



# Halbert News Online # 22

February 15-19, 2021

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# Face to Face Learning Resumes

## Tuesday, February 16, 2021

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday, February 16, 2021!**

School bell rings at 8:55 AM!





## Packing List

Lunch &  
healthy snacks



Winter  
clothing and  
boots



2-3 clean  
masks per day



Indoor Shoes










Re-Useable  
water bottle



Borrowed iPads &  
Chromebooks



# Long Range Forecast for Scarborough, ON

	Sat 02/13	Sun 02/14	Mon 02/15	Tue 02/16	Wed 02/17	Thu 02/18	Fri 02/19
	Scattered flurries	Mainly sunny	Scattered flurries	Snow	Mainly sunny	Scattered flurries	Mainly sunny
							
	-9°	-4°	-8°	-6°	-5°	-4°	-4°
Feels like	-17	-5	-15	-13	-10	-9	-10
Night	-13°	-10°	-12°	-13°	-14°	-10°	-11°



# Updates from Trustee Kandavel

[To view a PDF version of the update, click here!](#)

## Trustee Kandavel's Website

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward18/>



**Trustee Parthi Kandavel**  
Ward 18, Scarborough Southwest

### UPDATE

Dear Parents,

During this period of uncertainty and transition, my hope is that you and your families are keeping well and safe. As you may know, I hosted a Mental Health & Well-Being Town Hall this past Tuesday and many families found it to be helpful amidst this pandemic. We recorded the session for those who were unable to attend and please find the slide deck attached.

1. **Mental Health & Well-Being Town Hall:** please find the recorded Zoom session here:  
[https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/rec/share/anGfcwG3gBWDEum2\\_IMf3uQQqTI-9U4V7el2JtU1GOL\\_ihqyYFfKWYE7yh4yRu.af-CBnIzdm4tKfKM](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/rec/share/anGfcwG3gBWDEum2_IMf3uQQqTI-9U4V7el2JtU1GOL_ihqyYFfKWYE7yh4yRu.af-CBnIzdm4tKfKM)
2. Our **next virtual Town Hall** will be on the topic of **Equity & Anti-Racism**. It will be held on **Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:30 – 8:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please register here: <https://forms.gle/SzzYiUCME35QV4SZA>
3. At the TDSB, every February we celebrate **African Heritage & Chinese Heritage**. Please find the many activities and programs happening around our system here:

**AHM:** <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1583/TDSB-Recognizes-African-Heritage-Month-in-February>

**CHM:** <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1584/February-is-Chinese-Heritage-Month-in-the-TDSB>

Warm Regards,

Trustee Parthi Kandavel



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# Delay in March Break

The Minister of Education [announced](#) on February 11, 2021 that March Break — originally scheduled for March 15 to 19, 2021 — **has now been delayed** by approximately a month in hopes of reducing community transmission of COVID-19.

On the advice of public health officials, the break is now scheduled for **April 12 – 16, 2021.**





Keeping Us Safe  
At H.A. Halbert Jr PS

WEAR YOUR



KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE



wash  
your  
hands!





# TDSB Student Health Pass



## COVID-19 K – 12 STUDENT SCREENING TOOL

Please complete before entering the school.

1. Does the student have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?\*



Fever > 37.8°C



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste or smell



Feeling unwell, muscle aches or tired



Stuffy or runny nose



Headache



Sore throat or pain swallowing



Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

If "YES" to any symptom:



Stay home & self-isolate



Get tested

Or



Contact a health care provider

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, is for [students](#) to screen themselves daily for any symptoms of COVID-19 and also follow the circumstances in which they should stay home.

**Students and families will need to screen themselves each morning.**

Parents should sign their child's [TDSB Student Health Pass](#) **daily** before arriving at school. Their child will need to present this to their teacher each morning.

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

2. Does anyone in your household have one or more of the above symptoms?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Has anyone in your household travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Has anyone in your household been notified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 or been told to stay home and self-isolate?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "YES" to  
Questions  
2,3,or 4:



Stay home



Follow Toronto  
Public Health advice

\*Children who have an existing health condition identified by a health care provider that gives them the symptoms should not answer YES, unless the symptom is new, different or getting worse. Look for changes from your child's normal symptoms.

Toronto Public Health (TPH) has revised its screening tool for students, effective immediately. The update is that everyone in a household must now complete the updated COVID-19 screening daily.

Please note Question 2: As per advice of the Toronto Public Health, if anyone in the household has one or more of the symptoms (in the previous page), the Halbert student(s) should stay home and follow the advice of Toronto Public Health.

# TDSB Student Health Pass

A new TDSB Student Health Pass will be handed out to each student on the **first day of school**.

If you have the pass that we used in December, kindly sign that pass for Tuesday's entry. **HOWEVER, if any household member does exhibit any of the symptoms, your child has to stay home.**

**Beginning Wednesday, February 17, please use the updated version!**

## TDSB Student Health Pass

The most important thing families can do to help slow the spread of COVID-19, is to screen their children daily for any COVID-19 symptoms and keep them home from school if they are sick or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19.

Review this COVID-19 checklist daily with your child. Sign\* below each day to confirm that your child or anyone else in the household does not have any symptoms or have other exposure to COVID-19. We all have a role in keeping our schools safe and healthy.

Student Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	Signature: _____
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Date: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	Signature: _____

\* Parent/Guardian of Kindergarten to Grade 8 students to sign. High school and adult students can sign themselves.



# Safe Arrival Program

## 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.



# Masking Practice as Advised by Toronto Public Health

- Individuals are required to **wear a mask outdoors** when unable to maintain a physical distance.
  - If children/students are taking a mask break during recess, it is advised that the mask is taken off while they are outdoors and they are physically distant from others. If they are unable to maintain a physical distance from others outdoors, it is advised that they keep their mask on. If this is not possible, mask breaks can be taken outside while students are with members of their cohort for short periods of time.
  - Masks should always be kept on when students are lining up outdoors to come in after recess.
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# Tuesday's Entry and Dismissal Routines





# Entry

To support physical distancing and cohorting of students, we will continue with our placement of student lines.

Students are encouraged to wear masks even outside especially when physical distancing will be a challenge.

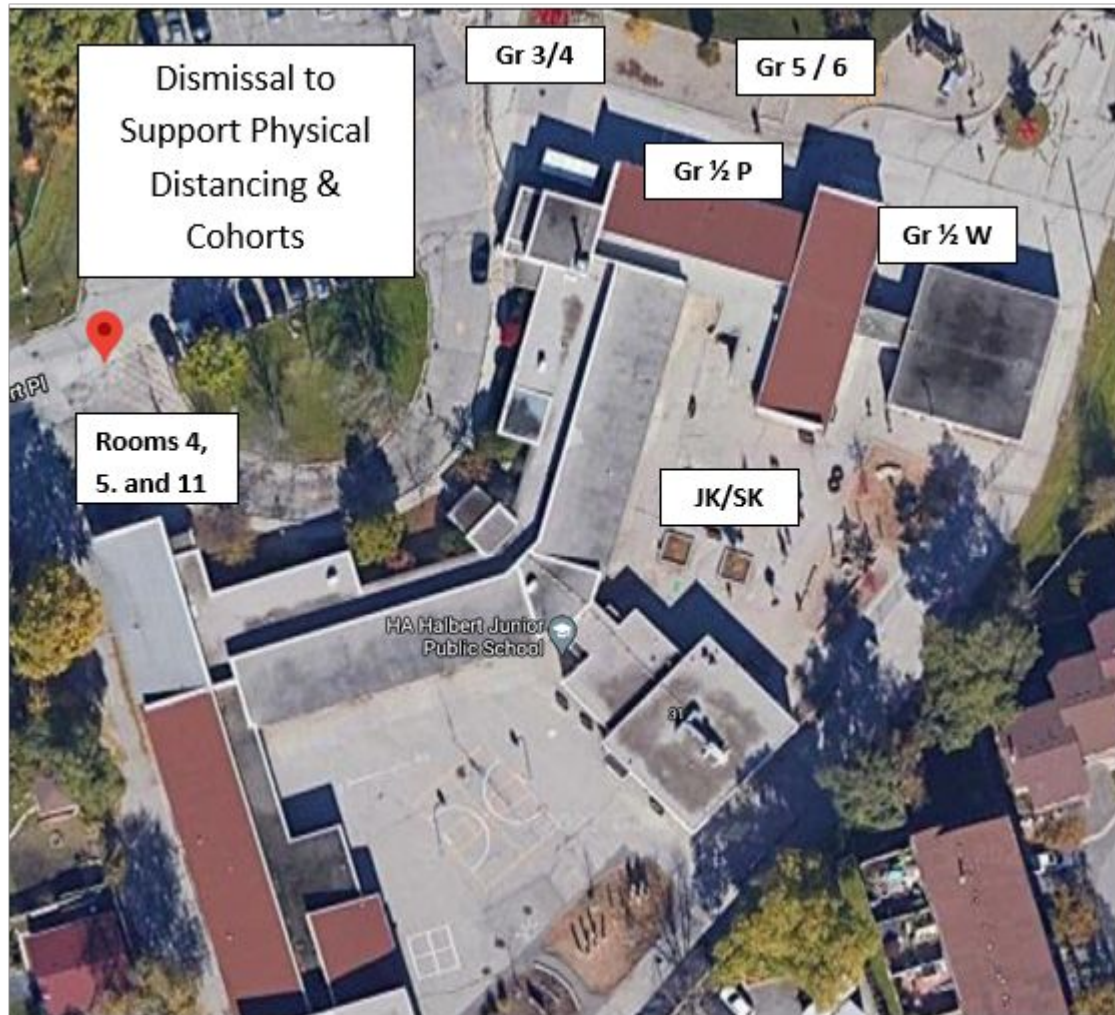


# Dismissal

3:00 PM - Kindergartens

3:10 PM - Grades 1 - 6

We will observe the same dismissal routines. Please wear a mask when picking up your children. We will also encourage wearing of masks where physical distancing will be limited.



# Upcoming Events



# Upcoming Dates

Feb 15 - Family Day

Feb 16 - **First Day of Face to Face Learning**

Feb 16 - Welcome Back to School Virtual Assembly

Feb 18 - Virtual Rising Chefs - 4:00 PM - **Yogurt Parfait**

Feb 23 - 26 - Welcome to Kindergarten Face to Face Get to Know You (By Appt.)

Feb 24 - SAC - Parent Council Meeting

Feb 26 - Student Recognition Assembly





# Family Day - February 15, 2021

There will be **no classes** on **Monday, February 15** to reflect the province-wide statutory holiday called Family Day. The holiday occurs on the third Monday in February of each year for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the importance of families taking time to be together.



# Virtual Rising Chefs

## Thurs., Feb 18, 2021

### Ingredients

- Yogurt
- Granola
- Fruits (strawberry and blueberry)

To order an ingredient pack, please visit this site:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsqQZU7jC8aT5ZP9FI98BCXVzA5DNqNyAnjIwKW0uH8NCkPQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsqQZU7jC8aT5ZP9FI98BCXVzA5DNqNyAnjIwKW0uH8NCkPQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Virtual Rising Chefs  
Thur., Feb. 18 - 4:00 PM  
Breakfast Yogurt Parfait

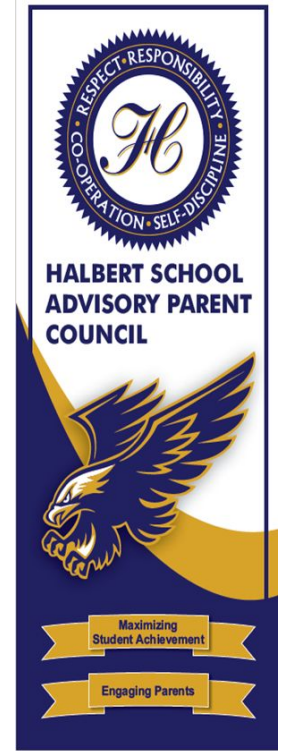




# School Advisory (Parent) Council

**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

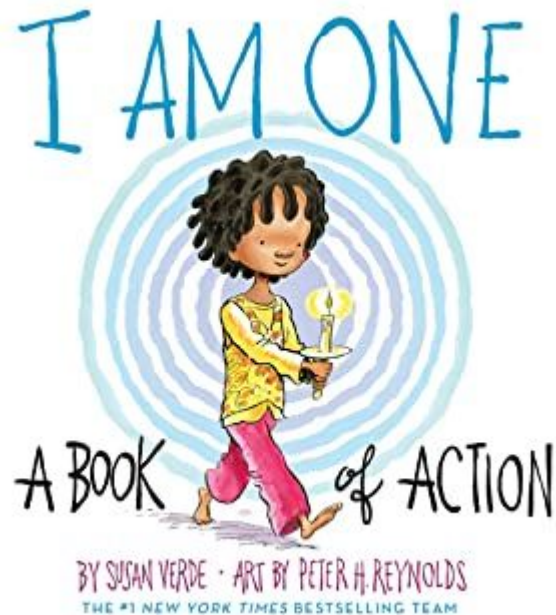


# Be a Community Builder

Each of the classrooms will receive one copy of Susan Verde's new book *I am One* on Tuesday!

As you may have heard in our morning announcements, our theme this month is "Be a community builder."

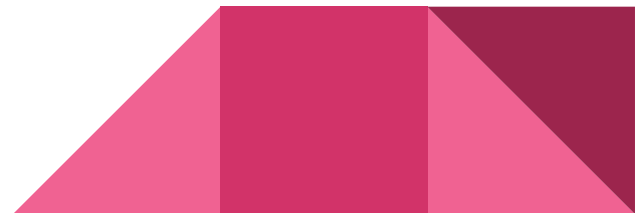
Verde's book addresses how each of us are builders of community.



# Report Cards - February 2021

Kindergarten Communication of Learning and Grade 1 - 6  
Term 1 Report Cards have been emailed to parents  
beginning the on the 8th of February.

**Please connect with the Office if you have not received  
your child's report card.**



# 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.



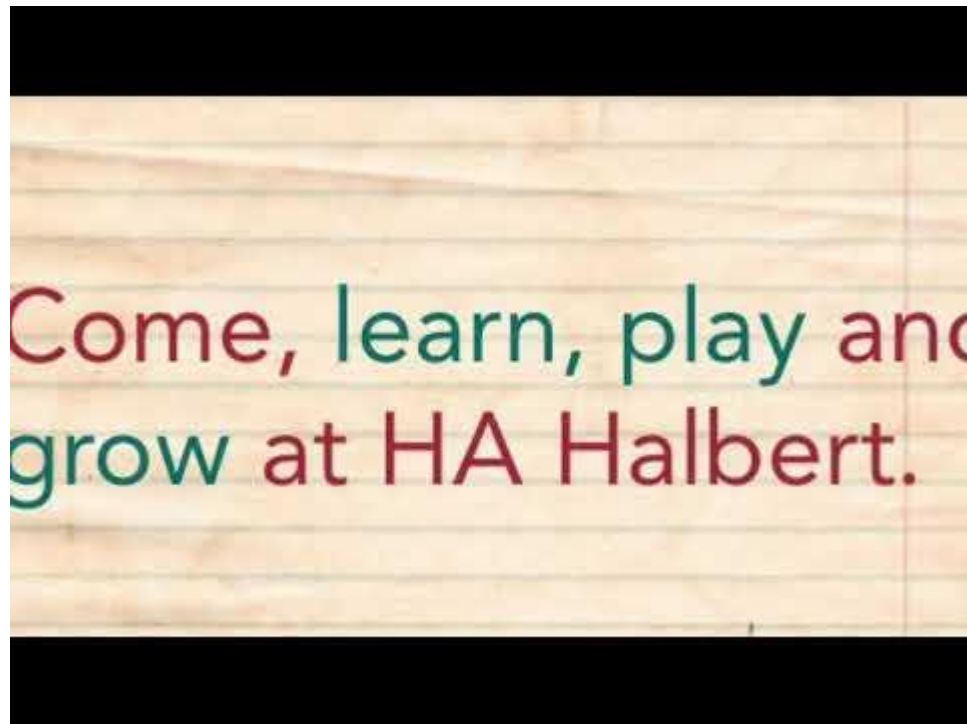
**HA Halbert Jr PS**

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

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



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



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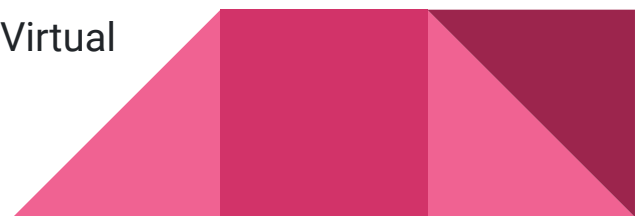
# Welcome to **KINDERGARTEN**

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**







Child and Family Centre

Parent Worker: Ms. M. Megitt

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

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30am	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music FB Room	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	Mindfulness Google Meet		WellnessChat FB Room	Wellness Chat FB Room
10:30am			Panel Meeting Zoom		
11:00am	Coffee Chat FB Room	Parent Talk Zoom ID406 504 7055 Passcode: Forever		Story & Music Zoom ID406 504 7055 Passcode: Forever	
11:30am				February Celebrations Zoom ❤️❤️❤️	
12:00 pm	Story & Music	Story & Music Zoom ID406 504 7055 Passcode: Forever	Story & Music FB Room		Story & Music
12:30 pm		S & S Google Meet	Active Fun FB Room	S & S Google Meet	
1:00pm	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music FB Room	Kids Choice FB Room	Show & Share FB Room	

## Google Meet Address

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

# Congratulatory Messages

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 70<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>ième</sup> 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



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.



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.





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 70<sup>th</sup> 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





January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hello,

As Councillor of Ward 20, Scarborough Southwest, it's my pleasure to congratulate HA Halbert Jr. Public School on its 70<sup>th</sup> 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

# 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.

