



# Halbert News Online # 14

November 7 - December 11, 2020

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# Safe Arrival Program


**HA Halbert Jr. PS **remains open** during Code Grey  
(City of Toronto Lockdown)**

## **HALBERT SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM**

**If your child is going to be absent**, it is essential that a parent or guardian calls the safe arrival phone line BEFORE the school day begins. The number is:

**416-396-3298**

The number is on 24 hours a day and can be called anytime.



# PLEASE NOTE:

Toronto Public Health  
announces **new** screening  
tool effective, **Monday,**  
**December 7, 2020**

# NEW Guidance from Toronto Public Health

1. Does the student have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?\*



Fever > 37.8°C



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste



Feeling unwell,  
muscle aches  
or tired



Stuffy or  
runny nose



Headache



Sore throat or  
pain swallowing



Nausea,  
vomiting  
or diarrhea

If "YES" to  
any symptom:



Stay home  
& self-isolate



Get  
tested


Or



Contact a health  
care provider

For more information, please contact your health care provider or Telehealth Ontario at 1 866-797-0000.

**If your child has one or more new, or worsening COVID-19 symptoms, parents will now be required to:**

- Keep their child home.
  - Keep sibling and other children home, even if they do not have symptoms.
  - Arrange for the child to get tested or contact their health care provider.
  - Without testing, the child must stay home for 10 days.
  - Monitor the family for symptoms. Adults must stay home if they have one or more symptom.
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2. Is there a child or sibling in your household who has one or more  Yes  No  
of the above symptoms?

New to this guideline is this question of other siblings or children at home who also has one or more of the above symptoms.

Toronto Public Health has advised schools that, should the family answer “YES,” then:

If “YES” to  
Questions  
2,3,4 or 5:



**Stay home  
& self-isolate**



**Follow public  
health advice**

# Cold and Flu Season is Upon Us

**With cold and flu season slowly creeping in, we remind Families to keep your children at home if they feel unwell or are exhibiting symptoms similar to COVID-19.**

**Please refer to the questions** provided by Toronto Public Health around symptoms presented by your child. Cold and Flu symptoms look like COVID symptoms and for precautionary purposes, students exhibiting these symptoms should stay home and self-isolate, get tested or contact a healthcare provider.

We will continue to practice being germ busters at school!



# Upcoming Events





# Upcoming Dates

Dec 7 - 11 - HA Halbert's Virtual Book Fair

Dec 10 - Rising Chefs (4:15 PM)

Dec 11 - Hot Chocolate Day (Weather permitting)

Dec 15 - Grade 1 - 6 Virtual BINGO @ 4:15 PM **\*\*NEW DATE**

Dec 16 - SAC Parent Council Meeting @ 6 PM

Dec 17 - Virtual Halbert Family Sing-A-Long @ 6 PM

Dec 18 - Student Recognition Assembly (P1/2)

Dec 18 - Last Day of School (School Dismissal at regular time)

Jan 4 - First Day of School 2021

Jan 15 - PA Day



To order the ingredient pack,  
please click here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsqQZU7jC8aT5ZP9FI98BCXVzA5DNqNyAnjIwKW0uH8NckPQ/viewform>

Virtual Rising Chefs  
Thurs, Dec. 10  
4:15 PM  
Oven Baked Smores



# Virtual Book Fair

A portion of funds paid for every booked purchased will return to the school for classroom and the school library!

A separate email from Ms. McMichael will be sent tomorrow morning with the link to the Virtual Book Fair.

**FREE SHIPPING** when shopping every Wednesday from 6 PM - 8 PM.

SEE WHAT'S NEW AT THE

# BOOK FAIR!

Robert Munsch  
**Teamwork**  
Michael Martchenko

Not Quite  
**Snow White**  
written by Ashley Franklin  
Illustrated by Ebony Glenn

R.J. PALACIO  
**BABY-SITTERS  
LITTLE SISTER**  
KAREN'S ROLLER SKATES  
ANN M. MARTIN

Rebecca Elliott  
**Unicorn Diaries**  
Be and the Dragon Pup

PAUL ROMANO  
**HOCKEY  
SUPERSTARS**  
2020-2021

THE WITNESS PRESS  
**DOG MAN**  
CRIME AND PUNISHMENT  
DAV PILKEY

Dates | Times | Place  
**Virtual Book Fair**  
**Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

All purchases benefit our school!

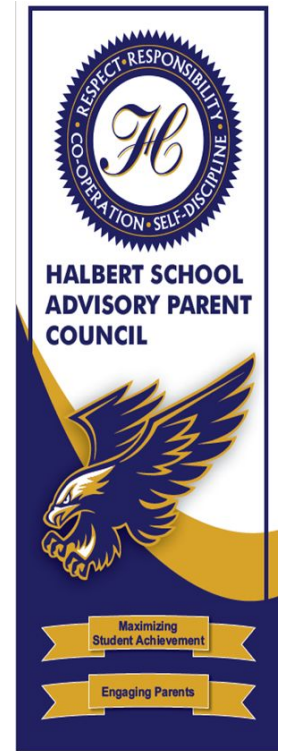
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scholastic.ca/bookfairs

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# School Advisory (Parent) Council

**School Advisory (Parent) Council Virtual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**  
6:00 PM

Link to be shared closer to the date.



# Family Sing-Along

We sing from our homes, you sing from your homes!

Please log-on on Thursday, December 17 and join our entire community in song!

The Zoom link and password will be sent closer to the date.

Bring some cookies and milk if you want!



Thursday, December 17, 2020

6 PM

Zoom link to follow

# Bring Everything Home

On the 18th of December, the last day of school for 2020, we will be asking all students to bring all of their personal belongings home including winter gear, indoor shoes, personal books, etc.

Student can bring these items back to school upon return in the New Year.



# School and District News



# National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

On December 6, TDSB marks National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day coincides with the anniversary of the death of 14 young women who were tragically killed on 6 December, 1989, at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal because of their gender.

On this national day of remembrance, we honour the memory of these women and reflect on the ways that gender violence continues to affect us. For more information, visit Status of Women Canada and participate in their #ActionsMatter campaign. To find out how you can help prevent violence against women visit

[www.ontario.ca/page/lets-stop-sexual-harassment-violence](http://www.ontario.ca/page/lets-stop-sexual-harassment-violence).





# Reading Around the Community

To help early readers see the value and importance of the community, families could begin to point out and read symbols and words in the community.

Scholastics has given an easy activity to support reading around the community:

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/activity-plan-4-5-reading-our-neighborhood/>



# Dressing for Fall and Winter

Unless unsafe or directed by the Board, our students will be heading out during Fall and Winter seasons.

Please dress in layers with proper outdoor footwear.

Please label all clothing.



# Snuggle Up and Read Webinars

In case you missed our live webinars, please click on each title for the slide deck.

October 28 - [What are Sight Words?](#)

November 4 - [I Read - You Read - We Read](#)

November 18 - [What are DRAs?](#)



# Early ON

Child and Family Centre

Parent Worker: Ms. M. Megitt

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2647192598827114/>

<https://meet.google.com/qmj-kybn-rzb>



DO YOU HAVE  
QUESTIONS  
ABOUT YOUR  
CHILD'S  
DEVELOPMENT?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT TALK

Children do not come with manuals, and it is difficult for parents to know what to expect as their child grows up. Our Child Development Talk will help parents understand more about key milestones and how to support their child's development.

This interactive discussion will explore areas of behaviour, communication, speech, language, play skills, pre-literacy skills, and motor development in relation to child development.

Our talk will be led by **Dr. Shivajan Sivapalan, Family Physician** with a special interest in child development, and **Neshanth Shanmugalingam, Behaviour Therapist** from the SAAAC Autism Centre.

**Date:** December 9th, 2020

**Time:** 10:30am to 11:30am

Talk hosted by:



# Mindfulness and Family Yoga

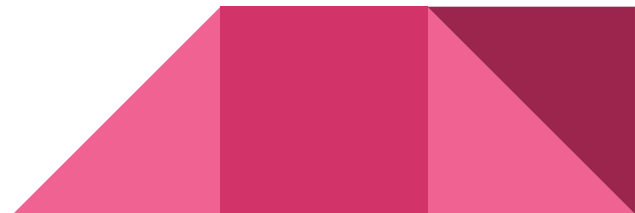


Together with your children, discover how to deepen your mind-body connection, while gaining useful coping tools that enhance the ability to deal with stress and build resiliency.

Facilitator: Joanne Weitzman, MSW, ECE, has over ten years of experience working with children and families. She is certified in mindfulness, cognitive behavioural therapy and yoga, as well as trained in expressive arts and play therapy.

Every Tuesday from 10 to 11 am with Southwest Scarborough/Thornccliffe Facebook Group

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/qmj-kypn-rzb>



# Activities for the Week

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 am		Morning stretch	Action songs	Morning stretch	
9:30 am	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music Live Frances	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music FB Room
10:00am		YOGA with Joanne			Coffee Chat FB Room 
10:30 am			Panel Meeting Google Meet		
11:00	Zoom in Spanish			Zoom Story Time	
12:00 pm	Story & Music Live Deepika	Story & Music Live Gladys	Story & Music Live Mary	Story & Music FB Room	Story & Music FB Room
12:30 pm	Coffee Chat FB Room 	Stretch and Strength	Story Time Kids Choice	Coffee Chat FB Room 	Stretch and Strength

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# Questions, Comments or Concerns?

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect via email or connect with the school at 416 396 6300.

