



Halbert News Online # 20

February 1 - 5, 2021

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In celebration of Family Literacy Virtual Grandparents' Day **February 4, 2021 - 9:15 AM**



We invite you to a virtual celebration of our grandparents and the role they play in our education, growth and development!

In a time when we may not be able to gather as frequently, let this be one moment to connect and have a common experience.

Joining us live on this virtual celebration is author and illustrator
Ruth Ohi - <https://www.ruthohi.com/>



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Registration Link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnFo7SvkVxgkpvdA0YdhJr6e1j0EhDDUt9f1ATYwt2yQSUuA/viewform>

Please register by 9 PM on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

A Message from Councillor Gary Crawford

to the students, families and staff of HA Halbert Jr PS
on the occasion of our school's 70th year!





January 28th, 2021

Hello,

As Councillor of Ward 20, Scarborough Southwest, it's my pleasure to congratulate HA Halbert Jr. Public School on its 70th year of educating and nurturing the young minds of the Cliffcrest community.

Apart from its focus on STEM and technology, the school offers a rich and varied curriculum that engages and interests children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6. The students are also enjoying a new playground in celebration of this landmark year!

I'm proud to have HA Halbert Jr. Public School in Ward 20, and offer my best wishes that children will benefit from all it has to offer for many more years to come.

Gary Crawford
Councillor, Ward 20
Scarborough Southwest

APPRECIATION

A big thank you to (in alpha order), Abbysan, Charlotte, Dominion, Latifa, Niles, Sameen and Shaswin who researched, wrote, rehearsed and hosted last Friday's Virtual School Assembly and the first "Are You Smarter than a Halbert Student" game on Kahoot!

They brought a simple idea to life!



Upcoming Events



Upcoming Dates

Feb 4 - Family Literacy - Grandparents' Day with Ruth Ohi

Feb 4 - Virtual Rising Chefs - 4:15 PM - **Nachos and Cheese**

Feb 12 - PA DAY

Feb 15 - Family Day

Feb 18 - Virtual Rising Chefs - 4:15 PM - **Recipe TBD**

Feb 23 - 26 - Welcome to Kindergarten Face to Face Get to Know You

Feb 24 - SAC - Parent Council Meeting

Feb 26 - Student Recognition Assembly



Virtual Rising Chefs

Primary Ingredients

- Nacho chips
- Cheese

Optional

- Peppers
- Onions
- Salsa
- Sour Cream
- Your choice of meat

Virtual Rising Chefs
Thurs., Feb 4, 2021 - 4:15 PM
Nachos and Cheese



School Advisory (Parent) Council

School Advisory (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
6:00 PM

Link to be shared closer to the date.



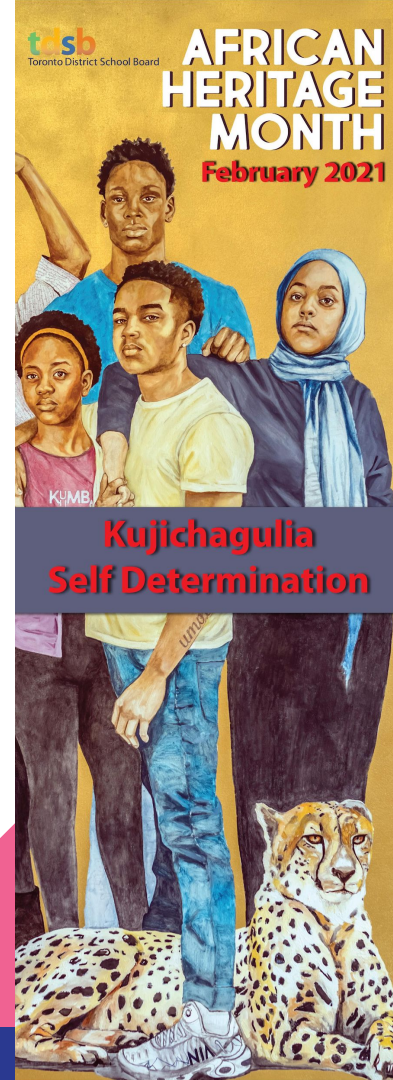
School and District News



African Heritage Month Opening Ceremony

TDSB Families, Students and Staff are invited to attend the TDSB African Heritage Month Opening Ceremony on **Monday, February 1, 2021**. The event will begin at **1 PM**.

CLICK HERE



February is Chinese Heritage Month in the TDSB

Why Celebrate Chinese Heritage Month?

Chinese Heritage Month is celebrated in TDSB every February; to acknowledge, recognize, and accept Chinese Canadians have been and continue to be nation builders in Canada.

Chinese heritage has over 5,000 years of history. Chinese Canadians have contributed to the formation of Canada, led innovations in science, medicine and technology, advanced in the arts, succeed in athletics and thrived in entrepreneurship.



Trustee Kandavel's Ward Forum

To register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScISeieh6NSAlw0N31IThOWXgJiFByQZ_KX4SKJ217u_sbPvA/viewform

Mental Health & Well-Being

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.



Join Trustee Parthi Kandavel for a Virtual Ward Forum to discuss Mental Health and Well-being, which will feature a special presentation from Shameen Sandhu, TDSB System Leader for Mental Health and Professional Support Services.



If you are interested in participating, please complete the following [registration form](#). The meeting will be hosted on Zoom. Registrants will be sent a meeting invite with a link and call-in details for the session on **Tuesday, February 2, 2021**.



Parthi Kandavel
Trustee - Scarborough Southwest
416-395-8787 Parthi.Kandavel@tdsb.on.ca

Shameen Sandhu
System Leader for Mental Health & Professional
Support Services, TDSB

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Children born in **2017** can register for **Jr. Kindergarten!**

Please pick up a **Virtual Registration Package** from

<http://bit.ly/HalbertKReg> or

Please connect with **Ms. Khan** at **416 396 6300**



Virtual Meet a Kindergarten Teacher: **February 23 – 26, 2021**

An appointment will be made by Mrs. Khan.



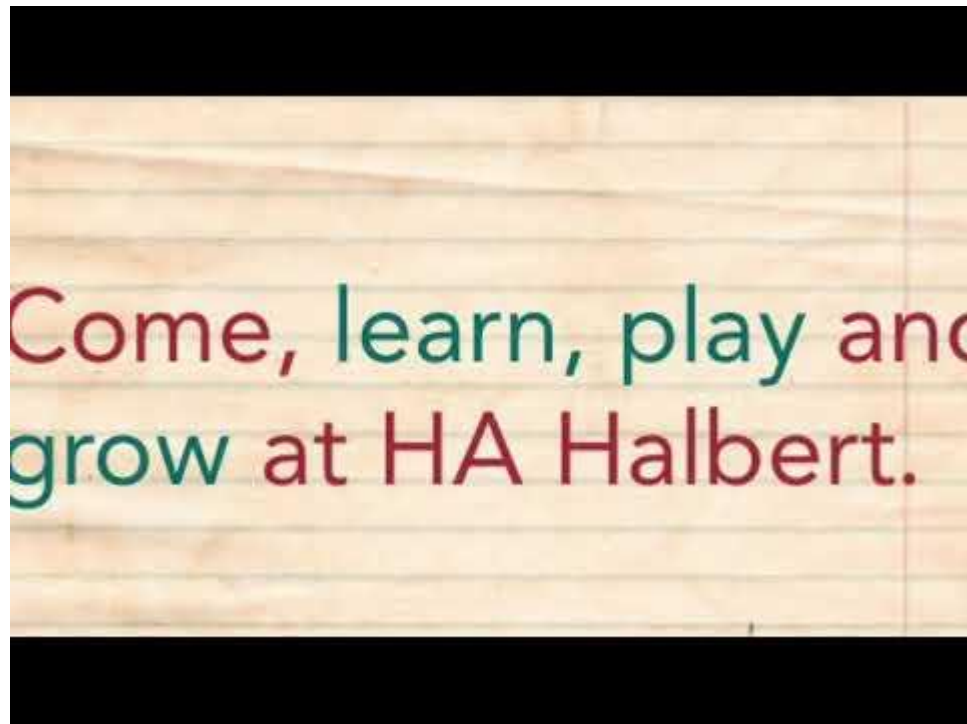
HA Halbert Jr PS

25 Halbert Place, Toronto, ON
416-396-6300

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/hahalbert>



<http://bit.ly/HalbertKReg>



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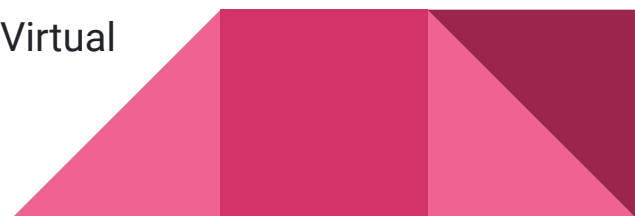
Welcome to **KINDERGARTEN**

Children who will be four by December 31, 2021, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2021.

Families are asked to complete the registration online using the Online Registration System. If you have questions or are unable to complete the online registration independently, please contact **Mrs. Khan** at **416-396-6300**

REGISTER NOW!
Click here

All newly registered families will have an opportunity to participate in a Virtual Meet a Kindergarten Teacher. Families can make an appointment for **February 23 - 26, 2021**



Community Support Worker

What do **Community Support Workers (CSW)** do?

Develop, engage and participate in local and system-wide parent and community development initiatives that close achievement and opportunity gaps.

They support school and system initiatives relating to:
community outreach/networking, parent engagement, equity, inclusive schools, literacy, numeracy, tutoring/mentoring, interventions for students, and school community safety.

Visit the Community Support Hub at

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/cswws/home?authuser=0>



A Message from the former Governor General of Canada

to the students, families and staff of HA Halbert Jr PS
on the occasion of our school's 70th year!



8 December 2020



Congratulations to everyone marking the 70th anniversary of HA Halbert Jr. Public School and beyond!

To the students of today and tomorrow: know that you can do anything if you put your mind to it and work hard at it.

Have passion, vision, opinions! Be open to change and to new ideas.

And dare to dream!
(you can trust me on this one - as a former astronaut)

THE SKY IS NOT
THE LIMIT!



Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette
Governor General of Canada

8 décembre 2020



Félicitations à vous tous qui célébrez le 70^{ième} anniversaire l'École publique HA Halbert Jr! (et les anniversaires subséquents si nous sommes dans le futur)

Aux étudiants d'aujourd'hui et de demain, sachez que vous pouvez accomplir tout ce que vous voulez, si vous y mettez l'effort et la persévérance.

Laissez vous guider par vos passions, ayez une vision et des opinions; soyez ouverts au changement et aux nouvelles idées. OSEZ RÊVER!

Et vous pouvez me croire comme ancienne astronaute: avec un peu d'effort, même la Terre peut être à nos pieds!



Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette
Governor General of Canada

A Message from The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

to the students, families and staff of HA Halbert Jr PS
on the occasion of our school's 70th year!





THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO
LA LIEUTENANTE-GOUVERNEURE DE L'ONTARIO

October 2020

To the future students of H. A. Halbert Junior Public School:

First of all, let me congratulate you on this happy occasion. I am writing to you not long after the Thanksgiving long weekend in the school's 70th anniversary year.

This year has been the most challenging in recent memory. The COVID-19 pandemic erupted in March and already we have lost some 9,650 Canadians. Around the world, more than one million have perished. Currently we are in the beginning of a second wave of the virus. Unemployment and underemployment remain high. Many businesses have closed for good. Some of us have been working from home, yet many do not have that luxury. Doctors, nurses, public servants, and the so-called essential workers in the private sector have sacrificed so that we might continue in our daily lives.

Yet amid such uncertainty and devastation, we can still be thankful. Despite many trials, the pandemic has brought out the very best of who we are. We have seen the inherent resilience of humanity.

What gives me hope are wonderful stories of collaboration, empathy, creativity, and courage: all orders of government working together in common cause, scientists and researchers racing to develop a vaccine, industries retooling their production lines, economic and social innovation, reduced pollution, the empowerment of citizens, and the building of community.

Before us is a real opportunity to build back better, to change the way we do things, and to save our planet while strengthening our precious democracy. By the time this time capsule is opened, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is expected to have been achieved. I know that we are up to the task of making good on this promise to future generations, and this message comes with my fervent prayer that we will have succeeded.

I wish you a bright future.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Dowdeswell



[Click here](#) to read the letter.

A Message from Prime Minister of Canada

to the students, families and staff of HA Halbert Jr PS
on the occasion of our school's 70th year!



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

2020

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone celebrating the 70th anniversary of H. A. Halbert Junior Public School.



In 1950, the groundwork was laid for a school that would emphasize academic achievement and promote personal responsibility and good citizenship. Over the years, H. A. Halbert Junior Public School has fostered a dynamic learning environment of which students and graduates can be proud.

As a former teacher, I understand and value the importance of a strong education system that equips young Canadians of all backgrounds with the tools and guidance they need to succeed in life. I would like to commend the principals, teachers and staff of H. A. Halbert Junior Public School, past and present, for helping to develop young minds and prepare students for the challenges and opportunities that await them.

Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

[Click here](#) to read the letter.

A Message from The Premier of Ontario

to the students, families and staff of HA Halbert Jr PS
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Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario



Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

September 2020

A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

I want to extend warm greetings to the teachers, staff, students and alumni of H.A. Halbert Junior PS as you mark the 70th Anniversary of your wonderful school.

Education is the best investment we can make in the future of our young people. As Premier and as an Ontarian, I am proud of our public schools. Schools such as yours have produced generations of thinkers, leaders and innovators, and helped form the citizens of this great province.

I thank the teachers and staff of H.A. Halbert Junior PS for seven decades of dedication to supporting educational excellence and civic spirit among the youth of the Cliffcrest community. I also want to thank the students and alumni of this school for your contributions to your community and our province.

I know this school year will be unlike any we have ever seen, but by working together, we can all play a part in keeping each other healthy and safe, and ensure our students continue to thrive and learn during these extraordinary times.

Best wishes for a meaningful anniversary and for many more years of success.

Doug Ford
Premier





Child and Family Centre

Parent Worker: Ms. M. Megitt

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

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 8:30am | Story & Music FB Room | Story & Music Live | Story & Music Live | Story & Music FB Room | |
| 9:30 am | Story & Music FB Room | Story & Music FB Room | Story & Music FB Room | Story & Music FB Room | Story & Music FB Room |
| 10:00am | Wellness Chat FB Room | Special Guest Mind Beacon Zoom | | Wellness Chat FB Room | Wellness Chat FB Room |
| 10:30 am |  | | Panel Meeting Welcome to Kindergarten Zoom | Special Guest Importance of Home Language Google Meet | |
| 11:00 | Coffee Chat FB Room | Parent Talk FB Room | | Story & Music Zoom ID406 504 7055 Passcode: Forever | |
| 12:00 pm | Story & Music | Story & Music Zoom ID406 504 7055 Passcode: Forever | Teddy Bear Picnic FB Room | Story & Music FB Room | Story & Music |
| 12:30 pm | | S & S Google Meet | Active Fun FB Room | S & S Google Meet | |
| 1:00pm | Sing Along FB Room | Story & Music FB Room | Kids Choice FB Room | Show & Share FB Room |  |

Google Meet Address

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

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.

