



## Important Dates

### Calendar

#### April 27:

Passover Ends

#### May 1:

School Play: **Ka-pow!**

#### May 2:

Grade 8 Grad Group  
Photo (9am)

#### May 3:

Pizza Lunch;  
Track and Field Meet

#### May 6:

Music Monday

#### May 8:

Humewood @ the  
Blue Jays, 7:00 pm

#### May 9:

Kindergarten Open  
House for New JKs

#### May 12:

Mother's Day

#### May 14:

SAC Mtg (7-9pm)

#### May 15:

Asian Heritage Month  
Assembly (1pm)

#### May 17:

Pizza Lunch

#### May 20:

Victoria Day

#### May 22—24:

EQAO for Grade 3's

#### May 28-30:

EQAO for Grade 6's

#### May 31:

Pizza Lunch;  
Crazy Hat/Hair/Head  
Spirit Day!

# The Humewood Howler

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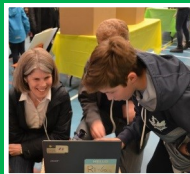
J. Whitfield, Principal

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## The Changemakers Fair!



Thank you to all of the families who visited our Changemakers Fair! Our students worked so hard to create projects, presentations and artwork that reflects what it means to bring about change at our school, in our community and around the world.



Please join us on **Wednesday, May 1st at 7pm** for the Humewood Drama Club's production of **Ka-pow!** Ka-pow is the story of an aspiring comic book artist whose characters come to life with the help of some magical pens. Prepare for action, music, comedy and more!

Our Drama Club is asking for donations of nut-free baked goods to sell on the night of our performance. Proceeds will go to the Humewood Drama Club, and will help us buy costumes and scripts, rent equipment, and more. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off at the main office on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you so much for your support! See you at the show!

### Last weekend to get your tickets!

(Sales close April 29)



We had a crowd of 550 at this amazing event last year....come out and join your fellow Humewood families for another great night at the ballpark!!

Once again, the Humewood Grade 4-8 and 3-8 choirs can participate in singing the anthem!

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:07PM

vs. *Minnesota Twins*

\$20 per ticket (500 level)

Tickets can be ordered at [humewoodcouncil.ecwid.com](http://humewoodcouncil.ecwid.com)

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

Tickets will be delivered via your students' classroom the week of the game.

For more information, email: [humewoodjaysgame@gmail.com](mailto:humewoodjaysgame@gmail.com)

# Humewood Sports Update!

## Track and Field

Our Track and Field season is here! There have been practices in the morning for running events and a variety of other practices being offered for both track and field activities. Our Humewood School Track Meet, organized by Mr. Polak and Mme. Castonguay, took place on Wednesday, April 24 at Oakwood Collegiate and was a HUGE success! For students who qualify, our Conference Track Meet will take place on May 3 at University of Toronto Varsity Stadium.

### **Key Dates for Track and Field:**

April 24 – School T&F Day at Oakwood CI

May 3 – Qualifiers

June 3 – Conference Finals

June 11 – City Finals

## Badminton

The Humewood Badminton season came to a conclusion with a lot of success for our teams. Our Grade 5 team was able to make it to the South Conference Semi Final and our Grade 8 team lost in the South Conference Final bringing home a banner for our school.

## Slo-Pitch

Gr 6 and Gr 8 Boys' Slo-Pitch will start next week. Tryouts will be on Tuesday and Wednesday morning next week at 8am on the field and practices will be Tuesday and Wednesday mornings until the tournament.

## Other Humewood Athletics

We are about to begin the Spring sports season with tryouts beginning for Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee and Boys and Girls Slo Pitch teams. Practice times and tournament dates will be shared with students and parents once the teams have been picked.

## Product Fair!

This month, students from Mme Riehle, Mme Z, Mme Rodriguez's classes had the opportunity to create a unique product and "sell it" to the as well as a brand and an advertisement for the product; use the conventions of advertisement to promote their products.



## **Elementary & Secondary Summer School -**

[More Information on TDSB Summer School 2019](#)

**Elementary:** Elementary summer programs are tailored to increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. This summer, we are opening schools across the city to help build literacy and numeracy skills in students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Humewood is also a Summer School site this July!



**Worth an extra reminder...** With the arrival of spring and the warmer weather comes the fun stuff: mud and puddles! As an OPAL school, we play in all weather: rain or shine. Please ensure your child is well-dressed with boots, rain gear and an extra change of clothing for recess. An umbrella may also be a good idea on those extra wet days!



# THE HUMEWOOD 2018-2019 YEARBOOK: *Now on sale!*

Our school yearbooks—full of photos of classes, special events, sports teams, clubs and more—are now on sale for \$20 through the [Cash Online site](#). There are a limited number of yearbooks available, so order yours today!



## Feeling Good at Humewood!

*May 14, 5:30-8:30pm*

**Book May 14<sup>th</sup>** off your calendars. Bring out the whole family!

A night to learn, to move, to chill, to connect, and to have fun.

**Check out the schedule of speakers, activities, and meaningful conversations:**

**5:30-6:30 Empowering Hip Hop - Arts Express**

For: kids JK-Gr 6

**5:30-6:30 Managing Anxiety + Kids - Dr. Jen Parsons, Naturopathic Doctor**

For: parents Jk - Gr 6

**6:30-8:30 Managing Meanness + Cultivating Kindness - Arts Express**

For: parents + kids Jk-Gr 6

**6:30-7:30 Yoga - Deb Singer, Inspirator / Educator / Humewood Parent**

For: parents + kids Gr 5-Gr 8

**7:30-8:30 Managing Food + Your Mood - Food Sharks**

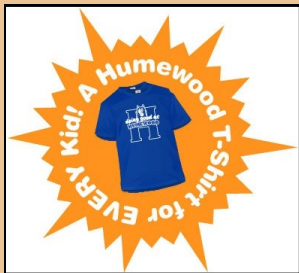
For: parents + kids Gr 5-Gr 8

**Healthy snacks + drinks provided**

**Childcare available 6:00-8:30pm**

*Powered by the Humewood Parent Council*

### A Humewood T-Shirt for EVERY Kid!



Let's celebrate the warmer weather and show our Humewood pride! At events ... in the community ... at school ... on the field.

**Support this initiative by paying what you can, if you can.** Your contributions will help to offset the cost of shirts. Visit the [Humewood Online Store](#) to make a contribution today.

The suggested price is \$5 per shirt but if you have more than one kid at Humewood, or are able to contribute more to support this initiative, please increase the "Quantity" of shirts in your order.

Shirts will be distributed to ALL kids regardless of who how many contributions we receive. The shirts are being ordered in a range of sizes and will be distributed at school.

### Music Monday: Monday, May 6, 2019

Each year since 2005, hundreds of thousands of students, educators, and music makers across Canada participate in a simultaneous nationwide concert performance of an original song written by a Canadian artist.

Brought to us by The Coalition for Music Education in Canada, this year's Music Monday anthem is "Hymn to Freedom".

Mr. Polak has been teaching this song to our students from grades 1-8 and on Monday, May 6, we will gather together and have an amazing sing-along!

For more information and copies of "Hymn to Freedom", please check out: <https://coalitioncanada.ca/musicmonday/en/anthem/>



### **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/>

### **Humewood’s Play Prompts**

**Is it safe enough for us, the environment and the equipment?**

**Is it fun for everybody?**

**Is it inclusive?**

**SAFE WORD: Respect.**

### **Humewood’s Play Policy**

At Humewood we recognise that all play is at the heart of healthy development for children. Play is self-directed, fluid, flexible and open involving experimentation and imagination.

We recognise that in order to learn, children must push the boundaries of what is already known and already easily accomplished and this requires children to experience risks and challenges.

We encourage children to understand and challenge their own limits and we provide a supportive environment for risk-taking. We teach and use a risk-benefit approach to manage our duty of care to protect and provide for children’s needs.

All students are provided with a range of choices and opportunities to play in order to build connections with and to care for their environment and community.

We believe it is our responsibility to safeguard and support all children’s right to play.

### **Call-out for LOOSE PARTS!**

- “dress-up clothes” - old costumes, dresses, etc.
- pool noodles

