



HUMBERCREST PS

Family Communication

May 10, 2024

Dear Humbercrest Families,

May is Get Outside month at the TDSB. In addition to our Rain or Shine Recess, students have many opportunities to Get Outside from Daily Physical Activity to Physical Education classes, walking excursions and using our outdoor classroom space. Everyday, I observe the kindergarten students' fascination with the various insects they see during lunch recess. It is a fabulous month to explore and learn outdoors.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

Intermediate Concert

On May 22 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm the intermediate students will perform in a concert. They will be joined by the Junior Choir. Please reserve this date. Students will be expected to arrive by 6:00 pm. It is expected that all intermediate students will be performing in this concert. More information will follow.

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 **Women, Aspiring, Trans-women, Empowered, Rising, Mentally healthy, Equitable, Leaders, Opportunities, Non-binary, Strong**. 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=EAlaIQobChMI0cyd1ftsggMVamNHAR2KsAMiEAAYAiAAEgJ3svD_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.

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

Volunteers for Graduation - June 25

UPDATED



We are still 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.

Our area of greatest need:

- Set-up/Clean-up at Runnymede CI, the morning of and after the ceremony

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

School Advisory Committee

The So Fun Dance A Thon at the end of April was a huge success. Our cash donations and cash online contributions totalled over **\$5000.00**. This money will be put towards parent and staff spending proposals in the fall. Thanks to our administrators and to Beverly in the office for supporting this event. Please check out this years spending on our website at www.humbercrestcouncil.ca As well, to keep up with current So Fun events and school reminders, follow us on Instagram @humbercrestparentcouncil

Thanks for your ongoing support,

Heather & Kristen

Council Co-Chair

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

Humbercrest Highlights



On Wednesday, we welcomed families to our Kindergarten concert. The students were so excited to perform. It was a wonderful afternoon. Thank you to Ms. Warson, Mme. Rutledge, Ms. Zuzanna, and Fiona Dunbar.



This week our WATERMELONS group began selling their buttons, bracelets and earrings. It has been a huge success. Thank you to everyone that purchased an item this week. Don't forget you also donate through cash online in support of 3 women's charities.

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

Humbercrest Athletics Update

Congratulations to all the students who came and tried out for a team. Go Hawks!



Student Athletics Rep Report: Grades 7 & 8 Co-ed Football



Last Friday May 5, the grade 7/8 co-ed football team participated in the Western Tech Invitational along with St. Cecilia, Swansea and other local schools. Humbercrest brought 2 teams to this tournament, the pink team

and the yellow team. The pink team had 3 close games that resulted in losses. The yellow team won 2 out of the 3 games they played.

There are some things we should have changed to succeed in the tournament. The main thing we should change is how we play defense. We needed to play tighter defense and practice overall coverage because defense wins games.

- Jacob kayser, Grade 8 Student Athletics Representative

All Gender Ultimate Frisbee (Grades 4 & 5 team) + (Grade 6 Team): Thank you to all the students who attended tryouts this week. A student list has been posted outside the senior gym for all students who are invited back for the final tryout (grade 4 and 5) and for the team (grade 6).

See the schedule below:

- **Grade 4 & 5 (All Gender) Final Tryout:** Tues. May 14, after school from 3:30-4:40pm
- **Grade 6 (All Gender) Practice:** Tuesday May 14, after school from 3:30-4:30
- **Practices for both teams:** after school from 3:30-4:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Tournament Dates:**
 - Grade 4 and 5: TBD
 - Grade 6: Tuesday June 4th at James S Bell Junior Middle School

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to, Katherine Chow and Jessica Brown

Coed Ultimate Frisbee (Grade 7 Team): Thank you to all the students who attended tryouts. Final team has been posted outside the big gym bulletin board.

- **Practices:** Before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:45am (starting on May 7th, 2024)
- **Tournament:** June 3rd at Hollycrest Middle School

Coed Ultimate Frisbee (Grade 8 Team): Thank you to all the students who attended tryouts. Final team has been posted outside the big gym bulletin board.

- **Practices:** Mondays 3:20 PM to 4:20 PM and Fridays 3:20 PM to 4:20 PM after school
- **Tournament:** May 29 at Hollycrest Middle School.
(**Parent Volunteers are needed to drive and possibly stay for the day.**)

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 Team): Thank you to all the students who attended tryouts. Final team has been posted outside the big gym bulletin board.

- **Practices:** Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 am
- **Tournament:** May 29, 2024 All day (Location: TBD)

Track & Field (Grades 4 to 8): Thank you to all the students who attended tryouts. Final teams will be posted outside the big gym bulletin board.

- **Practices:** Schedule varies - Stay tuned to the daily announcements.
- **Practices for RUNNERS:**
 - Wednesday, May 15 before school 7:45-8:45 AM
 - Wednesday, May 22 before school 7:45-8:45 AM
- **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?
- Are you interested in learning and helping Humbercrest 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, May 13	5	Grade 6's - Gomes and Rutledge to Sheldon Skills Ontario Presentation - Grade 7 and 8 BSA - Lunch Grade 8 Ultimate Frisbee practice - 3:20 - 4:20 pm
Tuesday, May 14	1	Grade 7 Ultimate Frisbee Practice- Before School 7:45 am Lunch Lady Gr. 4 and 5 All-Gender Ultimate Frisbee Try-out- 3:30 - 4:40 pm Gr. 6 All-Gender Ultimate Frisbee Try-out- 3:30 - 4:40 pm
Wednesday, May 15	2	Grade 6's - Elkerton to Sheldon Track and Field Runners - Practice 7:45 - 8:45 AM Slo-Pitch Grade 5 & 6 - 8 am Coding Club - Lunch Rubix Cube Clube - Lunch Junior Choir - Lunch JaysCare Girls at Bat Program (Grades 5-8) - 3:20 - 4:00 pm Grade 6's - Gomes and Rutledge return from Sheldon
Thursday, May 16	3	Grade 7 Ultimate Frisbee Practice- Before School 7:45 am Lunch Lady MineCraft Club - Lunch Watermelons - Lunch

		Primary Choir - Lunch Grade 6 All-Gender Ultimate Frisbee Try-out 3:30 - 4:30 pm Strings - After School
Friday, May 17	4	Slo-Pitch Grade 5 & 6 - 8 am Eco Club - Lunch Grade 6's - Elkerton return from Sheldon Grade 8 Ultimate Frisbee practice - 3:20 - 4:20 pm

Upcoming Dates

May

May 21 and 22	Dental Screening JK/SK and Grade 2's
May 22	Intermediate Concert
May 23	Unstoppable Tracy Schmitt Presentations
May 24	Track and Field Meet #1
May 27 - 31	Grade 6 EQAO
May 27	Tribal Vision Presentation
May 28	Grade 6 Parent Open House (Warren Park and King George)

June

June 3 - 6	EQAO
June 4	Junior Joy Day
June 5	Kindergarten Open House for New JKs
June 7	PA Day
June 12 - 14	Grade 8's at Blue Mountain
June 18	King George's Grade 6s visit
June 19	Warren Park's Grade 6s visit
June 20	Party in the Playground
June 24	Graduation Rehearsal
June 25	Grade 8 Graduation
June 25	Last Day

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.

Rain or Shine Recess

This month we began Rain or Shine recesses. 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.



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



TDSB Parent/Caregiver/Family Opportunities Heritage Months

Asian Heritage Month

Asian Heritage Month has been proudly recognized at the Toronto District School Board during the month of May since 2007. This heritage is also celebrated by the Province of Ontario with the royal ascent of the [Asian Heritage Act](#), 2005 and across Canada since May 2002 when the federal Senate adopted a motion to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada.

This year's theme for May 2024 was selected by the Asian Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee as *Our Journeys: Thriving Through Struggle and Triumph*.

The TDSB is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. Nearly one-quarter of our students were born outside of Canada and collectively we speak more than 120 languages. According to the 2023 Student Census 46% of TDSB students self-identified as Asian.

Follow us on X: @AsianTDSB

Jewish Heritage Month

Jewish Heritage Month continues to be recognized at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) during the month of May.

The [Canadian Jewish Heritage Act](#), which was passed in May 2018, is also recognized by the Province of Ontario by the passing of the [Jewish Heritage Month Act](#), 2012. As stated the Jewish Heritage Month Act, 2012, "*May is a significant month for the Jewish Canadian community. Israeli Independence Day (Yom ha-Atzmaut) and Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom ha-Shoah) frequently occur in May, as do various Jewish artistic and cultural events.*"

The TDSB's Jewish Heritage Committee (JHC) is made up of close to 350 staff across every level of the system as well as Trustees.

Since its inception in 2015, JHC activities have always been focused on teaching & learning in celebration of Jewish heritage and culture – impactful, innovative, and inspirational work with students in fighting



in

antisemitism, and all forms of hate.

We invite you to follow Jewish Heritage Month [@TDSB_JH](#)

Days of Significance

Akshaya Tritya	May 10
Malcolm X	May 17

Trustee Debbie King Newsletter

For Newsletters and Updates visit:

<https://www.debbieking.ca/>

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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