

Halbert News Online

Week 18 - January 14, 2019
Character Trait: Teamwork



Appreciation

A big thank you to the members of our SAC (Parent Council) for all of their work in preparing for this week's Family Movie Night! It promises to be a fun evening!

Upcoming Dates / Events / Activities

- Jan 14 - Ms. Scott's Grade 6s to the ROM
- Jan 15 - Ms. White and Class to Toronto Urban Schools Trip
- Jan 17 - SAC Sponsored Family Movie Night
- Jan 18 - PA Day
- Jan 21 - Geek Squad Academy - Grades 3 - 6
- Jan 24 - Snuggle Up and Read Afternoon
- Feb 4 - Ballet Creole's Performance (1 pm)
- Feb 12 - Report Cards Sent Home
- Feb 14 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Feb 15 - Parent Teacher Interviews / PA Day

Halbert - Update All Day!

If you have been at school you would have noticed the big screen TV located outside the main office. We display announcements and activities on it.

You also have access to view it daily at:

<http://www.updateallday.com/org/h/halbert/display.php>

This is a method to ensure families are kept up to date with school-wide events and activities! Check it often for updates!

TDSB Celebrates January as Tamil Heritage Month

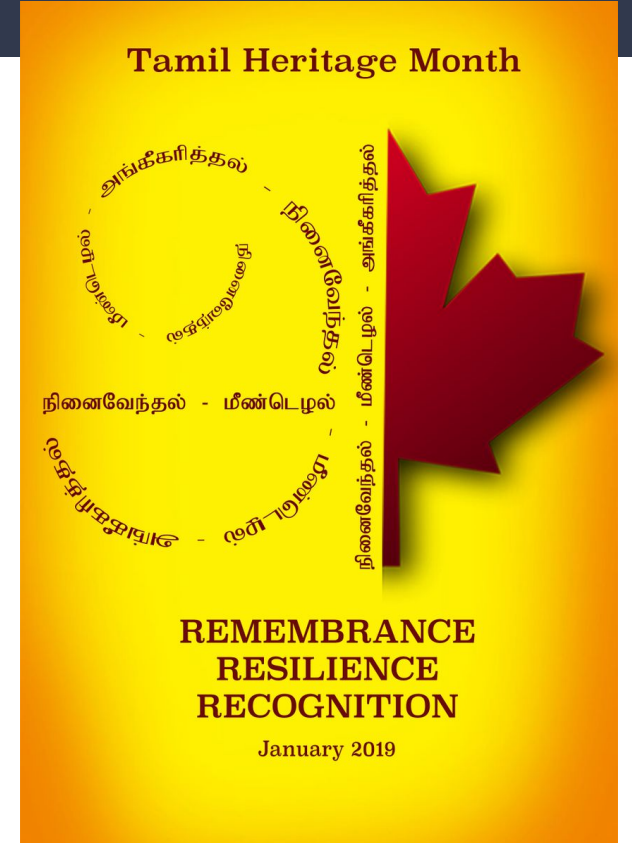
January 2019

TDSB Recognizes Tamil Heritage Month in January

The TDSB is celebrating Tamil Heritage Month in January 2019 with the theme of “Remembrance. Resilience. Recognition.”

In October 2016, the House of Commons voted unanimously to recognize every January as Tamil Heritage Month. This month was chosen as it coincides with one of the most important celebrations for Canadians of Tamil heritage, the Thai Pongal Harvest Festival.

Millions of Tamil people around the world, irrespective of their religion, celebrate Thai Pongal, and offer thanks for an abundant harvest.



Winter Weather

Fresh air and exercise are important for children. It keeps them physically fit, and helps them stay alert all through the school day. Parents can help by making sure their children come to school prepared to spend time outdoors. Hats, mitts, boots and a warm jacket are important to keep students comfortable during lunch and recess.

But extreme cold can be dangerous, and parents want to know that their children will be safe. When the temperature is predicted to drop below -15C, the City of Toronto may declare a cold weather alert. Schools are very sensitive to the needs of our students and pay close attention to the weather, especially when the windchill is below -20 C.

The TDSB Severe Weather Protocol is flexible, so that every principal can make a decision that meets the needs of his or her school. It sets guidelines for when to allow students outside for recess, when to make outdoor breaks shorter, and when to keep students inside altogether.

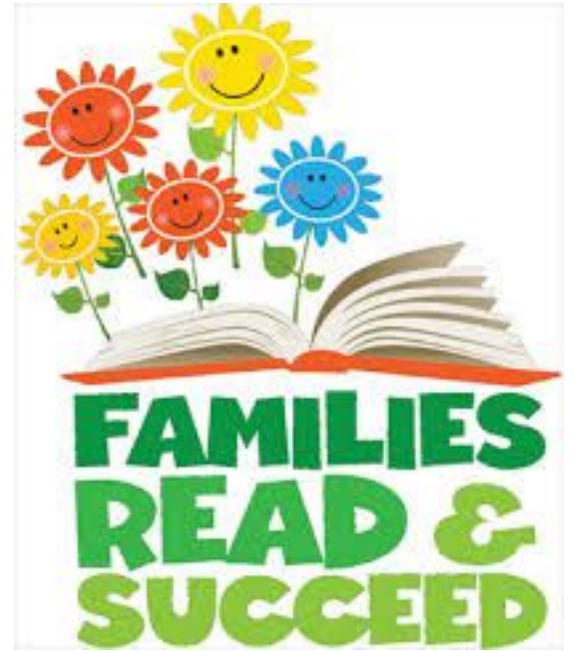
Our winters can be wonderful but when the weather is cold, school staff keep one eye on the thermometer and the other on the needs of our students - a perfect balance of fun and safety.

Family Literacy

In January 2019 we will once again celebrate the importance of family literacy. The family, after all, is the child's first teacher!

Question: If you could meet one fictional character, who would you like to meet? Why?

Send your response to HAHalbert@tdsb.on.ca and we'll post some responses on Twitter!



Parent Council Planning Meeting



School Advisory (Parent) Council Meeting

Monday, January 14, 2019

6:00 p.m.

School Library

Child minding available.

Movie Night!



School Advisory (Parent) Council Hosts
Movie Night

Thursday, January 17, 2018

Concession Stand opens at 5:30 PM
Movie begins at 6:00 PM



Geek Squad Academy – Gr 3 – 6

Monday, January 21, 2019

2 schools in the TDSB were selected from among many throughout Canada to host the Geek Squad Academy! Best Buy staff will be working with our students to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics!



ACADEMY

An educational program under Best Buy Canada's community investment pillar, we partner with various non-profit organizations to help bring opportunities to students aged ten to sixteen.

Snuggle Up and Read Afternoon

Thursday, January 24, 2019

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Parents of Kindergarten to Grade 2

Topic: Decoding Skills

Childminding is available.



Personal Enrichment Program (PEP)

Every year Halbert hosts PEP or Personal Enrichment Program. Every Thursday from February 14 until March 7, students will participate in different activities in and out of the school community.

Ms. Fromstein will share more information shortly!

PEP, this year, begins on **February 14!**



Kindergarten Registration – February 19 – 22

February 2019 is Kindergarten
Registration Month!

If your child is born in **2015** they are
able to attend Kindergarten in
September 2019!

**Registration Packages can be picked up
from school on Wednesday, January 16,
2019!**



Gr 4 Extended French Programs for 19/20 School Year

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

- 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.

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

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

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Aware School.**



Please **do not** send any **peanuts** or **tree nuts** (e.g., almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, etc.) shellfish or any products **made with** or **made of** peanuts or tree nuts (e.g., chocolate almonds, chocolate bars with nuts, nutella, etc.) or shellfish for lunch or as a snack.

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

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



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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