



Halbert News Online # 1

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Appreciation


A big thank you to Mr. Proter, Mr. Donovan and Mr. Paul for taking care of our school throughout the Spring and Summer preparing it for our arrival on the 15th of September!

A big thank you to members of the 19/20 Halbert SAC for continuing to represent parents' voices throughout the summer especially as the TDSB developed its plans for a safe entry into the school.

Ms. Chung, Ms. Guerrero, Ms. Ardley, Ms. Bergeron, Ms. Ibrahim, Ms. Tassie,
Ms. Smith, Ms. E. Tunney, Ms. H. Tunney



Upcoming Dates

- Sept 11 - Parents will receive any new updates about 1st Day of School Routines
 - Sept 14 - Parents will receive an email and voice call identifying their child's teacher
 - Sept 15 - First Day of School for SK, Gr 6 students & Students in Rooms 4, 5 and 11
 - Sept 16 - First Day of School for JK, Gr 1 and Gr 5 students
 - Sept 17 - First Day of School for Gr 2, 3, 4 students
 - Sept 18 - Welcome Back to School Virtual Assembly
 - Sept 21 - 70th Anniversary Flag Raising (by cohorts) Week
 - Sept 30 - Orange Shirt Day & Virtual Assembly
 - Sept 30 - Last Day to request to transfer to Virtual School / Face to Face School
 - Oct 12 - Thanksgiving - **NO SCHOOL**
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Paper Information



Please check your snail mail / Canada Post mailbox as the school will be sending out a fairly thick page of information about returning to school. This information will contain Halbert specific routines especially for the first day of school. To save paper, only one package will be sent home should multiple children be registered to attend Halbert. Families and students attending virtual school will receive communication from the virtual school Principal in the coming week.

Please expect arrival of the package by Wednesday. **An online version will be sent via school messenger on Wednesday morning.**

What will schooling look like?

We understand that families have a lot of questions about what school will look like as September 15 nears. **This week, beginning Tuesday evening, several two to three minute videos will be shared with families about what schooling will look like for students attending the face to face learning at HA Halbert Jr PS.**

Please watch these videos with your children as a way for them to anticipate school and begin to learn the new routines that will be set in place.



How long is 2 m?

The Toronto Public Health has indicated the need to physically distance 2 meters apart from non family / non bubble members.

Staff will reinforce these ideas at school.

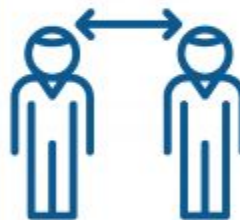
It is important to begin to teach students what a 2 metre distance looks like.

Spray painted dots will be all over the school yard to illustrate this distance.

COVID-19
Novel Coronavirus

Help stop the spread of
COVID-19.

**Please keep your
physical distance**



- Physical distancing means keeping 2 metres apart from others

Residents are reminded to use credible, evidence-based sources of information about this new coronavirus. Toronto Public Health's website is updated regularly as new information becomes available to help keep residents informed about COVID-19.

Visit toronto.ca/COVID19




What is a cohort?

You will hear and read the word “cohort” quite a lot this year. A cohort is simply a group of students who will remain together throughout the school day. A cohort will be lead by a teacher (and an Early Childhood Educator in JKSK or a Child and Youth Worker where applicable).

The intent is to limit the number of people your child will meet throughout the day. Your child’s class will most likely be cohorted with another class during recesses. The cohort cannot be larger than 50 students.

Students will be taught to monitor and leave spaces between each other during recess.



Wearing a Cloth Mask

All staff and students (K-6) are expected to wear a mask or a cloth mask while inside the school (**e.g., learning spaces, hallways, washrooms**).

Please send your child to school with at least 2 snug fitting masks daily. One for the morning and another for the afternoon.

Please **label** your child's mask.

Please visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Return-to-School/Health-and-Safety/Mask-and-Face-Covering-Requirements-For-TDSB-Students-and-Staff>

HOW TO WEAR A CLOTH MASK



- ✓ Do wash your hands before putting it on and taking it off
- ✓ Do make sure it fits comfortably over mouth and nose for easy breathing
- ✓ Do wash your cloth mask after each use in the laundry
- ✓ Do clean surfaces that a dirty mask touches
- ✗ Don't touch your face or mask while using it
- ✗ Don't use masks on children under 2 or those who can't breathe with them on
- ✗ Don't share your mask with others
- ✗ Don't wear medical masks, keep them for health care workers

You still need to:



Keep a 2m distance



Wash hands often

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First Day of School Routines


On the first day your child attends school, they will gather in pre-assigned areas in our pavement and field (JK/SK students will report directly to the Kindergarten playground in the back of the school).

A school map with assigned areas will be sent home once class allocations have been determined this upcoming Wednesday or Thursday.

Signs and staff will be posted in the Primary playground to provide guidance throughout the first two to three weeks of school.



Entry Routines

- Families and students should conduct a [self assessment](#) for COVID symptoms before going to school.
 - Bell rings at 8:55 AM
 - Students to line up in their designated areas following physical distancing (reminders will be spray painted on the ground)
 - Students will be asked to conduct a 2nd screening using questions provided by Toronto Public Health. These questions and the poster can [be downloaded here](#).
 - Students will proceed to their classroom to wash their hands with soap and water.
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If your child is not feeling well

If your child is not feeling well or has answered “Yes” to one of the questions from Toronto Public Health, please do not come to school.

Please call call TeleHealth Ontario [1-866-797-0000](tel:1-866-797-0000) for next steps.



If a student is not feeling well


If a student not feeling well and has come to school, the student will wait in a designated, supervised wellness room and parents will be called for the student to go home. [Toronto Public Health](#).

Families are strongly encouraged to visit [COVID assessment](#) centres in Scarborough or to call TeleHealth Ontario [1-866-797-0000](#) for next steps.

It is critical to self-isolate, **not to return to school**, until the assessment has been returned.

For other illnesses, or if someone tested negative for COVID-19, they should not return to school until they are symptom-free for **at least 24 hours**.

If a staff or a student tests positive for COVID ...

- Staff or student self isolates at home, **not to come to school, for 14 days** in accordance with Toronto Public Health protocols.
 - Toronto Public Health will contact positive cases directly, conduct contact tracing and provide a letter directly to the other staff/students identified to have a high risk of exposure.
 - Communication to the school community will be determined by Toronto Public Health in collaboration with the TDSB Communication Department.
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School Supplies - JK & SK

Junior and Senior Kindergarten

Each student in JK / SK will be given their own pack of crayons, pencils, scissors and erasers. Labelled ziplock bags will be used to store the students' materials.

Shared items will be cohorted (meaning only one group of students will play with a shared item) and cleaned before use by another cohort.

JK/SK students should also bring a bag and a lunch box with all of their snacks and litterless lunch for the day. Please send along a filled water bottle.

Please send an extra pair of pants/shorts, skirt, shirt, undergarments or socks. Please place these inside a plastic bag inside your child's bag.

Please **label** all items with your child's name.



School Supplies - Gr 1 - 3

Grades 1 - 3

Each student in Grades 1 - 3 will be given their own pack of pencil crayons, a pencil, an eraser, a student agenda, a ruler, a pair of scissors, a pack of markers, a glue stick, notebooks and folders (where applicable).

Shared items (e.g., math manipulatives) will be cohorted and cleaned before being used by another cohort. In some instances, where possible, items may be individually packed for each student's use during a lesson or unit of study (e.g., pattern blocks, linking cubes, etc.).

Gr 1 - 3 students should also bring a bag and a lunch box with all of their snacks and litterless lunch for the day. Please send along a filled water bottle.

Please **label** all items with your child's name.



School Supplies - Gr 4 - 6

Grades 4 - 6

Each student in Grades 4 - 6 will be given their own pack of pencil crayons, a pencil, an eraser, a ruler, notebooks and folders (where applicable).

Shared items (e.g., math manipulatives, glue gun, science kits, etc.) will be cohorted and cleaned before being used by another cohort. In some instances, where possible, items may be individually packed for each student's use during a lesson or unit of study (e.g., pattern blocks, linking cubes, etc.).

Gr 4 - 6 students should also bring a bag and a lunch box with all of their snacks and litterless lunch for the day. Please send along a filled water bottle.

All personal communication devices (e.g., smart phones, cell phones, etc.) should be put away when in school. Ample devices are available at school for instructional and learning opportunities.

Please **label** all items with your child's name.




Visiting the School

To maintain a safe environment, in most cases those entering school buildings will be staff, students and other essential individuals (e.g. Health & Safety Inspector).

Families who require a meeting with a teacher/school staff to discuss non-emergency issues will do so by phone or virtually where possible. Please call the school at 416-396-6300 or email the teacher or the Principal directly. A virtual appointment will be made.

Families who will pick up a student outside of regular dismissal time will be met at the main entrance of the school with the child being dismissed. **Please call the school before coming so that the child will have sufficient time to get ready.**



Visiting the School

To maintain a safe environment for all students and staff and to maintain proper contact tracing, the main doors of the school will be closed.

Families picking up Kindergarten students at dismissal will be asked to walk around the Facility to the back of the school for pick up.

Lunches will be dropped off the front doors to a staff member during specific times. Please refer to the mailing that will come this upcoming week for more information if families have to drop off lunches.

Food deliveries (e.g., UBEReats, DoorDash) will not be accepted at this time.



Questions, Comments or Concerns?

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect via email or connect with the school at 416 396 6300.

