



# Halbert News Online # 19

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# Monday, January 20, 2020

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has announced that, should there be no progress in negotiations, its members will conduct a one-day walkout (full withdrawal of services) at a number of school boards, including the Toronto District School Board, on **Monday, January 20, 2020**. They will return to work on Tuesday, January 21.

Should the walkout take place, the TDSB would have no other option but to close all elementary schools (JK to 8) to students as there would not be sufficient supervision to ensure their safety. As a result, parents/guardians should begin making alternate arrangements for their children.

# Appreciation

A big thank you to the Facility Team who have been working with Mr. Porter to make sure our heat is to good to go during this Winter Season. The office was the last to be checked and we're good!

# Upcoming Dates

**Jan 21** - ROM visit after school

**Jan 23** - Star Lab visits for the Grade 6s

**Jan 23** - Snuggle Up and Read: Sight Words in Service of Continuous Reading

**Jan 27** - School-wide Pediculosis Check

**Jan 27** - Grandparents' Day (Afternoon Coffee and Tea)

**Jan 27** - Family Literacy Day

**Jan 28** - Halbert Earth Hour

**Jan 30** - Pizza Day

**Jan 31 - Sept 4** - Dental Screening

**Jan 31** - Student of the Month Assembly

# Sight Words in Service of Continuous Reading



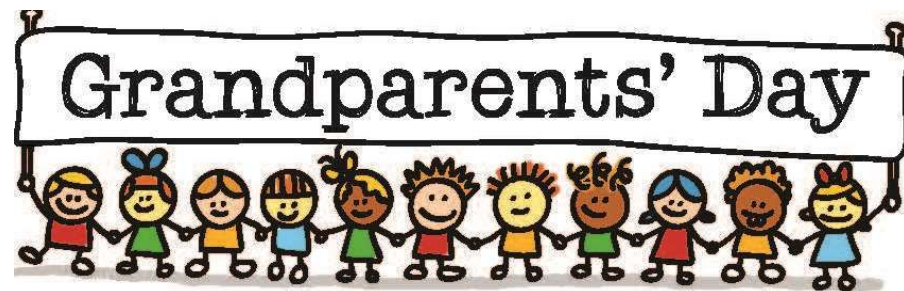
You are invited to attend a workshop for families on the theme of Sight Words and the role they play in continuous reading.

This workshop is beneficial to all, but it will have a specific focus for students in Kindergarten to Grade 2.

The workshop for families will take place on **Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 1:45 PM in the Library.**

Register by [clicking here](#).

Monday, January 27, 2020



We are inviting Grandparents to join us on **Monday, January 27, 2020** for coffee, tea, treats and family bonding!

Forms have been sent home last Wednesday. Please confirm with the school if a grandparent will be joining us on the 27th!

Thursday, January 30, 2020



Forms have been sent home. Pizzas can also be purchased through  
School Cash Online.

# Kindergarten Registration

Students born in 2016 are eligible to register for JK with the first day of school being September 4, 2020!

If you have a child, grandchild or neighbour born in 2016, please let them know that **Kindergarten Registration packages are available in the HA Halbert Office.**

Kindergarten Registration will take place at school between **February 18 - 21, 2020!**





# Grade 4 Extended French

## French Extended

Extended French programs are designed for students who do not speak French at home. The Junior Extended French program begins at the grade 4 level. Students in this program spend 50% of their day in French instruction from grade 4-8 at the Extended French school. The subjects taught in French are French Language Arts, Social Studies and The Arts. English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science are taught in English. Designated school pathways exist to ensure that students have a continuation of program from the grade 4 entry to the end of grade 12.

The application process for admission to Junior Extended French begins in January. It is an online application process. It is not a first-come, first-served process. Learn more about the [application process and deadlines](#). All late applicants will be placed on a wait list.

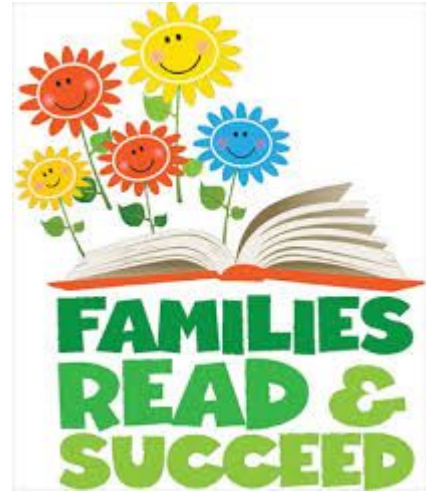
# Family Literacy Day (actually it's everyday!)

Though January 27 is marked as Family Literacy Day we believe that it actually is celebrated daily!

That being said, to bring heightened awareness to the importance of developing positive literacy behaviours, Halbert will be sponsoring different activities throughout January!

**What is your child's favourite book?**

Email us at [HAHalbert@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:HAHalbert@tdsb.on.ca) and we will feature your child and their favourite book in our rolling TV screen outside the main office.



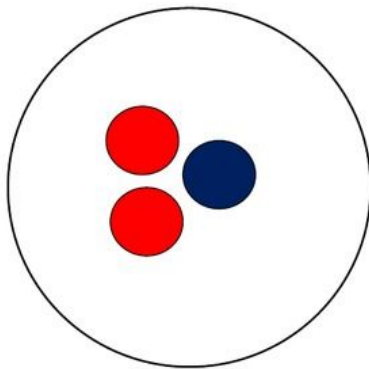


# School Improvement Planning

# Subitize

You may have heard your child or your child's teacher talk about the importance of 'subitizing.' Like me, you may have wondered what it means to subitize.

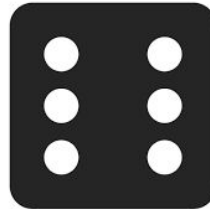
Subitize is derived from the Latin word *subitus* or sudden. Within the realm of Mathematics, subitizing is the quick ability of students to perceive the number of items when presented.



“According to The National Council of Teachers and Mathematics, one key part of effective subitizing is developing pattern recognition. Moreover, this mathematical skill allows students to gain a grasp of numbers and advance to higher levels of addition.”\*

The ability to subitize helps young learners know the quantity of numbers.

Take for example the numeral “6”. Nothing in this symbol indicate the quantity but we know that it does. Now, look at this:



\*<https://mylearningspringboard.com/subitizing/>

Knowing the values of numbers is far more powerful than knowing or memorizing numbers from 1 to 100. At early years it is far more important to engage young learners in understanding the value or quantity within a named number.

“Show me what seven looks like” is a good prompt to ask your Kindergarten or Grade 1 child.

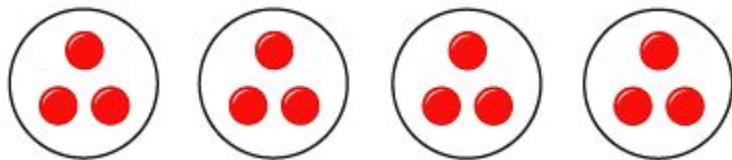
“Can you show me different ways to make 7” is a good prompt to ask your Grade 2 or 3 child.

“If you know 3 and 4 is seven, how does that help you add 5 and 4?” is a good prompt to ask your Grade 3 and 4 child.

Understanding quantity and values, and trusting these quantities and values, is the first step, a crucial step, to adding larger and larger numbers.

$3 + x = 7$  becomes a lot more easier when quantities and values are understood.

$4 \times 3 = 12$  is clearer to understand because we know four groups of three is:



Check out a sample video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1Mazc-SsG0>

When you visit the school, walk by the Kindergarten hallway and look at how bingo dabbers and plates can be used as a play tool at home!





Last week at Halbert

Playing a game, like Snakes and Ladders, is fun!

BUT, within the game you can teach how to count, how to subitize and how to play fair.



Can you build a house that will be difficult to blow down?

Students responding to the text, *Three Little Pigs*.





Kindergarten students in Room 16B have been working on their New Year's resolution based on Pat Miller's book, *Squirrel's New Year's Resolution*.



Our first assembly in 2020 focussed on Susan Verde's book *I am Peace*.

We sat in a circle so that we can see each other and connect with each other.

What does "PEACE" mean to you?



What is within our sphere of influence?

Knowing this helps us respond to situations as they arise around us.



Students in Room 10 are mining in their sand pit ... and we found ... iron filings! Why are the iron filings attracted to the magnets?



# School Advisory (Parent) Council Meeting

**Monday, February 24, 2020**

**5:30 PM**

Library

Focus: Mathematics (Using Manipulatives)





# 19/20 Halbert School Advisory (Parent) Council

Ms. J. Bergeron, Ms. L. Chung (**Chairperson**),  
Ms. C. Guerrero (**Vice-Chairperson**), Ms. N. Ibrahim,  
Ms. S. Mitchell, Mr. N. Singh (**Secretary**), Ms. J. Smith,  
Ms. M. Tassie (**Treasurer**), Ms. E. Tunney (**Community Outreach**), Ms. H. Tunney



# 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** sesame, peanuts or tree nuts (e.g., chocolate almonds, chocolate bars with nuts, nutella, etc.) or shellfish for lunch or as a snack.

# Heart Beatz Childcare

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Spaces Available for students ages 3.8 to 12 yrs.

Please contact Shiromie at 647-808-1439 for more Information.



# 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**

