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Friday, December 1, 2017

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IMPORTANT DATES

[Calendar](#)

- SAC meeting, Wednesday, December 6, 7:00PM
- Pizza Lunch, Friday, December 8th
- Hackergirl Hackathon, Wednesday, December 13th,
- FIRST Lego League Tournament, Saturday, December 16
- Pizza Lunch, Friday, December 22
- Winter Break, December 25-January 5
- Pizza Lunch, Friday, January 12
- PA Day, Friday, January 19
- Primary Concert, Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 PM
- Junior/Intermediate Concert, Thursday, January 25, 6:00 PM
- Lice Check, Thursday, January 25

Congratulations to our Empathy Award winners for the month of November.



What's New?

Did you know that this year Humewood school theme is “Wonder”? Classes are busy setting up “Wonder Walls” and this week we unwrapped our “Wonder Box” that has made the rounds of the classrooms so that students and staff alike could “wonder” about its contents! This will all culminate in our Wonder Fair in the spring....stay tuned!

Did you know that by 2020 it is projected that there will be 1.4 million jobs in computing related fields and women are on track to fill just 3% of those? It is with this in mind that “Hackergal” is sponsoring a Hackathon event on December 13th and Humewood is proud to be part of it. Girls from grades 6, 7 and 8 will be participating all day in a Hackathon challenge and will be joining thousands of girls from across the country in developing code to solve a challenge!

As we continue our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey we want to remind families to send students to school in weather appropriate clothing. We are moving toward “rainy recesses” and indeed “all weather” outdoor play, which will mean that students will still play outside even when it’s raining, snowing, cold or icy. During extreme weather conditions when we receive weather alerts we will still opt to keep students inside for safety. OPAL values play as an important part of child development and learning and understanding and experiencing the environment in all different types of weather conditions is important for students to develop important life skills, such as self-regulation as well as developing their bodies physically. Over the next few

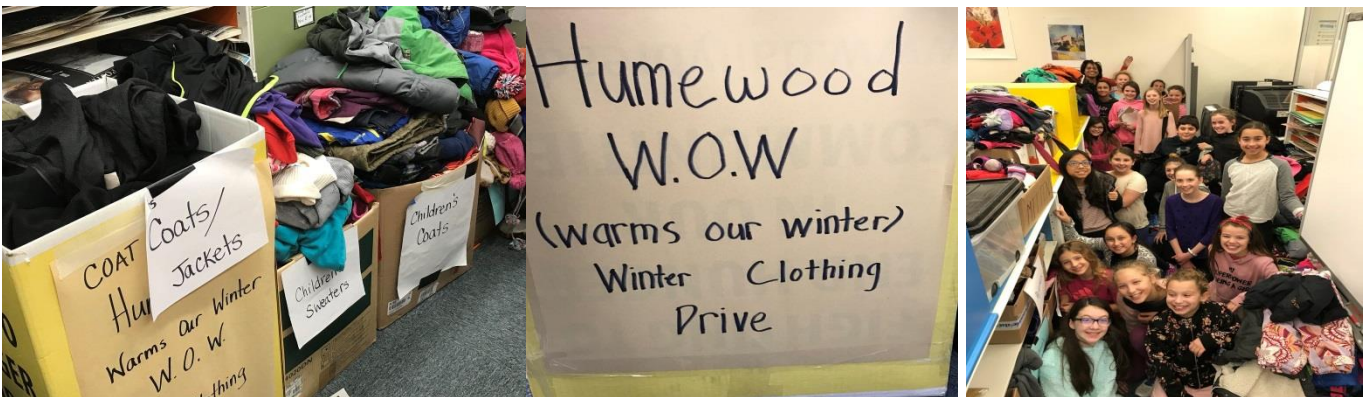
months we will begin to accumulate “loose parts” such as tires, pool noodles and more for student to use during outdoor play time. **“Self-directed play is a necessary and important part of every child’s life.”**

Humewood has been an active place over the past few weeks! We have a variety of teams competing in tournaments this fall including basketball and volleyball teams. This year we will be fielding a junior ice hockey team and for the first time ever an Intermediate Ball Hockey team! Go Huskies!

On November 29th our grade 1-6 students were entertained by TorQ Percussion Quartet performing their “Everything and the Kitchen Sink show. Some students even got to perform with them! Thanks to the Arts Committee for allowing our students to benefit from this event!



WOW Humewood – your contributions to our Humewood W.O.W. (Humewood Warms Our Winter) program initiated by Ms. Watkins, Mme. Rodriguez and our Me To We Team has been OUTSTANDING! We have sent warm clothing to the Out of the Cold program, Na-Me-Res, Gateway Public School and Pelmo Park Public School. Thanks to our families for helping us warm up winter for many individuals and families!



Volunteers Needed for Snowball 2018!

Humewood's premiere, parent-only, fundraising event is just around the corner. However, the 5th annual Snowball can't run without help from volunteers like you! Should you wish to get involved with planning the Snowball, please email Cheryl at cheryl.batty@utoronto.ca. The first planning meeting will take place in early December.

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!

Back by popular demand - Humewood Huskies House Blend Coffee!

In partnership with Kurtis Coffee, the Grade 8 grads will once again bring the Humewood Community **delicious, fair trade, organic & kosher coffee**. Please purchase a cup (or a bag!) at the Humewood Café on Friday, December 8 and the following week from Monday Dec 11 to Friday, Dec 15 from 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Bring your own coffee mug to support our eco-school efforts!



Our 1 lb. coffee bags will be \$15 each, with discounts as you add to your order. Purchase 3 or more bags and you'll also receive a package of designer wrapping paper donated by the generous and talented folks at K9 (the same one who helped design the school logo). You may also easily order coffee bags online at <https://humewoodcouncil.ecwid.com/#!/Huskies-House-Blend/p/76372680/category=21751060>

Huskies Coffee makes a great holiday gift for family, friends, co-workers, neighbours and clients, and supports our Grade 8 grads with their legacy project that is sure to be enjoyed by all Humewood families for years to come!

Choices for Grade 9 Information Nights

High School Information Nights

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a high school, TDSB schools host information nights for parents and grade 8 students each year between October and January. Learn everything you need to know about our incredible variety of schools, programs and courses. The dates and times for all High School Information Nights are available online at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/GoingtoHighSchool/OpenHousesandInformationNights.asp>

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Fall Fair Thank You!

It was a hot day back on September 23rd when Humewood held its annual Family Fall Fair fundraiser. The Parent Council, along with the Fall Fair committee would like to thank everyone who came to volunteer, sponsor and support. You were all instrumental in helping raise over **\$15,000** for the school. This will go towards important Council initiatives, including funding for technology and band. From all of us to you . . . THANK YOU!

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