

The Humewood Howler

Quarantine Edition

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Welcome to Remote Learning

We hope you are all staying healthy during this time of self-isolation. We don't think it would be a stretch to say that 2 months ago the idea that our lives could have changed so much by April 17th would have been unimaginable.

Over the course of the past 5 weeks our teachers have learned about a variety of digital platforms to built virtual learning spaces for all of our students. They have used tools from the Google Suite, Brightspace and e-mail systems to deliver curriculum and to connect with students in a variety of different ways.

Not every classroom looks the same, but our exemplary staff are committed to ensuring that each student has high quality resources and activities to continue learning while at home. We know that this learning will not be a replacement for a regular classroom experience, but do what you can—with the priority now being the health and wellness of your families.

As we all practice social distancing and self-isolation (who even knew those things existed before March Break) we thought we would share some examples of responses from our Grade 6 student to one of their writing assignments titled "Isolation Trip Advisor Review".

Comfort For All, 2nd Floor Bedroom

There are four things I absolutely need in a bedroom: Internet, Netflix, a comfy bed, and pillow. All four of these can be found in this ideally sized bedroom. If I was presented with all of the bedrooms on this planet, I would pick this one to slumber in. Probably my favourite part of the room would be the stunning satisfying bed and pillow. The bed feels spongy (due to its pillow top) and fluffy. The bird-friendly down substituted pillow was incredibly comfortable to sleep on. The addition of a laptop with Netflix is much more desirable. I loved everything in the room except for one thing: the Insufficiently sized faux fur rug. Now don't get me wrong, I'm all about not killing animals and style, but this rug was extremely undersized. Other than that, this was the best bedroom I've ever seen in my life. In all, I can proudly say that anything less than this would be considered an abhorrent excuse for a bedroom.

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The almost house, Backyard (not really)

This backyard is whimsical and truly splendid. If I was looking for a place to rent, this backyard alone would be better than most houses in this area. You can count on this environment to satisfy your needs at all times whether it's bright and clear in the summer, pouring in the spring, or simply gloomy. This backyard has an infinite amount of qualities to solve any problems that come your way: a full sized table for dining parties, and comfortable, cozy and extendable chairs that come in all sizes for tanning and simply sitting. We also include a complimentary shed full of junk, a hamc and a barbacue that is almost broken with unlimited uses. It also has a nice, tall fence to give you privacy! The one thing that this backyard doesn't include is a bathroom but that is normal for a yard. Anyways, this place is great for spending quality time with friends and family. The best part of it all is that you will be around nature the entire time you are here, so be prepared!

Jimena



Important Dates

CALENDAR

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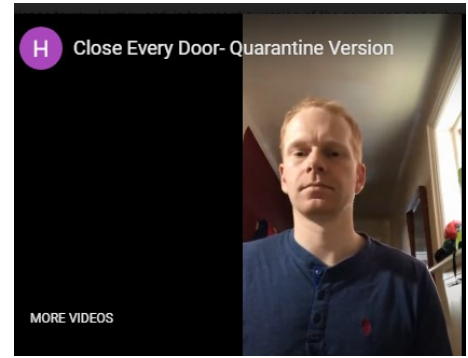
SPIRIT DAY is next FRIDAY, APRIL 24th!
Wear Humewood Colours or Spiritwear!

Wellness Classroom

Have you check out our [Wellness Classroom](#) yet, class code is **cnkwghg**? If your young person sees Mme. Acheampong, Mr. Herman, Ms. Pearlman, Mr. Polak, or Ms. White for any of their rotary subjects they will find arts and physical education activities posted here each week!

Be a part of Humewood's [Close Every Door Quarantine Collaboration](#) music video and post your rendition of Mr. Polak's classic adapted from Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat! Remember to sign in from your TDSB student account! We can't wait to see and hear from you!

Stay tuned for more challenges and activities from our awesome rotary team!

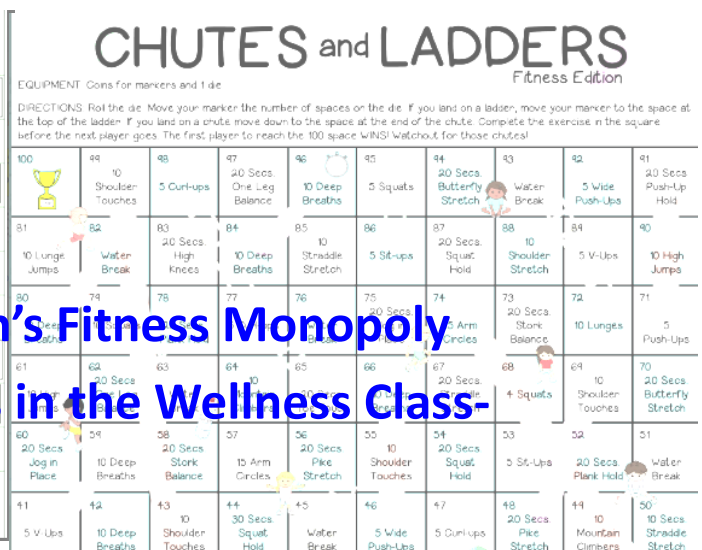
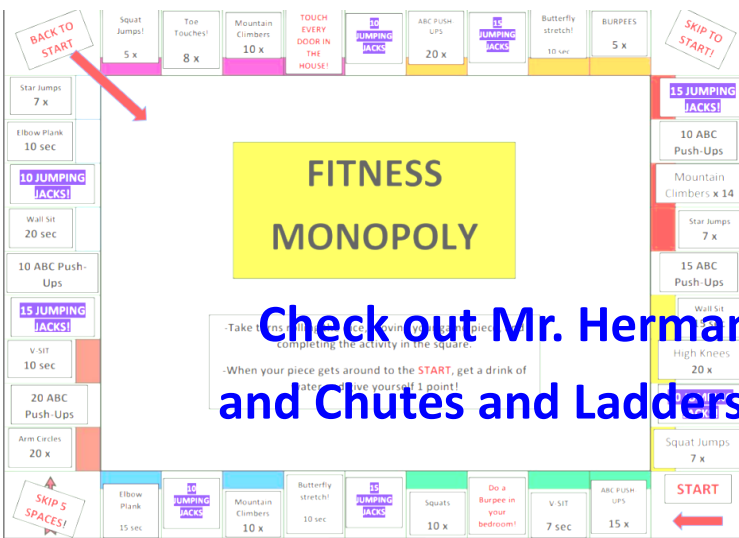


TDSB DEVICE SURVEY

If your young person requires a digital device in order to work on a digital platform and you DID NOT fill in the TDSB survey please let Ms. Najman and Ms. Whitfield know immediately. The online form has now been closed so you will have to contact the school administrators directly to access it.

If you did fill in the survey and are still waiting, we have been informed that at this time the TDSB is about one third of the way through delivering 50 000 devices to students' homes.

Email Julie.Whitfield@tdsb.on.ca and Rachelle.Najman@tdsb.on.ca by Tuesday, April 21st to request a device if you have not already filled in the TDSB online form.



Check out Mr. Herman's Fitness Monopoly and Chutes and Ladders in the Wellness Class-

Classroom Placements for 2020-2021

This is the time of the year that we begin to look toward the next academic year and this year (believe it or not) is no different! Over the next three or four weeks we will be virtually conducting classroom placements for September 2020. Each year we provide this forum in order for parents to make suggestions as to peers their young person make work well with or what style of learner their child is.

The classroom teacher is in the best position to place students into appropriate classrooms and our teachers work very hard as grade teams to create learning environments that will support each and every child. We work in partnership with parents and take your suggestions seriously however not all requests can be granted.

Given the virtual nature of this year's placement process we ask that parents are VERY concise in their comments—we will not be able to read long passages as we work to establish caring and engaging classrooms for your children. Requests for teachers will not be entertained—discussions about teachers in this form will be deleted. Thank you for your understanding! Please complete this form by Friday, April 24th, 4:00 p.m.

[Parent Consultation Form for Placement - September 2020](#)

Our goal is to put the best interests of each student in the forefront when we are building our classrooms.

We appreciate your partnership!

English Classroom Model for 2020-2021

JK
JK/SK
JK/SK
Grade 1/2
Grade 1/2
Grade 2/3
Grade 3/4
Grade 4/5
Grade 5/6
Grade 7
Grade 8

French Immersion Classroom Model for 2020-2021

FSK
FSK
Grade 1
Grade 1/2
Grade 1/2
Grade 2
Grade 2/3
Grade 3
Grade 3/4
Grade 4/5
Grade 4/5
Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 8

Remote Learning & Online Safety

In an environment of remote learning where staff and students are spending an increased amount of time online and interacting with one another via online platforms, it is incredibly important to be familiar with the [TDSB Online Code of Conduct](#). The Code of Conduct pertains to the use of online systems and resources and exists to protect the rights and safety of all.

Student Online Safety

Using online platforms and tools is an excellent way to continue learning remotely and to interact and communicate with teachers and classmates. However, it is important to protect your personal safety when online by following the rules and guidelines outlined below:

- Never reveal information about your personal identity (such as your name, address, phone number, age, physical description or school) to strangers whom you may encounter online. Likewise, do not reveal such information in a public online forum where you may not know everyone who might see the information.
- Never reveal personal information online about someone else unless you have their prior permission and you know the information will not be used for harmful purposes.
- Never reveal your access password or that of anyone else.
- Never send a picture of yourself, another person or a group over an electronic network without prior informed permission of all the individuals involved and, in the case of minors, their parents or guardians.
- Report immediately to a teacher any message or request that you receive that bothers you or that suggests personal contact with you.
- Never publish the specific dates, times and locations of where you might be at any given time to people who are not directly entitled to such information or to public forums where unknown persons might access the information.

Wellness Links

Cosmic Kids Yoga (yoga and meditation for kids) <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Todd Parr Fun (printable and online activities from always positive author Todd Parr. Be sure to check out the Things That Make You Feel Good activity book) <https://www.toddparr.com/landing-page/todd-parr-fun/>

Food Resources for West End Toronto

North York Harvest Food Bank:

There are multiple locations, and changes due to the COVID-19. Please contact for the locations and hours, contact info below:

Phone: 416-635-7771 ext. 0

Website: <https://northyorkharvest.com/find-a-food-bank/>

Email: info@northyorkharvest.com

Red Cross Mobile Food Bank:

“The Mobile Food Bank service delivers food to persons who are unable to access a food bank due to a permanent or temporary disability. Our program, not only provides access to nutritious meals, but in some cases also provides a safety check, health status monitoring and social interaction.”

Contact: Tel: (416) 236-3180

Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Saturday - Sunday: Closed

Website: <https://www.redcross.ca/in-your-community/ontario/nutrition-and-transportation/mobile-food-bank/toronto-region-branch-mobile-food-bank>

Syme Woolner Neighbourhood & Family Centre

The centre has multiple services available (Employment, Drop In, Harm Reduction, Housing Support and Income Tax Clinic). For updates on what services are still open and for contact numbers for the different services, check on their website: <http://www.symewoolner.org/>

Breakfast and Lunch Take Away at their Drop in:

Address: 2468 Eglinton Avenue. West, Unit 3 (west of Caledonia)

Hours: Monday to Sunday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Website: <http://www.symewoolner.org/programs/dept-of-community-services-2/#Jane>

Food Bank: Syme Woolner has two locations that have a food bank. For information on how to access the Food Bank, click here: <http://www.symewoolner.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Food-Bank-Procedures-for-Clients.pdf>.

You can also call **416-766-4634 ext. 228.**