

Halbert News Online

Week 11 - November 19, 2018
Character Trait: Empathy



HA Halbert is a Nut – Aware / Allergy – Aware School



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Our Parent Council 18/19



Chair – Ms. Ramsay

Vice Chair – Ms. Chung

Treasurer – Ms. Tassie

Secretary – Ms. Tunney

Community Outreach – Ms. Williamson

Elected Parent Members – Ms. Bergeron, Ms. Guerrero,
Ms. Smith

E-Mail the Chair: leann.ramsay@tdsb.on.ca

Our Parent Council 18/19



School Advisory (Parent) Council Meeting

Monday, January 14, 2019

6:00 p.m.

School Library

Child minding available.

Heads Up

Holiday Concert

- Wednesday, December 12 – Gr 4, 5, 6
- Thursday, December 13 – Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 3

Last Day of School Before Winter Break

- Friday, December 21, 2018

Movie Night

- Thursday, January 17, 2019

Appreciation

A big thank you to our SAC (Parent Council) members for a wonderful planning meeting last Wednesday! Thank you for your support and help!

Thank you to our Community Support Worker (CSW) and for our parents who joined us last Friday for our First Aid and CPR Training!

Upcoming Dates / Events / Activities

Nov 20 - School-Wide Pediculosis Check

Nov 29 - Snuggle Up and Read Afternoon Workshop for Families

Nov 26-30 - Guess The Baby Staff Photo Contest

Dec 6 - Student of the Month Assembly

Dec 7 - **PA Day**

Heads Up: Holiday Concert - December 12 (Gr 4 -6 & Instrumental Music) December 13 (Kindergarten to Grade 3)

Snuggle Up and Read Afternoon

Thursday, November 29, 2018

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Parents of Kindergarten to Grade 2

Topic: Developing Sight Words and
the Importance of Letter Sounds

Childminding is available.

Presentation will repeat in an
evening session. Date TBD



Parent / Family Volunteers Needed

We are in need of your support!

We are looking for family members who can:

- help organize our Literacy / Book Rooms
- play the piano for our Holiday Sing Along (last week of school)
- read with SKs and Grade 1s

The school will help interested family members in acquiring the required vulnerable sector screening check.

CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE AND A PROBLEM SOLVER

When I started University in 1996 this was my mobile phone. I remember my father so angry that I would spend money on such a device considering I had University to pay for.

Two days ago his Internet was down. He left home to a nearby coffee shop with free wifi and connected with his sisters abroad via Facebook Talk. How things have changed!!



CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE AND A PROBLEM SOLVER

Could we really have imagined the extent to which devices have become part of our lives 20 years ago?

The creative, innovative problems solvers of 20 years ago imagined the technologies we use today and more!

Our incoming JKs will finish elementary and secondary schools in 2031 ... can you imagine the world they will graduate in?

What will creative, innovative problem solvers create for their world?

CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE AND A PROBLEM SOLVER

These three qualities ... creative, innovative and problem solvers are three of several global competencies that we will focus on at HA Halbert over the next couple of years.

Markets are looking for individuals who can create and innovate based on a given problem with many variables. We need to help our students think creatively and innovate new ideas to find solutions to current situations.

Our goal is help our students think critically.

STEM / ROBOTS / MAKE

This year Ms. McMichael will focus on helping teachers and students create, innovate and problem solve.

Our goal is to introduce students to the current technologies available to them and the school in the hopes that they will be able to develop and transfer these thinking skills in different contexts.

We have bought 4 Dash and Dots and several STEM kits (purchased previously). Together, we will look at real life problems and develop creative and innovative solutions for them.

Beautiful Hands

All homeroom classes received a copy of the book *Beautiful Hands* by Kathryn Otoshi!

Each class was also given an opportunity to respond to the book through art!

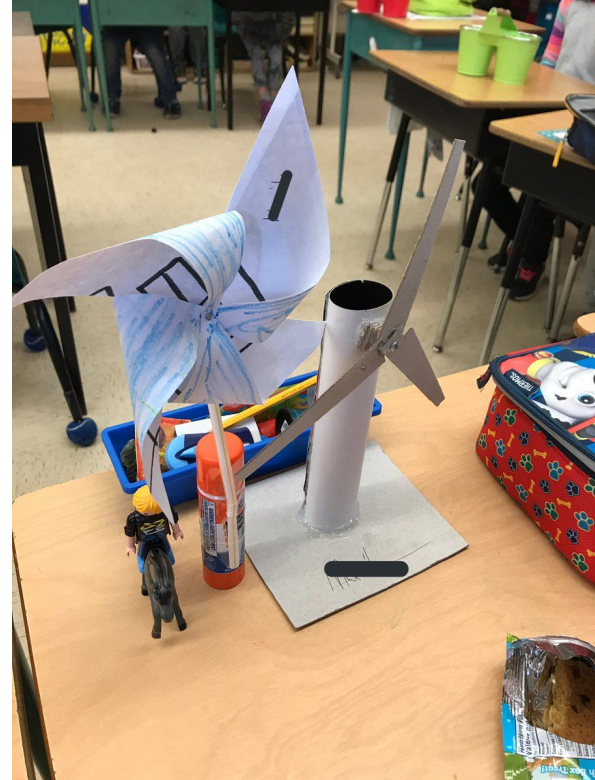
Kathryn Otoshi has been contacted and she's eagerly awaiting to see our students' work!



Renewable Resources

Students in Ms. Prince's class has been learning about renewable resources.

They created different types of windmills!



Remembering Our Work

For the last five years, Halbert has been focussing on how are caretakers of the earth – a lesson from the First Nations, Inuit and Metis!

This week, the final year of our former Principal's work has been immortalized. 2016/2017 is up on our ECO mural!

Change Begins With Me!



Growing Our Own Salad

Halbert is growing its own salad!

We purchased 2 hydroponic tower and we received a donation of 2 more! In total, we have 4 grow towers and soon we will be eating our own salad!



French Programs for 19/20 School Year

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, we offer an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten;
- Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4

We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy.

The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2019 are:

- Applications for **Early French Immersion** (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between **October 29, 2018 and November 26, 2018.**

- Applications for **Junior Extended French** must be completed online between **January 7, 2019 and February 4, 2019.**

Halbert's EarlyON Child and Family Centre

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



Was your child born in 2015?

If so ... then your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or family friend can attend Junior Kindergarten in **September 2019!**

Consider spending this year with **Early**  **ON** !!!

This is a transition opportunity **Child and Family Centre** for the Kindergarten-to-be! Please share this news and invitation with your family, friends and neighbours!

Safe Arrival Program

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

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