



HUMBERCREST PS

Family Communication

September 15, 2023

Dear Humbercrest Families,

Week two has been an exciting week full of new friendships and new learning opportunities. We continue to work on reviewing school and classroom routines. The new cell phone policy has received very positive responses from parents, and the students have adjusted well.

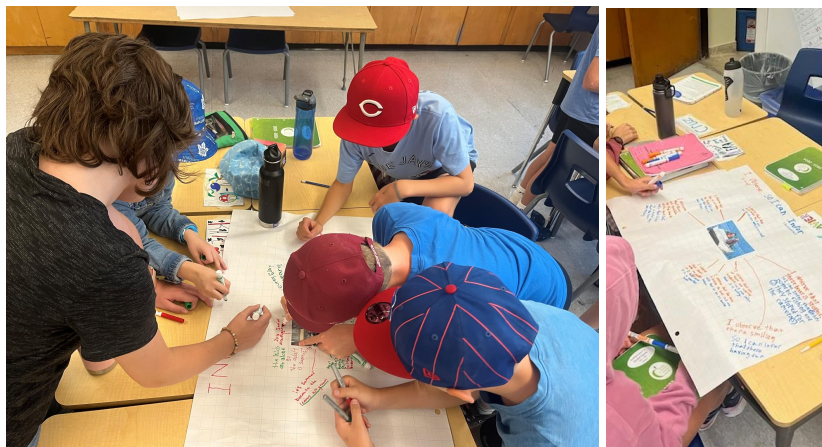
Please hold Wednesday, October 4th for Curriculum Night. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. This is an opportunity for you to connect with teachers about the curriculum program they will be learning this year.



Thank you for trusting us with your children. We look forward to a wonderful partnership.

Marlene Calligan and Debra Marshall-MacLeod

Humbercrest Highlights



Grade 6 students collaborating while developing their inferring skills. So I can infer...

Extra Curricular Opportunity - Cross Country

Cross-country season is here! It is a great opportunity for all athletes in all sports to develop their fitness through running. Stay tuned for our start date and permission forms.

Meet Dates:

West Qualifiers- October 4 or 5 (TBD), Grades 1-8

West Finals- October 17, Grades 3-8

City Finals- October 25, Grades 4-8

Training is taking place in gym classes and is encouraged on weekends.

Distances: Grades 1-2 (1 km), Grade 3 (1.5 km), Grades 4-6 (2 km), Grades 7-8 (3 km)

Contact sarah.drynan@tdsb.on.ca with questions

Lockdown Drill and Fire Drills

All TDSB schools are expected to hold 2 lockdown drills each school year. At Humbercrest, we will hold our first lockdown drill next week. All students will be given advanced notice about this drill during morning announcements.

Our first Fire Drill will also take place next week – we will be holding 3 Fire Drills in total this Fall.

Practicing these drills gives us an opportunity to see if there are any changes that need to be made to our Emergency Procedures.

Road Safety - Scooters, Bikes and Skateboards

It is great to see so many of our students using different modes of transportation to get to and from school. If your child is riding any of these items to school, by law they should be wearing an approved bicycle helmet. All scooters, bikes and skateboards must be either locked on a bike rack or stored in a student's locker. Unfortunately we do not have space in our classrooms or in the office to store electric scooters for safety purposes. At no time should electric scooters be driven on school grounds due to the speed at which they maintain. We appreciate your understanding with this matter.

1:1 Device Program - Reminders for Grade 5 parents

The families of students in grade 5 who wish to participate in the Student Device program this year must complete the Device Program Agreement Form they receive through PermissionClick. **The deadline for this form is September 18, 2023.** Devices are expected to be delivered in early October.

Volunteering at Humbercrest

Many parents have enquired about volunteer opportunities at Humbercrest. It is important to have a completed Police Reference Check prior to any volunteering within our school or on field trips. Effective 05 September, 2023, Toronto Police Service has moved online for Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC). [Instructions for this volunteer process.](#)

The new weblink for online application is <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

First National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

Saturday, September 30 marks the 10th anniversary of Orange Shirt Day and the third annual National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. **The TDSB will be honouring this day, on Friday Sept 29th.**

Humbercrest will recognize the ongoing trauma caused by residential and day schools, and we will remember those who were lost, the survivors and their families. Reconciliation is the responsibility of every Canadian. It means acknowledging the past and ensuring history never repeats itself by respecting Indigenous treaties and rights, and letting go of negative perceptions and stereotypes to work towards solidarity.



To recognize the work that needs to be done, we are asking all our staff and students to wear orange on September 29th.

After School Activity Opportunity - Art in Action

Does your child like to draw and paint?

Are you looking for something new to spark creativity and self-expression?

Students in grades 1 - 8 can join Art in Action this fall and learn how to paint by taking a journey around the world "visiting" countries such as Egypt, Africa, Mexico, and others. Your children will develop an art appreciation for artworks from different cultures as they spark their creativity!

Your child's confidence will flourish as they build on their abilities to draw and create by participating in our successful step-by-step process. You will be amazed by the quality of mixed media art instruction that your children receive giving them the tools to learn how to make their own masterpieces.

- The class will be held at Humbercrest, at lunchtime, Monday *or* Tuesday, beginning the week of Oct 2
- The cost is \$170 and all materials and supplies are provided
- Students will create a new piece of art each week
- Please go here to [REGISTER for Monday](#) to [REGISTER for Tuesday \(full\)](#)



Upcoming Dates

Terry Fox Walk and Run September 25, 26, 27

Grade 7 Trip to Wahanowiiin September 27 -29

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 29

Photo Day October 2

Curriculum Night October 4

Year at Glance Dates



Labor Day	September 4, 2023
First Day For Students	September 5, 2023
International Day of Sign Languages	September 23, 2023
Yom Kippur	September 25, 2023
Terry Fox Event	September 28, 2023
PA Day	October 6, 2023
Thanksgiving	October 9, 2023
Immunization Clinic For Grade 7 & 8	October 25, 2023
School Photo Day	October 27, 2023
Progress Report Cards Sent Home	November 15, 2023
PA Day/Parent Teacher Conferences	November 17, 2023
School Photo Retake Day	November 29, 2023
PA Day	December 8, 2023
Winter Break	December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024
PA Day	January 19, 2024
PA Day	February 16, 2024
Family Day	February 19, 2024
Mid-Winter Break	March 11 - 15, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	April 1, 2024
Professional Development Day	April 19, 2024
Victoria Day	May 20, 2024
Assessment & Reporting Day	June 7, 2024
Last Day of School	June 28, 2024

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