



# Halbert News Online # 21

February 3, 2020

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# Labour Negotiations News

“... the Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (ETFO) announced that, if central agreements are not reached by January 31, its members will conduct a province-wide strike (full withdrawal of services) on **Thursday, February 6, 2020**. In addition, ETFO also announced the details of rotating strikes that will continue at a number of school boards next week. ETFO members will strike at the TDSB on **Friday, February 7, 2020** if an agreement is not reached.

Should the walkouts take place, the TDSB would have no other option but to close all elementary schools to students on **Thursday, February 6** and **Friday, February 7** as there would not be sufficient supervision to ensure their safety. Parents/guardians should start making alternate arrangements for their children on these dates. More information will be shared with parents/guardians shortly.”

# Parent-Teacher Interviews

## **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

“Elementary parent-teacher interviews scheduled to take place during the PA day on Friday, February 14 will continue as normal. Teachers continue to evaluate and assess students and are committed to keeping parents/guardians informed. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their child’s teachers directly to make arrangements to receive a progress update on their child.

In addition to the PA day, parents/guardians can also contact their child’s teachers to set up an interview/phone call as long as it falls within the reduced workday as per ETFO’s sanctions (30 minutes before the start of the instructional day and 15 minutes after the end of the instructional day). As always, if teachers have concerns about a student’s progress/achievement, they will proactively contact parents/guardians to discuss.”

# Appreciation

A big thank you to our families who supported the Pizza Day Fundraising. Our SAC will be sharing with you the results of our fundraising efforts so far.

A big thank you to the many volunteers who helped our SAC with last week's Pizza Day!

# Upcoming Dates

**Jan 31 - Feb 4** - Dental Screening

**Feb 5** - Student of the Month Assembly

**Feb 6 - School is Closed**

**Feb 7 - School is Closed**

**Feb 12** - BBoyism Prologue Presentation

**Feb 14** - PA Day (No classes for students)

**Feb 14** - Family and Education Team Conferences (All day opportunity)

**Feb 17 - Family Day (No classes for students)**

**Feb 20** - PEP Day 1

**Feb 26** - Halbert Earth Hour

**Feb 27** - PEP Day 2

**Feb 28** - Student of the Month Assembly

# Breakfast Club

Please note the temporary Breakfast Club Schedule commencing **Monday, February 3, 2020.**

Mondays - 8:45 AM - 8:55 AM - Breakfast To Go

Tuesdays - 8:45 AM - 8:55 AM - Breakfast To Go

Wednesdays - 8:45 AM - 8:55 AM - Breakfast To Go

Thursdays - 8:45 AM - 8:55 AM - Breakfast To Go

Fridays - 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM - Waffles & Maple Syrup, Cereal, Milk & Fruits

# 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!**





**Parents  
as Partners**

**Toronto District School Board  
Parent Conference 2020**

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**Toronto Congress Centre,  
650 Dixon Rd, Etobicoke, Ontario**

This all-inclusive conference is organized by TDSB parents for TDSB parents, guardians and caregivers. Participate in workshops, network with parents and community agencies and learn new strategies to support your child's success.

Registration will open soon! Register early as there is limited space in each workshop!





# School Improvement Planning

# Representation

The past couple of weeks our School Improvement Plan Online learning focussed on “groups of” and using this knowledge to conceptually understand multiplication.

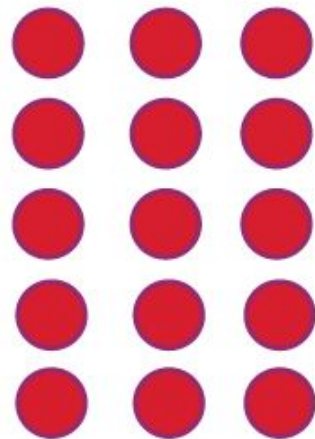
This week, we will explore another way of “grouping” called **arrays**.

What is 3 groups of 5?

What is  $3 \times 5$ ?

How is  $3 \times 5$  and  $5 \times 3$  related?

How can use this to solve  $50 \times 3$ ?



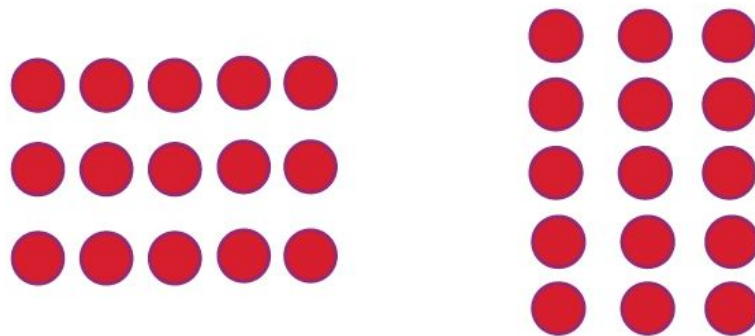
With a strong conceptual understanding of Math, a student, presented with a question  $3 \times 5$  can easily rephrase the question to  $5 \times 3$ .

Counting by 2s, 5s, 10s is very easy and helping students to see these “friendly numbers” will help in solving problems presented to them.

3, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15

Or

5, 10, 15



In Math, we look for efficient ways to solve problems.

Helping younger learners trust the count (as we mentioned two weeks ago) is crucial to helping students' conception of numbers.

As noted before counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s make things a lot easier.

Here is a 5 frame:

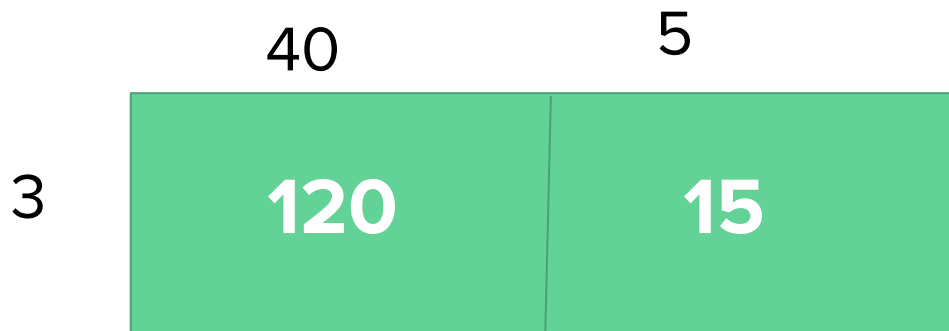
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Here is a 10 frame.

Can you show 8?


$$3 \times 45 =$$

This is an example of how open arrays can help older students solve large multiplication questions.



Now let us try  $23 \times 45$ .

$$120 + 15 = 135$$

Now let us try  $23 \times 45$ .

$$800 + 100 + 120 + 15 = 1035$$

Here we are using 10s and 5s as friendly numbers. We know  $40 \times 20$  is the same as  $4 \times 2 \times 10 \times 10$ . We know  $10 \times 10$  and we know  $4 \times 2$ . If we know our 10s (as a friendly number then we can easily solve  $40 \times 20$ .

We also know our 5 and 10 friendly numbers and so we know  $5 \times 20$  is the same as  $5 \times 2 \times 10$ .

	40	5
20	800	100
3	120	15





Last week at Halbert



This week Kindergarten students read the book Pest and Nest and painted their own rocks to create their own bugs!









The light cube offers multiple opportunities to explore different learning experiences - colours, counting, patterns, etc.

Did you see the students representing numbers using an array?  
This is our Math Online School Improvement Planning this week.

There are so many things one  
can learn from rocks.

How can you sort rocks?





Patterns are all around us. We need not look hard.

Patterns are aesthetically pleasing but are also chock-full of Math!

The Grade 6s learned all about Fibonacci numbers all around us

Math is all around us



# School Advisory (Parent) Council Meeting

**Monday, February 24, 2020**

**5:30 PM**

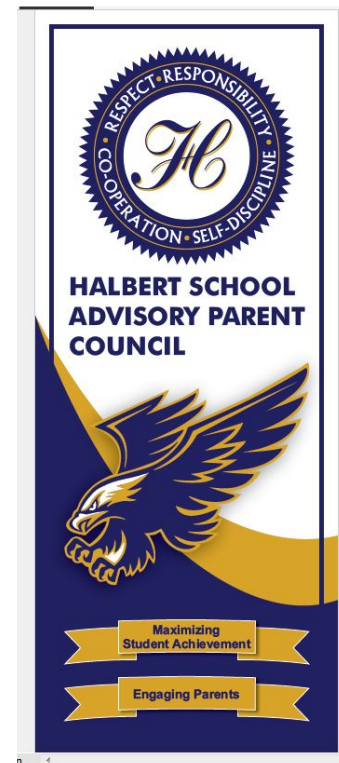
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Focus: Mathematics (Using Manipulatives)



# 19/20 Halbert School Advisory (Parent) Council

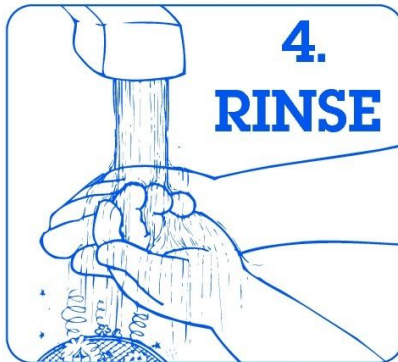
Ms. J. Bergeron, Ms. L. Chung (**Chairperson**),  
Ms. C. Guerrero (**Vice-Chairperson**), Ms. N. Ibrahim,  
Ms. S. Mitchell, Mr. N. Singh (**Secretary**), Ms. J. Smith,  
Ms. M. Tassie (**Treasurer**), Ms. E. Tunney (**Community Outreach**), Ms. H. Tunney







# *Be a Germ-Buster...* **WASH YOUR HANDS!**





# 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**

