



# HUMBERCREST PS

## Family Communication

**November 3, 2023**

Dear Humbercrest Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already entering the third month of our new school year. This month, we will take time to remember and reflect on November 10 during our Remembrance Day assemblies, and will connect with families during Progress Report Interviews on November 16 and 17. The character trait for this month is Empathy.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

## Have Your Say: Parent/Caregiver Survey

As part of our ongoing work to give families opportunities to connect with us, making your voice heard, we ask that you take a few moments to complete the following Google Survey. This survey was developed by our Equity Committee. We value your participation with this survey and will be using the results to help refine our School Improvement Planning.



The Survey Link deadline has been extended to November 10.

### [Caregiver Survey](#)

## 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/>



# Time Change - Fall Back

Daylight saving time 2023 will come to an end on November 5, so don't forget to adjust your clock back one hour when the time comes.



# Photo Retake

Photo Retake Day is scheduled for **November 9**. Please inform your child's teacher if a retake is requested, and ensure they come to school wearing the outfit you would like them to be photographed in.

We will also use this day to take class photos.

## Humbercrest Highlights

### School Yard Clean Up



# November is Hindu Heritage Month

This year's theme is [\*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakum: The World is One Family.\*](#) 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.** Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is a Sanskrit word in Hindu dharma that means, 'The World is one Family.' It is based on the spiritual idea that every human being is born with a divine spark and is a part of one divine universal consciousness. This ancient message of oneness aims to promote friendliness, acceptance, compassion, and a sense of belongingness toward all others, despite differences of culture, languages, or thoughts. The word Vasudhaiva means "earth" and therefore this message of caring and compassion is also meant for all living creatures and the non-living environment.

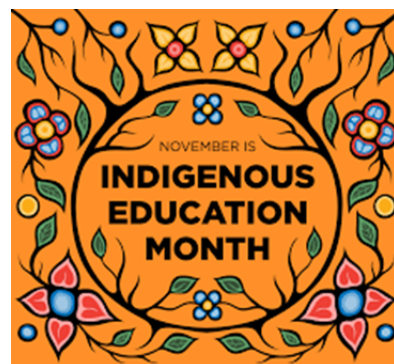
## November is Indigenous Education Month

November is Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board. Throughout the month, students, staff, and community members honour a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn from our shared histories, and to strengthen relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples. It is important to remember to center First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives, voices, histories, and contemporary realities across the TDSB every day. This month places emphasis on creating opportunities to learn from Indigenous perspectives on treaties, leadership, achievements, resurgence, futurities, and creativity. The TDSB is committed to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action (TRC) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

- Treaties Recognition Week is the first full week of November 5-11.

During Treaties Recognition Week, we recognize the agreements that shape the relationships and lands across Ontario. We bring awareness to treaty rights and relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians.

[Ministry of Indigenous Affairs Treaty Infographic](#)



November 7 is International Inuit Day. This day is an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect on the important relationship and history we share with the Inuit of Canada, as we move forward in our journey of reconciliation and a renewed relationship between Canada and Indigenous peoples.

## Cross Country City Finals

On October 25, twenty-three students represented Humbercrest at the Cross Country City Finals at Centennial Park. Congratulations to these students:

- Grade 4: Ella H., Brodie C., Reid B.
- Grade 5: Mila B., Mateo J.
- Grade 6: Abby S., Zoe M., Kaeden B., Jude B., Myles G., Cole S., Owen L.
- Grade 7: Mila Mc., Nathan B., Joshua M., Sidney C., Pedro S.
- Grade 8: Lily H., Lily C., Anita M., Emily W., Yendi E., Jared B.

## Safe Drop Off Zone - Parking Reminders

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. Mark's. St. Marks is a NO PARK zone. 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.

# School Advisory Committee

## Pizza Days are Back!

Our first pizza day is quickly approaching (Nov 8) and we can feel the excitement! Please log in to cash online to order pizza by Monday November 6, so you don't miss out.

We also need several volunteers to make pizza day happen! Please sign up through the link below. (You will need a police check to volunteer)

\*A note box has been added where you can include your child's/childrens' teacher's last name. Please add this in if you would like to volunteer with their class.

<https://signup.com/go/VraVMeM>

Any further questions, please reach out to Shay Benedict

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## School Council: So Fun Meeting

Thank you to those who were able to join our first Parent Council meeting on October 11 - either in person or virtually. As mentioned in the meeting, one of the committees — So Fun committee, will be meeting the first week of November.

Please join us on: Thursday November 7 at 7 pm at The Cat Pub & Eatery 3513 Dundas St W

We will discuss this year's social and fundraising activities. We would love to see you there! If you're interested in learning more about our SAC sub-committees, please visit our website.

[Humbercrest Parent Council](#)

## December Fundraiser

In December, we will be selling Poinsettias as a Fundraiser. More information will be coming soon.

## Equity and Inclusion Meeting

Would you like to participate in Equity and Inclusion at Humbercrest? One area of focus will be a discussion around the School Improvement Goals for Humbercrest and how Equity and Inclusion can be embedded throughout. All voices are welcome.

Please join us virtually, Thursday November 9th at 6:30-7:30pm.

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fxo-sags-nio>

Or dial: (US) +1 573-343-8044 PIN: 404 137 358#

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# 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.

## 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 7 and November 9
School Advisory Council - So Fun Meeting	November 7
Pizza Day	November 8
Photo Retake Day	November 9
Remembrance Day Assemblies	November 10
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

Descending Day of Lord Budda	November 4
Inuit Day	November 7
National Indigenous Veterans Day	November 8
Remembrance Day	November 11
Diwali	November 12

## School Website

[Humbercrest Public School](#)

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