a secure web online service.

Please expect an email directly from the TDSB this week and 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 can help you complete them during the first two weeks of school!

# First Day Routines

The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**. The school bell will ring at **8:55 AM!**

On the first day, **Kindergarten** students will meet in the Kindergarten Yard at the back of the school. Kindergarten educators will be there at 8:45 AM.

**Students from Grades 1 to 6** will meet in the Primary Playground! Adults with bright yellow vests will be there to help you find your child's teacher. They will be there at 8:45 AM. Teacher names will also be posted on the wall.!

Kindergarten students will begin lunch at 11:30 AM. Grades 1 to 6 students will begin lunch at 11:45 AM.

Dismissal for Kindergarten students is 3:00 PM while it is 3:10 PM for students in Grade 1 – 6.

# 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!!



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



Please **do not** send any **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**

