

HUMBERWOOD DOWNS JMA

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back and happy New Year to all of our Humberwood Downs families. Our staff is in the process of completing their assessments of term 1 curriculum

expectations. Report cards will be sent home on **Tuesday February 13th**. Parent-teacher conferences will be taking place on Thursday February 15 (evening) and Friday February 16 (morning). Details will be sent home with your child on February 1st, check your child's bag for this.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Many of our staff offer their time above and beyond the classroom in variety of ways. Some staff participate on curriculum-based committees, while others organize and lead student-based clubs and/or sports. On our school's website I have [uploaded all of the sports and extra-curricular activities](#) currently being run at our school. It's regularly updated to reflect new activities. If you have any specific questions regarding these activities, please direct them to the specific staff leading these activities.

FEBRUARY IS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION MONTH

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September!

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. You may choose to register in person at the school or begin the process online.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten or call the school at 416-394-4750 and our office staff will be happy to help you. Details will also be posted on our school's website by January 30th.

TRAFFIC STUDY

We realize that our parking lot can pose a number of challenges. As a result, we have approached the TDSB for assistance and we are now part of a traffic study program. The committee meets five times this school year and the members include: Trustee Minhas, Councillor Ford, city staff, central TDSB staff, a teacher rep from Humberwood Downs, our parent council chairs, a community rep and both school principals. The purpose of this committee is to analyze traffic flow and come up with solutions to improve our current parking situation at our school as well as drop off and pick up procedures. We will update you as information from this committee becomes available this year.



In the meantime we are asking that all of our parents/guardians exercise patience and safe driving practices in our parking lot. There is no parking on the bus route nor can you stop your car in the middle lane for drop off as this is both dangerous for our students and blocks the flow of

traffic. We all have busy schedules and somewhere to go in the morning but our students' safety is our priority. It is also unacceptable for any adult to be using foul language at other adults in frustration. Using profanity sends the wrong message to our students. Our children learn both from what we say directly to them and how we behave and communicate towards others.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (FLL)

On Saturday December 16th our team competed at the regional competition and came in 1st place overall, as well as 1st place in the robotics component.

On Saturday January 13th our team competed at the provincial level. Although our team did not win they did their very best and represented our school with Gracious Professionalism* and Coopertition* throughout the competition. Thank you to our FLL students and coaches for their commitment and dedication. We are very proud of all of you.

"Gracious Professionalism* means teams compete against challenges but appreciate and treat each other with respect. Gracious professionals lend a helping hand to an opponent when needed because they want everyone to have a chance to compete. Even when a team wins the competition, they avoid treating anyone like losers."



"Coopertition*" combines the concepts of cooperation and competition. Coopertition is founded on the philosophy that teams can (and

should!) cooperate with each other even as they compete. Once you have mastered a skill, you teach it to someone else so that everyone can do better next time. You still do your best to win, just not at the other team's expense" (FLL Core Values)."



SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOL

We are happy to have been adopted, once again, by Scientists in School. An anonymous donor has paid for all of our students JK-grade 4 to receive a half-day hands-on science workshop. The science topic was chosen by the classroom teacher to align with the science focus in the classroom. These sessions took place in December and January.

WINTER WEAR

The winter weather has been unpredictable with frigid temperatures, heavy snowfall and icy conditions. We are asking all our families to ensure that their child comes to school with the following outdoor wear: winter jacket, hat, mittens/gloves, snow pants and boots. We encourage our students to actively play outside but this becomes difficult when they are not dressed for the weather. Thank you for your ongoing support.



WINTER CONCERT- Thurs December 21st

In December we had our winter concert. Trustee Minhas was present and greeted our families with warm wishes for the holiday season. We were thrilled to see so many of our families in attendance at our concert. We wanted to thank our staff for preparing our students with songs and dramatic performances. Well done Humberwood staff and students!

A GENTLE REMINDER

Please regularly check the school's website for upcoming dates and events.

