



HUMBERCREST PS

Family Communication

April 26, 2024

Dear Humbercrest Families,

Thank you to the Humbercrest Community for your fundraising support throughout the year. The items approved through the school proposals are continuing to arrive and we are very thankful. Classes have enjoyed Scientist in the Schools visits, the Shoestring Opera, and new equipment for our Phys-Ed programs. Audio equipment will be used during our school concerts in May, and we look forward to more upcoming school-wide events such as Tribal Vision and the Unstoppable Tracy Schmitt later in May.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

Volunteers for Graduation - June 25

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Grade 8 graduation. Humbercrest has a long standing tradition of grade 7 parents 'paying it forward' and completing the set-up and decorations for our Graduation, but we welcome all volunteers. We need help in 2 locations to prepare for our Graduation. Some of the volunteer positions are:



- Gym Set-up at Humbercrest, June 24
- Set-up/Clean-up at Runnymede CI, the morning of and after the ceremony
- Organizing/Ordering/Picking up food (e.g., cake, drinks, pizza) for the Dance at Humbercrest (organized before Graduation)
- Helping to serve food at the Graduation June 25

If you are interested in volunteering for Graduation, please email: debra.marshall-macleod@tdsb.on.ca

Kindergarten Concert

We are very excited to share the upcoming Kindergarten Spring Concert with the Humbercrest community!

This concert will feature all the Kindergarten classes performing together, along with a performance by the Humbercrest Primary Choir.

The concert will take place on May 8th at 2:00pm in the senior gymnasium.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Parking - Student Drop Off - Student Pick-Up

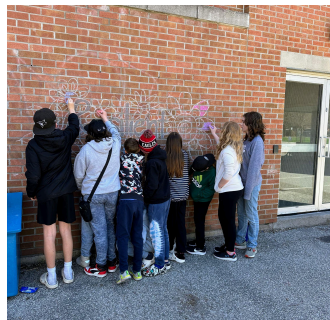
This is just a reminder that we have a School Drop Zone which is supervised by a staff member starting at 8:45 am. Please use this area on Watson Avenue if you are dropping off your child as we are noticing some of our students being dropped off on St. Marks Road. This is a very busy street where cars are travelling both east and west, but it is also used for our school bus. Both parents and staff have observed very close calls with cars not seeing students crossing and we want to prevent any type of accident. In addition, cars are parking on both

sides of the road on Brookside Avenue and residents are having difficulty accessing their own driveways. Please be courteous to our Community neighbours.

Humbercrest Highlights



On Wednesday, the Shoestring Opera presented the Magic Flute to our K-8 students. It was an Opera with a positive message about kindness and following through with your promises. Thank you to our School Advisory Council for funding this wonderful opportunity.



On Thursday afternoon, our Junior students participated in Junior Joy Day. The purpose of this day is to offer another opportunity for our English and French classes to come together to build relationships. The activities were organized by the teachers and the students were able to select their chosen activity. We look forward to the next Junior Joy day in June.

Rain or Shine Recess

Beginning **May 1st**, we will be having outdoor recesses Rain or Shine. We ask that our students come prepared with clothing appropriate for all weather conditions. We recommend bringing a change of clothes for students to keep in their classroom if needed. We believe the fresh air and benefits of being outdoors will be welcomed by all. If students are not dressed appropriately we are fortunate to have our large overhang that students can stay under.



Class Placements - 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR

As we head into the final months of the 2024/2025 school year, the planning and organization process for next September is already underway. As with past practice, we want to reassure parents that the staff and administration put a great deal of time and thought into the organization of classroom groupings each year. Instructional needs and social/emotional needs are all carefully considered. Teachers meet with the school administration to discuss the needs of each student.

Due to the complex nature of this task, we are not able to entertain requests for specific teachers and/or friends. We must take into account The Ministry of Education's Primary Class Size which places a 'hard cap' of 20 students in Primary classes (Gr.1 – Gr. 3). We do our best to create an optimal learning environment for

each student. If you have specific requests or considerations that you would like to bring forward, **based on your child's learning needs that the school may not be aware of**, please email me directly at marlene.calligan@tdsb.on.ca **no later than May 17**.

We appreciate your trust in our professional judgement in balancing the considerations mentioned above. **Once again, specific requests for teachers will not be considered.**

Not returning next school year?: If your child(ren) will not be attending Humbercrest next school year, please inform the main office. This will help in our planning for the 2024/2025 school year. Thank you to families who have informed us of any changes.

Fundraiser in Support of Women Around the World

by the **WATERMELONS** Written by Leah Seto and Elizabeth Cann

Greetings everyone, we are the Watermelons. You may remember us from our International Women's Day event; but if you don't, you may be wondering why we're called the Watermelons. Watermelons stands for **W**omen, **A**spiring, **T**rans-women, **E**mpowered, **R**ising, **M**entally healthy, **E**quitable, **L**eaders, **O**pportunities, **N**on-binary, **S**trong. We believe in empowering the young generation so that they become strong, confident adults.

We are going to be having a schoolwide fundraiser to raise money for these 3 women's charities:

Care Canada (International aid):

https://care.ca/take-action/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI0cyd1fTsggMVamNHAR2KsAMiEAAYAiAAEgJ3svD_BwE (we hope to send some girls to school)

Indigenous Women's Resources: <https://nwrct.ca>

Chantel's Place (a local charity affiliated with the Trillium hospital network that assists young women in need):

<https://www.thp.ca/patientservices/womens/Chantels-Place/Pages/default.aspx>

You have two options for donating money.

OPTION 1 for kids: Get out your loonies, toonies and \$5 bills!



At school, we are going to be selling buttons we have made (with empowering women and inspiring designs on them), they will be sold for \$1 or \$2, string and beaded bracelets and to be sold for \$4-6, a few sets of earrings that are being created by a Watermelons supporter to be sold for \$15 a pair. The sales will take place in the school yard, under the overhang at lunch time, on May 7, 8, 9 and 22, 23.

Exact change only please!

OPTION 2 for adults: Donate directly from your own home!

Here is a link to cash online where you can donate directly to the school and we will donate the money to those charities.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/250637/153/False/True>

PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL: We are hoping to raise \$1000!

Humbercrest Athletics Update



We had a couple of exciting weeks with Spring sports tryouts and are looking forward to seeing all of our student athletes represent Humbercrest at the following TDESAA games and tournaments. Here is what we have in store for the upcoming months so be sure to mark your calendars! Go Hawks!

Ultimate Frisbee

Grade Four, Five, and Six Families,

Tryouts for the all gender ultimate frisbee team will be starting next week! If your child is interested in trying out, please login to [EMA](#). Select "Athletics" and then select "Grade 6 All-Gender Ultimate Frisbee team 1". From there you must complete the digital permission form. If you have any difficulties with this, please have your child see Madame Chow or Ms. Brown for a hard copy form.

Due to high interest, the initial tryouts will be divided by gender. We are asking that girls and non-binary students come to the first tryout on Monday April 29th and boys and non-binary students come to the second tryout on Wednesday May 1st. All future tryouts and subsequent practices will be all gender and after school from 3:30-4:30 on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out,

Katherine Chow and Jessica Brown

JaysCare Girls at Bat Program (Grades 5-8): This non-competitive program aims to foster community and participation in sport and give students a chance to build baseball skills and confidence. If you have any questions, please email Mme Rutledge at Anna.rutledge@tdsb.on.ca

- 8 Weekly Practices: Wednesdays 3:20 PM to 4:00 PM
- Dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19

Boys Slo Pitch (Grade 5 & 6)

- Practices will be on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 am
- Game/Tournament Date: TBD

Coed Ultimate Frisbee (Grade 7 Team)

- Tryout: Week of April 29 during gym
- Practices: TBD
- Tournament: TBD

Coed Ultimate Frisbee (Grade 8 Team)

- Tryout: Week of April 29 during gym
- Practices: Afterschool on Mondays at 3:20 PM to 4:20 PM (starting on May 6th, 2024)
- Tournament: TBD

Flag football western tech (Grades 7 & 8 team)

- Practice: 3:20 PM - 4:20 PM on Tuesday April 30, 2024
- Western Tech Invitational Tournament: Friday, May 3rd, 2024 at Centennial Park Stadium

Track & field grades 4-8

- Tryouts: Week of April 22-26th during gym classes with Ms. Drynan (Gr. 6-8) and Ms. Brown (Gr. 4-5)
- Practices: Schedule varies
- Qualifier Meet - Friday, May 24, 2024
- West Final Meet - Wednesday, June 5, 2024
- City Final Meet - Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Call out to join SAC - Athletics Committee

Do you love sports?

Do you want to help increase engagement and school spirit in our students?

If you answer yes to any of those questions, send an email to humbercrestathletics@gmail.com and see how you can help and get involved!

Next Week at a Glance

Date	Day	Activity and time
Monday, April 29	5	BSA - Lunch Ultimate Frisbee Try-outs (Grades 4, 5 6) - 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Tuesday, April 30	1	Get Real Workshops - Grades 5 - 8 Lunch Lady Flag Football Practice 3:20 - 4:20 pm
Wednesday, May 1	2	Slo-Pitch Grade 5 & 6 - 8 am Pizza Lunch Coding Club - Lunch Rubix Cube Clube - Lunch Junior Choir - Lunch JaysCare Girls at Bat Program (Grades 5-8) - 3:20 - 4:00 pm Ultimate Frisbee Try-outs (Grades 4, 5, 6) - 3:30 -4:30 pm
Thursday, May 2	3	Lunch Lady MineCraft Club - Lunch Watermelons - Lunch Primary Choir - Lunch Strings - After School
Friday, May 3	4	Slo-Pitch Grade 5 & 6 - 8 am Eco Club - Lunch Flag Football Tournament at Centennial Park

School Advisory Committee

Dance-a-Thon 2024

During the day today, all Humbercrest students participated in our annual SAC event called the Dance-a-Thon. Each class went to the gym for a 45 minute time slot to have some fun and fitness with friends & our D.J. This dance is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year in which we ask families and friends to sponsor our students for their time on the dance floor. All fundraising dollars collected are spent through SAC (Parent Council) using a financial approval form and formal vote by our Members at Large. All teachers and families are invited to present their fundraising proposals to the council once a year. This year the council has approved items like a musical performance, new gym equipment and jerseys, literacy resources, mindfulness games for the library, new types of instruments for the music room & scooter boards for outdoor games. Please visit www.humbercrestcouncil.ca to review all the approved spending this school year.

Paper donation forms were sent home so please return them as soon as possible. Donations can also be made using Cash Online.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Humbercrest P.S.

Heather & Kristen
SAC Co-Chairs

👁️ To keep up to date with SAC events follow our Instagram account  @humbercrestparentcouncil

Extra-Curricular

The Watermelons	Thursdays at Lunch
Eco Club	Fridays - Lunch
Minecraft Club	Thursday Lunch
Pokemon Club (gr. 4-8)	2 Mondays per month - Lunch (library)
Mila's Book Club (Grade 5)	Last Wednesday of the month in the library at Lunch
Strings	Thursdays after school
BSA	Day 5 - Lunch
Student Council	Lunch
Coding Club	Wednesdays Lunch
Primary Choir	Thursday Lunch
Junior Choir	Wednesday Lunch
Rubix Cube Club	Wednesday Lunch

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TDSB Parent/Caregiver/Family Opportunities

Community Parenting/Caregiver Connections

Parent/Caregivers are even more effective when they are able to be supported by a community that understands their parental needs and those of their child, youth or young adult with Special/Complex Needs. For this Virtual Community Fair, parents/caregivers will get the opportunity to build connections with community agencies that offer supportive programs such as parenting groups, family resource sharing groups, and also to discuss supports related to; Behaviour Support, ASD Supports, Life Skills Programs and Respite/Summer Programs.

Guests: Family Services Toronto, Extend-A-Family, Woodgreen Community Services, Holland Bloorview, Lumenus Community Services and Dream Serenade.

When: Monday, May 6th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on Monday, May 13th, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429

Passcode: 3BWFVF

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

For more information send email to virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca

Elementary Summer School 2024

The focus of the 2024 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through July. The local summer school principal develops programs focused on Literacy and Numeracy priorities and aligned with the school's specific focus

Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 2 to July 26, 2024. This year, one remote program will also be available for Grades 4 to 8.

- Program Dates - July 2 to July 26, 2024, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Registration is online. To fill out an application, please click on the registration form link for the school below.
- The remote (online) program is NOT associated with a particular school. Students who are registered will be grouped by grade and assigned an online teacher.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

Days of Significance

Theraváda New Year	April 24- 26
Ninth Day of Ridván	April 29
Beltane	May 1
Twelfth Day of Ridván	May 2, 2024
Orthodox Holy Friday	May 3

Trustee Debbie King Newsletter

Trustee King’s latest e-newsletter

[April 2024 Trustee Update](#)

The Town Hall meeting will give all members of the TDSB community the opportunity to learn more about the budget, ask questions and provide feedback. There are 4 sessions in total, and details how to register are in the flyer.

[Budget Town Hall](#)

After Hours School Safety

If you see any suspicious activity or vandalism at the school after hours, but feel it is not a call to police, you can call **The 24-hour TDSB security number: 416-395-4620**

School Website

[Humbercrest Public School](#)

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