



Halbert News Online # 11

November 23 - 27, 2020

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Safe Arrival Program

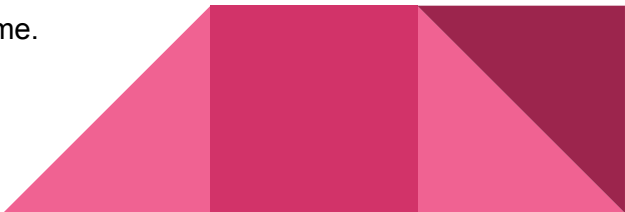
HA Halbert Jr. PS **remains open during Code Grey
(City of Toronto Lockdown)**

HALBERT SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

If your child is going to be absent, it is essential that a parent or guardian calls the safe arrival phone line
BEFORE the school day begins. The number is:

416-396-3298

The number is on 24 hours a day and can be called anytime.





Keeping Us All Safe

If your child is not feeling well

1. Does your child have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?*



Fever > 37.8°C



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste or smell

If "YES": Stay home, self-isolate & get tested or contact your child's health care provider.

2. Does your child have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?*



Sore throat,
painful swallowing



Stuffy/runny nose



Headache



Nausea,
vomiting,
diarrhea



Feeling unwell,
muscle aches,
feeling tired

If "YES" to 1 symptom:

- Stay home for 24 hours from when symptom started.
- If improving in 24 hours, can return to school. No test needed.
- If not improving, or getting worse, self-isolate & get tested.

If "YES" to 2 or more symptoms:

- Stay home, self-isolate & get tested or contact your child's health care provider.

For more information, please contact your health care provider or Telehealth Ontario at 1 866-797-0000.

Cold and Flu Season is Upon Us

With cold and flu season slowly creeping in, we remind Families to keep your children at home if they feel unwell or are exhibiting symptoms similar to COVID-19.

Please refer to the questions provided by Toronto Public Health around symptoms presented by your child. Cold and Flu symptoms look like COVID symptoms and for precautionary purposes, students exhibiting these symptoms (**questions 1 and 2 in the TDSB Student Health Pass**) should stay home until their symptoms are improving.

We will continue to practice being germ busters at school!



WEAR YOUR



MASK



KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE



A Reminder for Physical Distancing

This past week we have focussed classroom discussions on three major topics:

- Practice **physical distancing**, especially during recesses when we are not wearing masks
- **Wear a mask** while inside the school proper - and if you would like to wear your mask outside please let your teacher know
- **Wash your hands** or **Sanitize** your hands every time you enter your classroom (e.g., from recess or for washrooms)



Upcoming Events



Upcoming Dates

Nov 25 - School Advisory (Parent) Council Meeting @ 6 PM

Nov 27 - Student Recognition Assembly (P1/2)

Nov 30 - Dec 11 - HA Halbert's Virtual Book Fair

Dec 3 - Gr 6 Family - Preparing for High School

Dec 10 - Gr 1 - 6 Virtual BINGO

Dec 16 - Virtual Rising Chefs 4:15 PM

Dec 17 - Virtual Halbert Family Sing-A-Long @ 6 PM

Dec 18 - Student Recognition Assembly (P1/2)

Dec 18 - Last Day of School



School Advisory (Parent) Council

School Advisory (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

6:00 PM

Link to be shared closer to the date.



Virtual Book Fair

The link for the Halbert book fair will be sent to families closer to the 30th of November.

A portion of funds paid for every booked purchased will return to the school for classroom and the school library!



Moving On Up - Thinking About Highschool

Attention families of Grade 6 students!!



Let's talk about highschool!!

It seems odd and silly to have just started Grade 6 and we are beginning to think about highschool already!

Grade 7 and 8 passes by quickly and the earlier families are aware of opportunities and possibilities the better!

Save the Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Virtual Link: To be shared with families closer to the date



School and District News



Snuggle Up and Read Webinars

In case you missed our live webinars, please click on each title for the slide deck.

October 28 - [What are Sight Words?](#)

November 4 - [I Read - You Read - We Read](#)

November 18 - [What are DRAs?](#)



Google Classroom

Two weeks ago students in Grades 1 - 6 received information about accessing their Google Classroom. This online portal is your child's online classroom.

If you have not done so, please log-in to your child's Google Classroom.

If you missed the instructions, please let your child's teacher know and a new one will be sent home.



French Programs in the TDSB



For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Programs, we offer an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in **Senior Kindergarten**) and Middle French Immersion (begins in **Grade 4**). **An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2021 are:**

- **Early French Immersion:** Applications must be completed online between November 2 and November 27, 2020.
- **Middle French Immersion:** Applications must be completed online between January 4 and January 29, 2021.

Information Session: November 2, 2020, 7 p.m. || November 12, 2020, 7 p.m. || November 19, 2020, 10 a.m.

For more information about the Virtual Information Sessions, please visit

www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Session

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french .

How to Use Google Classroom

Hosted by a former Halbert parent,
Mr. Salfarlie.

Go to: <https://zoom.us/join>

Enter Meeting ID: **936 3866 3888**

Enter Passcode: **370806**



Community Support Workers in collaboration with TDSB Educators invite you to join our conversation about

Google Classroom

Join us on Zoom

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - 6:00PM

Meeting ID: 936 3866 3888

Passcode: 370806

OR CALL: 647 558 0588



Dressing for Fall and Winter

Unless unsafe or directed by the Board, our students will be heading out during Fall and Winter seasons.

Please dress in layers with proper outdoor footwear.

Please label all clothing.



This Week at Halbert



Problem Solving, Discussion and Play -
all at the same time!

And, this is not in Kindergarten. This is
a Grade 5 / 6 class!

This is the value of Math
Manipulatives!

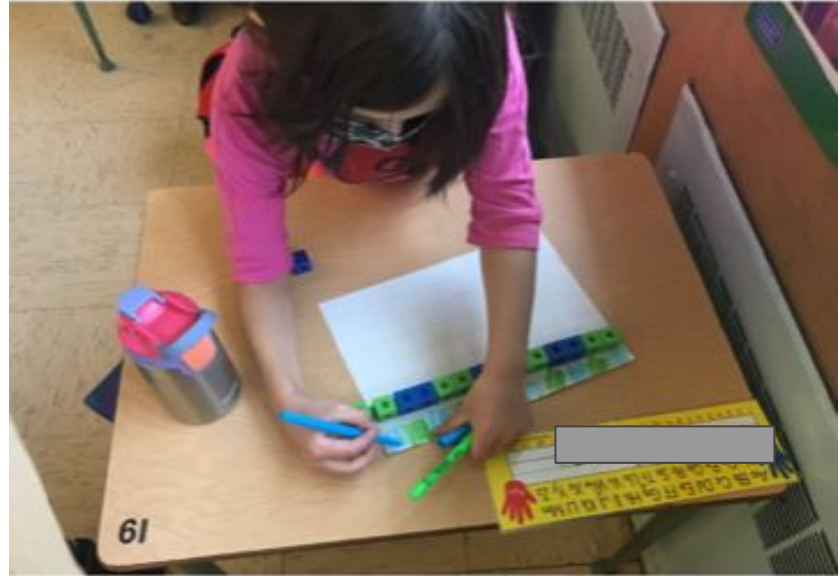


Can you create a pattern?

Can you replicate a pattern?

Can you find a pattern in the larger
community?

Can you predict the next term in a
pattern?



What sight words can you find in the a text?

Can you recognize them?

Can you find them?

Can you read them outloud?

Can you write them?



In a Primary classroom students go through the Gradual Release of Responsibility.

The Teacher Reads - The Student Listens

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School Advisory (Parent) Council

20/21 School Advisory (Parent) Council

C. Guerrero (Chairperson)

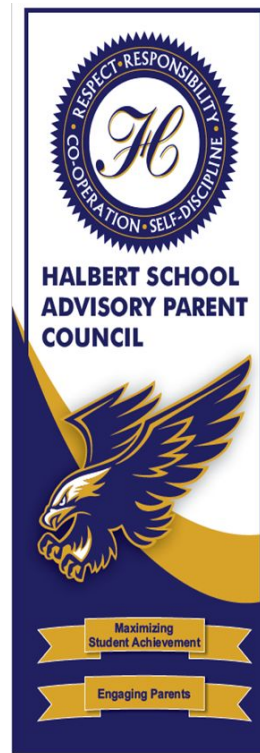
J. Bergeron (Vice Chairperson)

M. Tassie (Treasurer)

H. Tunney (Secretary)

B. Csercsa, N. Ibrahim, J. Smith, E. Tunney
(Parent Members)

[School Council Website](#)





Child and Family Centre

Parent Worker: Ms. M. Megitt

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2647192598827114/>



Child and Family Centre

Coming up! WoodGreen Community Services Financial Empowerment Program will be offering the following workshops:

Covid-19 Financial Benefits (Nov. 24 @ 10am)

Get updated information on ways that you may be eligible for financial support, includes income programs such as EI, Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), Canada Recovery Caregiver Benefit (CRCB); ways to reduce expenses; Income Tax Benefits

Canada Learning Bond (Dec. 2 at 10:30am)

Families will learn how to access government funding to save towards their child's education using an RESP account, without contributing any of their own money. Relevant to families living on an income of approximately \$47,000/yr or less, with children born in 2005 or later.

<https://meet.google.com/qmj-kypn-rzb>



Mindfulness and Family Yoga



Together with your children, discover how to deepen your mind-body connection, while gaining useful coping tools that enhance the ability to deal with stress and build resiliency.

Facilitator: Joanne Weitzman, MSW, ECE, has over ten years of experience working with children and families. She is certified in mindfulness, cognitive behavioural therapy and yoga, as well as trained in expressive arts and play therapy.

Every Tuesday from 10 to 11 am with Southwest Scarborough/Thorncliffe Facebook Group

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/qmj-kypn-rzb>



Activities for the Week

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 am		Morning stretch	Action songs	Morning stretch	
9:30 am	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music Live Frances	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music FB Room
10:00am		YOGA with Joanne			Coffee Chat FB Room 
10:30 am			Panel Meeting Google Meet		
11:00	Zoom in Spanish			Zoom Story Time	
12:00 pm	Story & Music Live Deepika	Story & Music Live Gladys	Story & Music Live Mary	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music FB Room
12:30 pm	Coffee Chat FB Room 	Stretch and Strength	Story Time Kids Choice	Coffee Chat FB Room 	Stretch and Strength



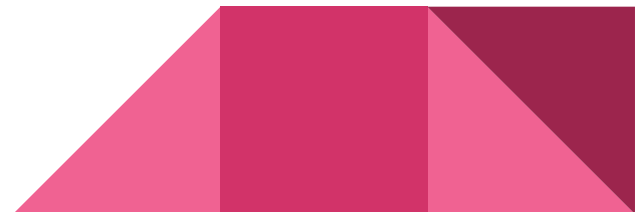
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Google Meet Link:

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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.

