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## February 18, 2022 Newsletter

### Hello Harbord parents/guardians and students:

I hope everyone continues to be well. It's Family Day weekend — woohoo! With the additional time this weekend, I encourage everyone to get outside with family and friends and enjoy the wonderful outdoors. Fresh air, family, and friends are a FUNomenal combination!

I think we've had a wonderful start to Semester 2 and I know we are going to have even more amazing things 'start-up' and 'happen' in our second half of the school year — I too am excited and eager to see the BUZZ in the building grow! Before we highlight some of the upcoming activities and information items, I would like to stress the importance of returning textbooks and equipment that are not currently being used. As we all know, textbooks are very expensive and are needed for learning in the classrooms. Many students may still have textbooks from semester 1 that need to be returned to their teacher. Please have your child check their bags, under their beds, or under their desks for school books. Students can bring the textbook to the main office, departmental offices, or simply return the book to their semester 1 teacher. We REALLY NEED YOUR HELP to get these learning materials back!

And here are some information items and upcoming activities:

### ***African Heritage Assembly presented by Whole of Africa and the Caribbean Club***

The students are working hard on this assembly that will take place on Thursday, February 24 (during period after lunch). It will include contributions from a variety of groups and clubs at Harbord.

**Black Student Summer Leadership Program (BSSLP)** The BSSLP is a 7-week (July 4 - August 19) paid Leadership Program that provides Black students with the opportunity to work with organizations that can provide you with experiential learning in various career fields. Eligibility: Black-identifying TDSB student (current, graduating or returning); must be available for pre-employment training once a week for 1.5 hrs (April 7-May 26); must be 16 as of July 1, 2022, and must be available to commit to the program full-time (July 4-Aug 19).

Program Registration is now open until Monday, Feb 28th. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**Photo Retake Day** Photo Retake Day will Take Place on Friday, February 25th.

**Grad Photos** Grade Photos will take place from March 21st to April 1st. Please book an appointment here:

<https://booking.edgeimaging.ca/portal/book/HAR> A black graduation gown, sash and graduation cap will be available for each student to use. We are following all health and safety guidelines set out by the TDSB and TPH. Often students wear a white collared shirt or blouse and tie, but wear what makes you comfortable. Your confirmation email will confirm the location of your session will take place.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### THIS WEEK

Monday, February 21	<b>Family Day</b>
Wednesday, February 23 <i>*Late Start 10am</i>	<b>LATE START - Staff meeting</b>
Thursday, February 24	<b>African Heritage Assembly <i>presented by Whole of Africa and the Caribbean Club</i></b>
Friday, February 25	<b>Photo Retake Day</b>

Lastly... **"At Harbord, we CARE for EACH OTHER. TOGETHER. We are ONE!"**

Have a FUNomenal long weekend everyone.

Steve and Admin team