



HLF Month 2025 is here!

The Halton Learning foundation (HLF) is thrilled to launch its second annual HLF Month, “**The Start of Potential,**” in April 2025. Building on last year’s success, this event offers even more opportunities for our community to come together and raise awareness about the financial challenges that prevent students from accessing a complete education.

HLF Month unites schools, organizations, and individuals in activities, challenges, and events designed to support our mission of assisting students in the Halton District School Board (HDSB). By addressing crucial needs such as school supplies, food, clothing, and learning resources, we empower students to succeed and reach their full potential.

We invite HDSB staff, teachers, and students to join us in April to take action against the financial hurdles faced by many HDSB families. Together, let’s break down barriers and inspire equity, inclusion, and a brighter future for all.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF HLF MONTH

- **HLF Month Challenges:**
Engage your school community in fun, interactive activities while raising funds for a great cause! This year, we've added more exciting challenges to our toolkit to get everyone involved. From creative activities to physical challenges, there's something for everyone!
- **Students in the Spotlight (April 30):**
“[Students in the Spotlight](#)” is an inspiring event that showcases the incredible talents of HDSB students. On April 30th, we'll feature live performances including music, dance, and more, celebrating the creativity and passion of our young people. Not only does this event highlight the talent of HDSB students, but it also serves as a fundraising opportunity to support the HLF’s mission.
- **Donations Matching**
All donations for HLF Month will be matched by CN, up to a total of \$25,000. This is a great opportunity to double your impact.
- **Register Your Challenge/Activity**
You can register your challenge/activity on the following link and ask your friends and family to sponsor you. [Registration link](#)

For further info about creating or joining teams or joining as individuals please check the following link: [How to Join Peer to Peer fundraising teams.](#)

- **Promote your Challenge/ Activity:**

Let us know what you are planning so we can help you promote the activities through our website and social media channels. You can tag HLF social media channels, and we will share your events, or you drop an email to Peace Olawunmi at:

olawunmip@haltonlearningfoundation.ca

For further information about HLF Month please visit: [HLF Month](#) page

How to Get Involved:

We encourage all HDSB schools and classrooms to participate in HLF Month 2025! Here are a few fun and engaging activities that you can incorporate into your school's calendar.

1. **Create Your Own HLF Challenge**

We are inviting your school/classroom/group to take on a fun challenge to raise awareness and funds. Some ideas include:

- **Outdoor Walk/Run/Bike:** Organize your own “**Tour De Halton**” community walk, run, or bike ride.
HLF aims to assist 3,600 students in need by the end of this school year. You can walk/run/ bike as a community to reach 3,600 km as a target.
- **Skipping Challenge:** How many skips can you do in one minute?
- **4 Square Challenge:** Host a friendly competition of 4-square between classes or grades.
- **Book Reading Challenge:** Set a goal for how many books or pages can be read collectively.
- **Give-Something-Up Challenge:** Challenge participants to give something up for the month in support of students.
- **Personal Challenge:** Encourage students and staff to set and achieve personal goals.

We'll provide you with an **HLF Month Donation Page** and an online **peer-to-peer fundraising tool** to create friendly competition between students, classrooms, and schools. It's a great way to make fundraising active, fun, and engaging for all!

2. **HLF Colour Day**

Show your support by hosting an **HLF Colour Day** at your school!

Encourage everyone to wear **HLF's colours** (green, orange, and blue) to raise awareness and celebrate the spirit of giving. You can incorporate fun activities such as art projects, games, or a mini assembly to highlight the cause.

3. **Cute Letters and Art Exhibitions**

Get creative with your students! Host a **cute letters campaign**, where students write kind notes or letters to HDSB students in need, spreading positivity and showing support. You can also organize an **art exhibition** to showcase students' artwork, inspired by the "The Start of Potential" tagline.

4. **Fun School Events**

Add a little extra excitement to your school's HLF Month participation with some of these fun events:

- **School Sleepover:** Host a fun school sleepover to bring students together while raising funds for HLF.
- **Crafts Sale:** Organize a crafts sale, where students can sell their handmade creations.
- **Bake Sale:** Set up a bake sale with sweet treats made by students, teachers, and parents.
- **Popcorn Sale:** A popcorn stand is a simple but effective way to raise funds and engage the school community.
- **Pie in the Face Day:** Host a fun **Pie in the Face** event, where students can donate to see teachers or staff members get a pie thrown at them!
- **Karaoke Night:** Bring the school together for a night of music and fun with a **Karaoke Night**, inviting students, staff, and families to sing their hearts out.
- **Car Wash:** Set up a car wash station where students can wash cars in exchange for donations.
- **Ice Cream Social:** Host a delightful **Ice Cream Social**, where students can enjoy a sweet treat while donating to the cause.
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Plan an exciting school-wide **Scavenger Hunt** with clues tied to the mission of HLF, with teams competing to win fun prizes.

5. **Classroom Activities to Support HLF Month**

Here are some ideas to incorporate **HLF Month** into your classroom activities:

- **Themed Classroom Decorations:** Decorate your classroom with HLF colours or *HLF Month*-themed art projects.
- **Guest Speakers:** Invite **HLF Team Members or Student Initiatives supporting HLF** to speak to students about the impact of HLF and how they can help make a difference.

- **Art Projects:** Have students create banners, posters, or donation trackers to highlight their involvement.
- **Physical Education:** Set up activities like practice walks or a “Breaking Down Barriers” obstacle course to get active while raising awareness.
- **Start a School Garden:** Encourage students to participate in planting a garden to nurture growth, representing the start of potential.

6. Secondary School Ideas

Secondary students can get involved in a variety of ways:

- **Photography & Journalism:** Document the month through photos, writing, and social media content. Students can highlight the importance of social activism and poverty awareness.
- **Study of Social Issues:** Use HLF Month as an opportunity to discuss issues like poverty and social justice in subjects like Civics, English, and Social Studies.
- **Nutrition:** Focus on student wellness by exploring the impact of good nutrition and how HLF supports school breakfast programs and food banks.

7. Culminating Event

At the end of **HLF Month**, celebrate your efforts with a **Culminating Event**. Whether it's a closing ceremony, a performance showcasing class projects, or a visit from the principal to thank participants, it's a great way to recognize all the hard work and raise awareness about the funds raised.

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Social Media pages:

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