



HUMBERCREST PS

Family Communication

November 10, 2023

Dear Humbercrest Families,

Thank you to everyone that has donated to our Food Drive. The Executive Director for the Fort York Food Bank was in our school this week and was so pleased with our contributions. She showed us pictures of empty shelves in their Food Bank. Our donations will make a difference. The Food Drive continues until next Friday. During Parent/Guardian Interviews, please bring a food donation item and drop them off outside the office.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

Progress Reports/Kindergarten Communication of Learning

Progress Reports and/or the Kindergarten Communication of Learning will be sent home with students on Wednesday November 15. The Progress Report Card:

- encourages early and ongoing communication between you and your child's teacher
- tells you how well your child is developing the six learning skills and work habits
- reports on all academic subjects — such as language, math, social studies or science and technology — but instead of assigning a grade or mark, it will tell you how well your child is progressing: "very well", "well" or "with difficulty"
- highlights strengths and next steps in learning

Parent/Teacher Interviews

During the week of November 13, Humbercrest teachers will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews. Further information about the scheduling of these interviews will be sent home next week.

Food Drive

Humbercrest is hosting a Food Drive in support of the [Fort York Food Bank](https://fyfb.com/) from November 6-17. Currently, the items in most need are canned beans and tuna. Students can drop off their donated items in the Front Foyer. We appreciate your support. For more information on this Food Bank, please visit: <https://fyfb.com/>



Holiday Hampers - Coming in December

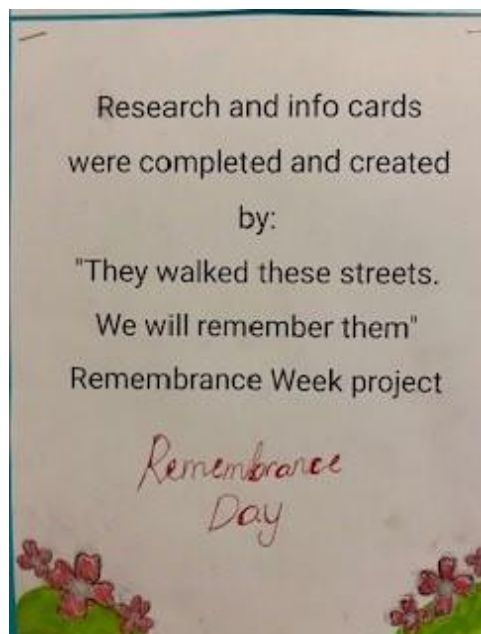
From mid-November to December, Humbercrest will be donating items for the Holiday Hamper Program. This program was started by Social Workers in the TDSB in 1996. Social Workers identify TDSB families that are in need of support - to meet basic needs, and be provided with gifts, clothes and food to be able to fully celebrate winter holidays. With so many families in need, we are hoping that you will consider supporting this program. More information will be coming soon.

Humbercrest Highlights



Lest We Forget.

Honouring our former Humbercrest students that served in World War I and II. Thanks to Katy Whitfield, our guest speaker at Friday's Remembrance Day Assembly. For more information on the, "They Walked These Streets" project, visit: [They Walked These Streets. We Will Remember Them.](#)





What a great start to our Food Drive Donation Drive.



A Planetarium Experience for our Junior Students.

Special Education and Inclusion Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Engagement Sessions

Over the 2023-2024 school year, Special Education and Inclusion will be offering a series of engagement sessions for parents/guardians/caregivers of TDSB students to learn about Special Education and Inclusion programs, services and processes.

For Session #1, the Special Education and Inclusion team will be discussing the Individual Learning Plan (ILP), In-School Support Team (IST), School Support Team (SST), Individual Education Plan (IEP), and Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) processes.

Families can choose to attend one of two sessions (repeated), which will be held over two days.

For more information, click [this flyer](#).

School Advisory Committee

Humbercrest Holiday Fundraiser

We are happy to be partnering with Bradford Greenhouses again this year for our annual Poinsettia Sale. Great gift idea for family, friends and co-workers. All proceeds will fund teacher and parent spending proposals presented at SAC.

Pre-order your choice of RED or PINK poinsettia plant(s).

6" (Small) \$12 - Standard table size

8" (Large) \$22 - Table or floor size

[Pre-order online](#) NOW until **Wednesday, November 22.**

In-person pick-up day is Tuesday December 5 from 3:20 to 7 pm at Brookside Avenue entrance.

Thank you for your support!

Questions? Please contact Kristen Juschkewitsch at kristengrace@gmail.com

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Art in Action

The holidays are swiftly approaching and Art in Action has got you covered for unique and personal gift-giving ideas with our holiday session. Students will stay cozy and inspired to create something new each week. They will learn new art techniques and create exciting projects to decorate your home or give away for the holidays. Classes at Humbercrest will be held on Monday OR Tuesdays at lunchtime:

Monday - 3 classes; Dec 4, 11 and 18. The cost is \$65. Please go here to [REGISTER FOR MONDAY](#)

Tuesday - 4 classes; Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19. The cost is \$85. Please go here to [REGISTER FOR TUESDAY](#)

Art in Action will be running a winter program beginning the week of January 15, registrations will open in December.

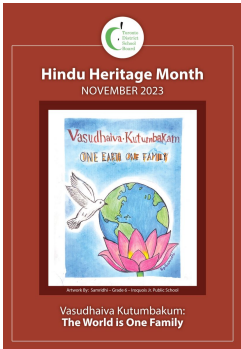
We hope to see you soon!

[Art in Action](#)

November is Hindu Heritage Month

Hinduism is one of the oldest living religions which have flourished for over 10,000 years. It is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the rich tapestry of traditions, teachings and values that are integral to Hinduism and practiced by millions around the world today. November is an opportunity to celebrate the Hindu way of life, examine its impact and contributions to the world culture, and recognize values which promote compassion, tolerance, and inclusion.

This year's theme is *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakum: The World is One Family*.



November is Indigenous Education Month

Announcement shared with students - Nov. 9

As we reflect on National Treaties week, we learn that Treaties are legally binding agreements that set out the rights, responsibilities and relationships of Indigenous peoples and the federal and provincial governments. Ontario is covered by 46 treaties that were signed between 1781 and 1930. Treaties between the governments and Indigenous peoples are the basic building blocks in the creation of Canada. Moving forward to reconciliation, the treaty-building relationship and the recognition of the rights of Indigenous peoples need to be honoured.



Extra-Curricular

The Watermelons	Thursdays at Lunch (starting November 23)
Junior girls basketball team (grades 4-6)	Monday and Thursday after school practices
Eco Club	Day 3 - Lunch - Library
Minecraft lunch	Thursday Lunch (room 22)
Pokemon Club (gr. 4-8)	2 Mondays per month - Lunch (library)
Mila's Book Club (Grade 5)	Every 2nd Wednesday in the library at Lunch
Primary Choir	Thursdays at Lunch
Junior Choir	Wednesdays at Lunch

Trustee Debbie King Newsletter

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

Upcoming Dates

Lunch Lady (every Tues & Thurs)	November 14 and November 16
Progress Reports Distribution	November 15
Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews	November 16 - evening
Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews	November 17 - morning

High School Open House Dates

Western Collegiate and Technical Institute	November 15 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Runnymede Collegiate	November 21 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Humberside Collegiate	December 12 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Days of Significance

Diwali	November 12
World Diabetes Day	November 14
Louis Riel Day	November 16

School Website

[Humbercrest Public School](#)

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