



HUMBERCREST PS

Family Communication

October 6, 2023

Dear Humbercrest Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Curriculum Night. A strong partnership between school and home is very important for the success of our students. We wish everyone a restful long weekend and a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

Humbercrest Highlights



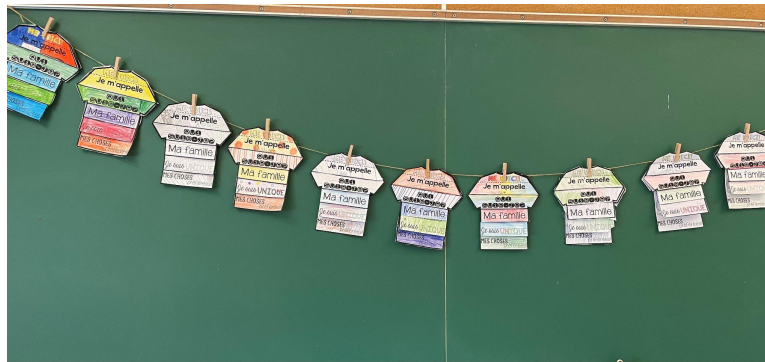
Every Child Matters - Orange Shirt Day Activity.



Thankful Turkeys - I am thankful for Mother Nature.



Consolidating Mathematical Thinking with collaboration using patterns blocks and vertical non-permanent surfaces.



Students created presentations of themselves to share with their peers.

School Advisory Committee

Now that the school year has started, we would like to announce our first School Advisory Council meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm in the school library. We are excited to be back in the building this year and meeting in person. If you are unable to attend in person, we will have a Zoom link so all parents/guardians are welcome to join the meeting from home if need be. We will also provide space in the library for children to quietly read, use lego etc while the meeting is on if you are without childcare and want to attend in person.

Click to preview the [Agenda](#) for the meeting.

All parents/guardians of a student at Humbercrest P.S. can self-nominate to become a member of the council which provides you with voting rights. We ask that if you want to join the council, that you commit to attending our four yearly meetings so the council is able to conduct business. If you would like to be a member-at-large for the 2023-2024 council term, you must complete the on-line form by the deadline of Tuesday October 10th at midnight and attend our first meeting in person or on Zoom.

Click to become a member-at-large [2023 Member-at-Large Form - Google Forms](#)

Deadline to submit is Tuesday, October 10, 2023 by midnight.

Lunch Lady

After receiving some feedback from parents, the council decided to organize an optional lunch program that will run twice a week using the catering company, The Lunch Lady. The Lunch Lady uses its own online ordering platform so it's easy to select dates or change lunch days. It also doesn't require parent volunteers. The program will start October 17th and runs every Tuesday and Thursday. Please click on [The Lunch Lady](#) to place your order. Every order helps fundraise for the school so we appreciate your support. Parents are reminded that the TSDB has a boomerang lunch policy so leftover food and lunch bags will still go home at the end of the day and students are asked to bring their own utensils.

[Humbercrest Lunch Lady Flyer](#)

Fundraising Opportunity

If you haven't been to Bellona Restaurant on Jane south of Annette then October is the month to check it out. If you have been and enjoyed it, make sure you return this October. To help build community and reinforce their passion for education, Bellona has created a school give back program. 10% of your final bill will be donated to Humbercrest P.S. during the month of OCTOBER. Just make sure you mention that you want to support Humbercrest when you sit down to lunch or dinner. You don't need to be a staff member or have a child at Humbercrest PS to participate so share this great program with friends and neighbours. Just ask them to mention Humbercrest during their next meal out.

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Preparing for High School Information Sessions for Grade 8 Families

To support our Grade 8 students and families, the TDSB will be hosting a series of Preparing for High School Information Sessions. The series includes:

- Grade 8 to 9 Transitions Information Session - November 1, 2023
- Student Interest Programs Information Session - November 2, 2023
- Virtual Secondary Alternative Schools Fair - January 10, 2023

More information, including the instructions to register and request interpreter services, will be shared in the coming weeks.

Humbercrest will also host an online session on Thursday, October 26th. More details will be shared.

School Trustee Newsletter

[Debbie King's October Trustee Update](#)

[Ward Council Meet and Greet - October 12](#)

Disconnecting from Work Policy

Supporting the health and well-being of both our students and staff is a priority for us as an organization. Ensuring that our staff have healthy and professional boundaries between work and home is an important part of that commitment and is an investment in positive mental health and the ability to serve and support students.

As part of a strategy to support and encourage all Ontarians in achieving greater work-life balance, the province passed the Working for Workers Act in December 2021. In line with that, the TDSB has developed the [Disconnecting from Work Policy](#) which sets parameters for employees' availability (e.g., responding to emails) and supports a positive shift in our organizational culture.

Maintaining open, responsive lines of communication with you is important and connecting with staff during regular work hours connected to the school day, Monday to Friday, is always best. This means that while you can always send emails after hours, staff will respond during their normal work hours and are not required to respond after hours.

There are, of course, certain times in the year that staff will reach out after-hours for parent-teacher meetings, or previously agreed to meetings. However, they are not expected to respond to emails or messages in the evening. It is also critical to note that student safety remains a priority and if there is an emergency after hours, staff will be available as needed.

October Heritage Month

Somali - [Educate. Elevate. Excel.](#)

Islamic - [Salaam: Joy, Excellence, Belonging.](#)

Upcoming Dates

School Advisory Committee Meeting	October 11
Bandi Chhor Divas	October 12
Cross- Country West Finals	October 17
X-Movement Family Event	October 19
Cross-Country City Finals	October 25

School Website

[Humbercrest Public School](#)

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