



# Humbercrest Happenings



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February 2016

## Celebrating African Heritage Month

Our monthly character assembly was especially poignant and entertaining as we celebrated the end of African Heritage Month. Students learned about the history of the steel pan from special guest artist Thadel Wilson and intermediate students watched a very powerful film against the idea of labels defining us as people. A special performance by Mme Caine's drum and dance group allowed students to also connect to the vibrant and rich nature of African heritage. Isaac and Pablo, along with Mrs. Maldonado mesmerized with a fabulous bossa nova with drums, piano and trumpet!



## February: all about Fairness

We celebrated student success once again at our month end assembly—congratulations to all of our students who were recognized as excellent role models when it comes to fairness. The theme for March will be honesty.



## Pink Shirt Day

On the 24th of the month, students were asked to wear pink as a way of making a personal statement against bullying in our school, our community and online. The idea of Pink Shirt Day originated with two Nova Scotia high school students who witnessed a fellow student being harassed. They began selling pink t-shirts to bring attention to the issue. On Pink Shirt Day 2016, almost 350 students and staff at Humbercrest stood up by wearing pink. Congratulations to the students of 3A and 8D—Mrs. Sinopoli and Mme Panucci's classes each had a 100 percent participation rate.!

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### Dates to Remember:

March 13: Daylight Savings Time begins

March 14-18: March Break

March 23: Pizza Day

March 29: Social Media presentation – Gr. 5-8 and parents

April 1: Grad Photo Day

April 14: Skip-a-thon Assemblies



## Classroom News



The students of Grade 5 got to learn about government first-hand from Parkdale-High Park MPP Cheri Di Novo

Ms. Forte 's class working on 100's in math



Grade 3's did some hands-on learning in an Acadian cooking class!



Mr. Newman's grade 5 and 6 students worked on STEM-based structures after a PD session. The structures are part of both the electricity and flight units – students are building an airport and attaching circuits.



Mme Le Bouedec's class studied the concept of force in science in a fun way—they designed their own games using magnets and created super hero comic strips as well—a wonderful integration of STEM and media literacy!



Celebrating the 100th day in Mr. Sinclair's class!



It was standing room only at the annual JK Open House!



Students in grades 4-8 selected topics and presented speeches in-class, with each class being represented in the school-wide competition. Two winners from both the Junior and Intermediate Divisions moved on to the Legion Finals. Congratulations to Sean P. Kyra-Mei P. Mathew W. and Charley P.!



Senior students visited Fort York!





# real food for real kids™

We are excited to announce that the Real Food for Real Kids program will begin April 5th!

Offered on Tuesdays and Thursday, this lunch program makes all their food from scratch to create delicious and hot dishes that accommodate all palates. Sustainably grown and sourced in Ontario and Canadian coastlines; you can be assured your child receives a lunch free from artificial colours, flavours and preservatives and GMOs. Lunch coaches are on hand to encourage nervous palates in a family style setting.

The menu features globally inspired dishes designed specifically for kids, and is completely nut and shellfish free. Kids choose to sign up for Omnivore or Herbivore options, with delicious substitutes for children with allergies or special dietary restrictions.

Check your child's agenda for further details, pricing and registration information. Sign up begins March 7th!

A sample menu and everything you need to know about Real Food for Real Kids can be found on their website: [www.rfrk.com](http://www.rfrk.com).

Any specific questions can be directed to Annabel Zbogar at [annabelz@rogers.com](mailto:annabelz@rogers.com)



Our Hawks continue to enjoy success in athletics:

The Senior Boys Basketball team excelled in their initial tournament, going undefeated. We then made it to the quarter finals and unfortunately lost in overtime by a point. Our Senior boy's hockey team advanced to the playoffs as well.

Sr. Girls Volleyball this year captured the Finalist banner at the James S. Bell Invitational with some exceptional contributions from all our team members. Our Gr. 7 Girls Volleyball team play in the Conference semifinals this week - Go! Hawks! Go!

Upcoming athletics for both Junior and senior teams:

Coed Badminton, Coed Volleyball,

Intramural Basketball continues every Thursday during the lunch hour in the Sr. Gym



# Parent Council

### SAVE THE DATE:

Social Media Parent Workshop at Humbercrest on Tuesday, March 29 at 7-9 pm

Humbercrest Parent Council is excited to host an information evening called Social Media Fitness with Chris Vollum on March 29th at 7 pm. Coffee and baked goods will be on sale before the presentation starting at 6:30 pm.

This presentation will illustrate the “how to’s” and “whys” of the world’s most prominent social sites and apps. Join us for an exciting hands-on evening into the world of SnapChat, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and more. Leave inspired, skilled and confident to support your family’s experience through Social Media. Chris will be speaking to our grade 5-8 students during the day .

### About the Speaker:

Chris Vollum is an Oakville-based parent and recognized advocate on numerous social platforms. Passionate about the remarkable potential of students and social media, Chris can usually be found in a school gym, auditorium, corporate venue or conference inspiring participants to have authentic and meaningful content creation online. More information about Chris and his workshops can be found on his website.:

<http://cmvsocialmedia.com/>

## So Fun



It may have been chilly outside but kids had a blast at Carnaval. Inside, we warmed up with some great acts at the talent Show! Thanks to all of our parent and student volunteers for making the day a rollicking success!



SoFun is working with SugarPop to provide fresh popcorn for our school on some Fridays for a fun afternoon snack. Our next popcorn snack days will be:

**March 31**

**April 29**

**May 27**

**June 24th**



### From the Trustee

Ward 7 Trustee Robin Pilkey is inviting all members of the Humbercrest Community to review the latest edition of her newsletter. In addition, you can sign-up to receive it directly from her and we're also including a link to the Ward 7 Facebook page:

[View the latest Ward 7 Newsletter](#)

[Sign up for the Ward 7 Newsletter](#)

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### Library News



Forest of reading is heating up the last half of winter—that's “The Gospel Truth”, one of this year's selections!



Working together!

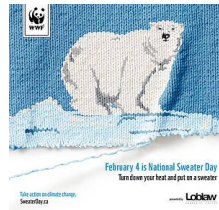




### Green Team News

#### National Sweater Day

Held on February 4th this year, the annual event is designed to get people to reduce their use of energy by putting on a sweater and turning down the thermostat. Humbercrest's students and staff had a 51 percent participation rate, helping underscore the message that reducing our dependence on fossil fuels reduces greenhouse gases, the major contributor to global warming.



#### Winter Walk Day

Humbercrest is proud to be part of a Family of Schools Pilot project looking into sustainable transportation. This inquiry-based endeavour was front and centre on the 3rd when the entire school went for a walk. Classes teamed up and headed out to places like Magwood Park. Prior to the walk, each class conducted a survey on what kind of transportation they used most often to get to school each day. That data is being collected and will be used in the next phase of the inquiry, which is being led by Mme Stevens and Ms. Forte.



#### Recycling Campaign



The Eco Club launched a renewed focus in recycling school-wide with a new poster campaign. All three floors now have clean, 3-D posters explaining what is waste, what is recycling and what is organic waste. The City and TDSB have also designed colourful new posters as well, which are being delivered to every classroom.





## Around the School...



Celebrating Chinese New Year!



Hoop Troop, one of our many lunch-time programs, runs Tuesday and Fridays, facilitated by Mme Wong.



Our students participated in NBA Fit, as part of All-Star week festivities. Former NBA star Glen Rice was on hand to help motivate students to continue pursuing a healthy and active lifestyle, and good nutrition habits.



**Tribal Vision: Visions of Turtle Island**

Grades 4-6 students were treated to a spirited performance based on First nations wisdom. They learned the importance of dance in indigenous cultures, as well as how these teachings can help us in the areas of character development and the elimination of stereotypes.

## Dental Screening



Toronto Public Health completed it's annual screening of Humbercrest students. A total of 679 students were examined over the course of several days. And the results show that our kids have great teeth!



## In the Community



EARTH HOUR

**Earth Hour in Ward 13  
Historic Lambton House  
19 March 2016  
7:30 PM**

**JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY  
BY POWERING DOWN  
AND STANDING UP FOR THE  
PLANET**

### **Green 13's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Hour Celebration in partnership with Heritage York**

**Saturday, March 19, 7:30 PM @ Historic Lambton House**

Power down at home and join your neighbours for an evening at historic Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas Street. Activities include:

- ❖ a candlelight walk - weather permitting, guided by Madeleine McDowell (please bring your own candle, lantern or flashlight)
- ❖ acoustic music with George Linton
- ❖ refreshments ... and more
- ❖ please bring along a poem, song, reading, or story to share

*Note: Parking is very limited. Warren Park Bus #55 from Jane Station stops at the door. Or, take Lambton Bus #30 to Humber Hill and walk west down Old Dundas.*

**After turning off your lights for Earth Hour,  
please consider what else you can do to make a difference.**

***LET'S MAKE EVERY HOUR EARTH HOUR!***

Special thanks for generous donations towards refreshments to  
Loblaws Humbercrest Market and The Sweet Potato.



For more info please visit: [www.green13toronto.org](http://www.green13toronto.org)





# Parent Conference 2016

## Parents as Partners

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Allstream Centre**

105 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON M6K 3C3

- Transportation available
- Fun and FREE child care activities
- Lunch provided
- Sign Language Interpreters, Language Interpreters and Blind/Low-Vision accommodation available

In collaboration with



**Parents as Partners Conference 2016** is a FREE conference. Whether your child is just beginning on their educational journey in elementary school or closer to graduation and planning for the future, there are informative and empowering sessions for parents/guardians and caregivers of students of all ages and all stages of education.

### Keynote Speakers



**Dr. Marie Wilson**  
Commissioner,  
Truth and Reconciliation  
Commission of Canada



**Dr. Ian Manion**  
Child and Youth  
Mental Health Expert

For more information and to register, visit

**ParentsAsPartners.ca**