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IMPORTANT DATES

[Calendar](#)

- **April 2:** Easter Monday
- **April 3:** Honesty Assembly; Humewood @ the Blue Jays Game!
- **April 6:** Pizza Lunch; (Orthodox) Holy Friday
- **April 8:** (Orthodox) Easter
- **April 9:** French Immersion Speech Finals
- **April 10:** SAC Meeting (7pm)
- **April 11:** Kindergarten Concert (5:30pm); International Day of Pink
- **April 12:** Humewood's Got Talent
- **April 13:** Vaisakhi (Sikhism)
- **April 19:** Humewood's Track and Field Day @ Oakwood
- **April 22:** Earth Day
- **April 26:** Wonder Fair (6pm)
- **May 3:** School Play: "Once Upon a Crime"

Celebrating Honesty!

Recipients of March's Honesty Certificates



Humewood Students @ the Jays Game!



That's us on the JumboTron! Our students, under Mr. Polak's direction, did an AMAZING job singing the Canadian and American national anthems! (Definitely the inspiration the Jays needed for their 14-5 win over Chicago!)

EQAO Family Fun Night!

On March 28, we hosted an EQAO information night for all of our students and their families. It was a huge success! Parents and students learned about the EQAO assessment and had a chance to try out a few math problems together! A big thank you to all of the families that attended and to the wonderful Humewood planning committee!



International Day of Pink – April 11



April 11th marks International Day of Pink, when Toronto District School Board staff and students wear pink in support of diversity and to raise awareness to stop discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia, and transphobia. The Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity – it's also a commitment to being open-minded, accepting differences and learning to respect each other.

Wonder Fair – April 26



Join us on Thursday, April 26 @ 6pm for Humewood's Wonder Fair! Our students have been working on science, math, language and arts activities that reflect this year's school theme of "WONDER". The Wonder Fair will be an evening to celebrate all of their hard work!



Update on Lunch Procedures for Students in Grades 1-6

As of **Monday, April 9**, **ALL** students in Grade 6 and under must **sign out in the office** and provide us with a **written note** of permission to leave school for lunch. Please note that students in Grade 3 and below cannot leave school property without a supervising adult.



HUMEWOOD'S GOT TALENT

APRIL 12TH
6:00PM



Volunteers Wanted!

Please visit the 'Volunteer Hub' on the Humewood Council website <http://humewoodcouncil.com/> to find out about all the volunteer opportunities for the 2017/18 school year. From pizza lunches to other fundraisers, please sign up anytime!





What is OPAL?

“OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) is the first program in Canada that aims to make play an integral part of the school day. Children engage in self-directed play with “loose parts” (tools, boxes, spare tires, fabric, etc.), boosting their sense of agency and creating a more inclusive and reciprocal social environment.

OPAL is grounded in the child’s right to play and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which Canada is a signatory.

In partnership with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB), the OPAL program will roll out to 42 schools by 2020. Our goal is to bring the program to schools across the country.” (From the Earth Day Canada website)

For more information on the OPAL program, check out: <https://earthday.ca/earthplay/schoolplay/>

So Far, So FUN!

Being an OPAL School has changed our outdoor time in a very positive way! Students who may not have been keen to venture outside, are now filled with excitement to create, construct and explore. The overlying questions, “*Is it safe enough for us, the environment and the equipment?*”, “*Is it fun for everybody?*” and “*Is it inclusive?*” have guided our play and the way in which our students interact with each other. Students are working towards being more respectful of each other and the environment, and strengthening their problem-solving skills.



We Play in ALL Weather!

It’s no surprise that the majority of students would rather be outside for recess/outdoor learning time than inside. Cancelling recess is usually met with, “But it’s just raining a little bit!” and a lot of unspent energy. At Humewood, we believe that playing in the rain, snow and sunshine are part of the natural and healthy development of our students. We know that children need to move, explore and play outside EVERY DAY in order to be ready to learn in the classroom. Aside from cases where there is lightning, all students and supervising staff will be going outside during recesses or outdoor learning times. Please check the weather reports each morning and send your child(ren) well-prepared to go outside. This includes: rubber boots, a proper rain jacket, an umbrella, etc. We would like to start building a “clothing library” for students are aren’t prepared for the weather, so if you have any wet-weather gear that is no longer used, we would love the donation!

Call-out for LOOSE PARTS!

As an OPAL school, we provide opportunities to play and learn outside with open-ended materials, called loose parts. Earth Day Canada generously donated collections of materials, but many of these items have succumbed to “too much love” or the environment (cardboard tubes can only survive so long in the rain). We are in need of many more materials to replenish our stock of loose parts. Each month, we will put a call out for different items. Please refrain from sending anything with sharp edges.

For April, if you have any of the following materials, please drop them off in the front foyer:

- Milk crates
- PVC pipes
- Wooden planks
- Dress-up clothing (the fancier, the better!)
- Pots and pans

