



HUMBERCREST PS

Family Communication

February 2, 2024

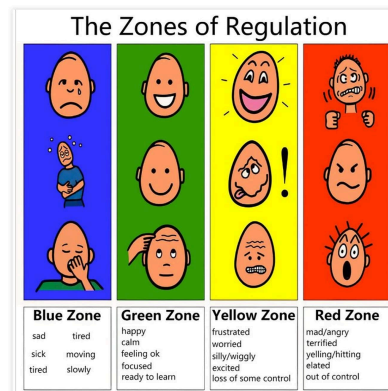
Dear Humbercrest Families,

We want to share important information about an upcoming Professional Activity (PA) Day at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). The PA Day originally scheduled for **Friday, April 19, 2024** has been rescheduled and will now occur on **Monday, April 8, 2024**. The TDSB are making this adjustment due to potential safety concerns with regard to a rare total [solar eclipse](#) on Monday, April 8, 2024, that will put parts of Ontario into temporary darkness.

A full copy of this announcement was emailed directly to all parents/caregivers yesterday from the TDSB.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

Humbercrest Highlights



Peter Lubuis, the Itinerant Child and Youth Counsellor of the Board is offering a 4-part workshop on Self-Regulation to our Kindergarten classrooms. He discusses the Zones of Regulation with students and helps the students to learn how to regulate their energy.

Talent Show

The try-outs were so exciting. Thank you to everyone that came out to audition. On February 27, we will have the opportunity to see all our talented students perform. For Grades 1-3, the Talent Show will be from 12:50-1:50 pm. For grades 4-8, the Talent Show will be from 2:00-3:00 pm.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for English Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child!

Come Learn With Us!

Starting school is an exciting time. Our schools provide a rich learning environment for all children to learn and grow.

In the Kindergarten program, your child will develop their skills and abilities through inquiry and intentional play-based learning that includes math, science and literacy. Teachers and early childhood educators plan learning experiences where children are actively engaged in learning and thinking creatively.

Children who will be four by December 31, 2024, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2024.

For more information:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth>

School Advisory Committee

SAC Fundraising

As a council, our fundraising objectives are to spend the greatest proportion of SAC funds on projects which collectively, over the long term, benefit the largest number of students and to only utilise funds when there are insufficient funds available from other sources, including the Principal and the school board.

Our fundraising initiatives at Humbercrest fall into three categories: SoFun activities (short for social fundraising), public and corporate grants, and individual and corporate donations.

Fundraising Proposals:

Parents and staff are welcome to submit a Proposal Form for SAC spending before our next Council meeting on February 27th. Please use the link below to find the form. Feel free to ask any questions to either of us before emailing your submission. Forms are due by Tuesday, February 20th and can be sent to myself at msheathersinclair@hotmail.com or my Co-chair Kristen at kristengrace@gmail.com.

Proposals will be presented by the parent/teacher submitting the form or one of the Council Co-chairs if the individual submitting the proposal cannot attend. The proposals will then be voted on by our Members at Large and Executive team. Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday **February 27rd** at **6:30 pm in the library or** on Zoom.

Click the link for our funding proposal forms <https://humbercrestcouncil.ca/>

👁️ To keep up to date with SAC events such as pizza day or the upcoming talent show, follow our NEW

Instagram account  [@humbercrestparentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/humbercrestparentcouncil)

Sincerely,

Heather Sinclair & Kristen Juschkevitsch

Council Co-Chairs

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Follow us on Instagram: [Humbercrestparentcouncil](#)

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Parent/Caregiver Opportunities

17th Annual Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Conference

The 17th Annual PIAC Conference is on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School. The PIAC Conference is a unique opportunity to deepen understanding of the educational landscape, connect with fellow parents/guardians/caregivers and staff, and contribute to the continued success of our community. More information: www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences and review our [conference flyer](#).



Student Opportunities

Online Tutoring

TDSB students now have access to free academic support through online tutoring. Support is available for secondary students through [Paper](#):

- For all courses and grades, including support with exam and/or culminating activity preparation
- For writing assignments, such as essays, resumes, cover letters
- For all math and science courses
- 24/7, on demand for ongoing help, or when they are stuck
- Families or students (18+) who are interested in online tutoring services can contact [Paper](#)

Support is available for elementary students through [Brainfuse](#):

- For homework help in all subject areas and grades
- For enrichment activities
- 24/7, on demand

Families or students (18+) who are interested in online tutoring services can contact [Brainfuse](#)

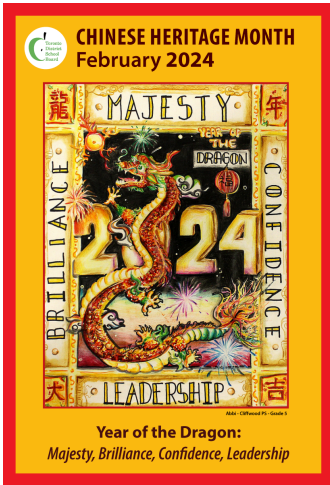


Chinese Heritage Month

TDSB's Chinese Heritage Month is proudly recognized in February each year. This year we celebrate the Year of the **Dragon: Majesty, Brilliance, Confidence, Leadership.**

Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important celebrations for Chinese communities around the world. Lunar New Year is celebrated annually, and its dates are based on the lunar calendar. For 2024, it starts Saturday February 10 and ends Saturday February 24. The festivities include family gatherings, decorations, and of course a feast!

Please follow us on X (formerly Twitter) for daily messages throughout the month of February @tdsbChineseHM.

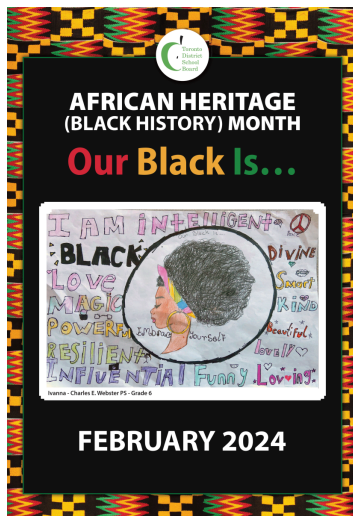


African Heritage Month

African Heritage (Black History) Month is an occasion to commemorate present and past individuals who helped shape the path of our future student leaders, while also celebrating the many achievements and contributions of numerous individuals with this heritage! Their voices and actions impact our society, and work to continuously improve the world we live in.

This year's chosen theme is *Our Black Is...* Our Black Is Resilient, Community, Beautiful, Unity, Joy, Self-Determination, Excellence, Empowering, Purpose, Brilliance, Engaging, Creative, Belonging, Tenacious, Powerful, Faith, Audacious, Powerful, Me...

This open statement, "Our Black Is..." was selected as the 2024 African Heritage Month theme, as it is for Us as a Community to define. We invite our community to continue to boldly define ourselves.



Trustee Debbie King Newsletter

Please sign up to receive the [newsletter](#) from Debbie King.

For information on Ward 7 Updates and Debbie King's December Update. Click below.

- [Ward 7 Updates](#)
- [Trustee December 2023 Update](#)

Extra-Curricular

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| The Watermelons | Thursdays at Lunch |
| Eco Club | Day 3 - Lunch - Library |
| Minecraft Club | Thursday Lunch (room 22) |
| 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 |
| Primary Choir | Thursdays at Lunch |
| Junior Choir | Wednesdays at Lunch |
| BSA | Day 5 - Lunch |
| Jr./Sr. Hockey | AM practices |
| Student Council | Lunch |
| Coding Club | Lunch |
| Senior Boys basketball | Lunch Practices |
| Junior Girls Volleyball | AM |
| Junior Boys basketball | Monday and Wednesday 8 AM |

Primary run, jump & throw

Rubix Cube Club

**COMING
SOON!**

Upcoming Dates

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| Lunch Lady (every Tues & Thurs) | February 6 and February 8 |
| Pizza Day | February 7 |
| Report Cards go home | February 14 |
| Parent/Guardian Interviews | February 15 PM February 16 (AM) |
| PA Day | February 16 |
| Family Day | February 19 |

Days of Significance

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| Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord | February 2 |
| Setsubun | February 3 |
| Isra'a and Miraj *(evening before) | February 8 |
| Chinese Spring Festival | February 9-15 |

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](#)

Contact Information

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