

# HUMBERWOOD DOWNS JMA

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## DECEMBER 2017

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School Website: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/humberwood/home.aspx> Twitter: @HumberwoodDowns



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a very busy two months of school as staff and students settled into their routines and are now well on their way with program development and learning. We strive to improve and we welcome feedback from our parents, guardians and community. Thank you for your many suggestions and observations. Keep them coming!

The school will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Monday December 26-January 5. We wanted to wish all of our Humberwood Downs students and families **happy holidays!** First day of classes will be Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018.



### PIZZA DAYS- no more cash orders

As of December 2017, all pizza orders must be done online. You will be able to order for your child's pizza days once and pay a lump sum if you choose to do so.

**As of January 2018** all snack contributions will be accepted online- *no cash please*.

The online link may be accessed from our school's website for your convenience at <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/humberwood/Home>

If you do not have internet at home please see Ms. Upward and she will assist you to sign up online. The Humberwood Centre Toronto Public Library has computers and internet access for free that you can also use.

Our school's website is *updated weekly*. Dates have been posted for the year and more dates are added weekly. Please refer to it regularly. Thank you for your continued support.

### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

We are getting ready for our annual community breakfast which will be happening **Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>** 7:30am-8:30am in the Great Hall. All of our Humberwood Downs families are invited to join us. Trustee Minhas and our Superintendent of Education, Lorraine Mills, will also be attending. Rumour has it that Santa will be here!



### WINTER CONCERT

**Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**6:30pm**

If your child's class is performing for this concert date you will receive a flyer inviting you to the concert. We are happy to say that

**Trustee Minhas** will also be joining us at our concert.



### PYJAMA DAY!

Spirit days provide students and staff with the opportunity to have fun and feel connected. On **Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>** staff and students are invited to wear their pyjamas to school.



### PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Please join us at our next parent council meeting which is being held on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm. Child minding is available.

## FLL- First Lego League

This is the third year that our school is taking part in the FIRST Lego League Competition. What is the FIRST Lego League? The FIRST Lego League challenge consists of three component parts - **Core Values, Robotics, and an Inquiry-based Project**. This challenge exposes students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. Students are also presented with a real world challenge that they need to solve, helping them develop important skills for their future. While preparing and participating, students are expected to demonstrate values such as cooperation and an enthusiasm for learning new things and persevering. This is consistent with TDSB's vision that our students develop Global Competencies that will help them in their future endeavours.

This year's team consists of students from grades 6 to 8 who have some experience with Lego Mindstorms Robotics, and have demonstrated a strong work ethic. There are 10 students on the team who will compete at the qualifying event.

We are also proud to have a group of 5 students working and learning with us this year.

The coaches and teacher mentors this year consist of Josie Nanfara-Grande, Renu Mann, Lukrica Prugo and Mandi Campos. We are also fortunate to have 2 youth mentors from our original team supporting us - Emily Moore and Mahek Kaur, Humberwood Alumni.

**Robotics:** Students program an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game). Missions require the robot to navigate, capture, transport, or deliver objects on a printed mat (the Field).

**Project:** The team develops a solution to a problem they have identified. This year's theme is Hydro Dynamics, and students are challenged to

- Identify a problem within the human water cycle;
- Design a solution that makes this problem better;

- Share their problem and solution with others.

**Core Values:** Students are expected to conduct themselves according to the guidelines set by the FLL, which encourage teamwork, gracious professionalism, and cooperation above all things. Our official qualifying tournament is on Saturday, December 16th at John Polanyi CI.



Best of luck to Karina, Nabisaan, Julian, Harshil, Suhani, Khushi, Stephen, Rishit, Ohana and Jaswant. Thank you to our supporting members, Ajay, Gurtaz, Manoghna, Jaskaran, and Fatima.

## STUDENT ATHLETIC COUNCIL



The votes are in and the following students have been selected as this year's Athletic Council Executive:

President- Armaan  
Vice-President- Seyera  
Secretary- Radha  
Treasurer- Jeevan  
Media Relations Officer- Neesa

Congratulations to all students who applied, campaigned, and prepared speeches. We look forward to working with our new executive.



