



The Humewood Howler

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Important Dates

Calendar

- **December 22 – January 6:**
Winter Break
- **December 25:**
Christmas
- **December 31:**
New Year's Eve
- **December 26 – January 1:**
Kwanzaa
- **January 7:**
Classes Resume; Orthodox Christmas
- **January 11:**
Pizza Lunch
- **January 14:**
SAC Mtg, 7-9pm
- **January 18:**
PA Day
- **January 23:**
Primary Concert @ 6pm
- **January 24:**
Junior/Intermediate Concert @ 6pm
- **January 25:**
Pizza Lunch
- **February 1:**
Grade 7/8 Ski Trip
- **February 5:**
School Lice Check
- **February 8:**
Pizza Lunch
- **February 11:**
Report Cards go home

“Empathy” Certificates



Good Morning!

Thank you to all of our parents, guardians and caregivers for staying behind the lines and outside during morning line-ups. It has been helpful for our students to line up and get ready for the start of the school day.

Winter After Four Programs

Registration is open now for Winter After-Four programs! To learn more, visit:

<http://humewoodcouncil.com/>

THANK YOU FROM MR. McNAMARA!

We would like to thank the library helpers and parents who worked at the Scholastic Book Fair and made it all possible. We had record breaking sales! These proceeds go to supplementing our library and classroom resources so our whole school community benefits! Well done, Humewood!

Junior Extended French Program

The application process for the **Junior Extended French program will open January 7, 2019 and close February 4, 2019.** Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Please Note: While admission to the Early French Immersion (SK entry)/Junior Extended French (Grade 4 entry) program is guaranteed at the entry points to all eligible on time applicants, admission to a specific school is not guaranteed if the school reaches capacity. Application to begin these programs is open to all students not already enrolled in an FSL program.

Save The Date for The Snowball

Humewood Parent Council's annual adult social night with a fundraising silent auction will be held on Friday, March 1st, 2019 at 8:00pm in the school gymnasium. Please contact cheryl.batty@utoronto.ca if you would like to help organize this event, donate silent auction items or sponsor the event.



Humewood Sports Update

Grade 4/5/6 Boys Volleyball Team had a fun, recreational tournament hosted by Humewood and won each set. Special shout-out to our Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Team for leading volleyball circuit sessions for students from each visiting school!

The Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball Team coached by Mr. Herman finished in second place in their tournament to make the Conference Quarter Finals. They lost 20-14 in a very competitive Quarter Final game to Dovercourt.

The Grade 4/5/6 Ice Hockey Team is now picked and will begin their season on Jan. 17 vs Fern PS.

The Grade 7/8 Ball Hockey Team coached by Mr. Yanchyshyn will have tryouts shortly into the new year.

The Grade 4/5/6 Boys Basketball Team is currently holding tryouts and their season will begin in the new year as well.



Arriving on Time!

We have noticed that a significant number of kindergarten students are arriving late for class. It is important that your child be on time for school – it is hard to break the late habit once established. Even arriving a couple of minutes late can be disruptive to the class and can make it harder for your child to begin the day positively. We want to spend every minute we can with your young ones!

Humewood Schedule

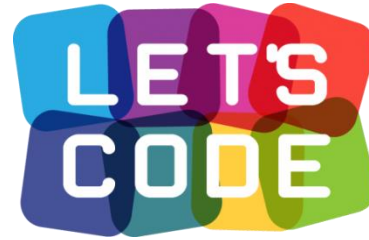
Morning Entry: 8:45am

Lunch: 11:35am - 12:40pm (1-8) 11:25am-12:40pm (JK/SK)

Dismissal: 3:25pm (1-8) 3:05pm (JK/SK)

Chess Club

Mr. McNamara will be hosting a lunch time chess club in the new year. Students in grades 3-8 are welcome to join—listen to the morning announcements for more details on how to sign up.



We will be having a second and new session of the coding club starting after the New Year's break. Interested students can sign up—listen to the announcements for details. The Coding Club is for students in grades 5-8 and runs at 4-week intervals after school for 1-hour sessions. Contact Mr. McNamara for more details.



The French reading club for students in grades 2 and 3 will be meeting Thursdays at lunch from 11:35am-12:20pm. Students will eat lunch together in the library while enjoying

French reading activities together!

- Mme. Dyson, Mme. Paraschiv et Mme. Leung

Ms. Kosonic and Ms. Acheampong would like to send a huge thank you to all of our committed Primary Art Club members and Intermediate assistants! We had a blast getting creative and messy with our small projects over the past couple of months. From sock puppets to Humewood event decorations, we were thrilled to have the opportunity to see what great imaginations you all had. Keep on creating and look for our latest art that will be on display at the primary winter concert! In addition, stay tuned for Junior Art Club forms that will go out in January.



The Me to We Club, led by Mme Rodriguez and Ms. Watkins, held their annual W.O.W. (Warm our Winter) event! Students in the club organized a sock drive to donate to a shelter in our community. They also raised over \$600 from their cookie and hot chocolate fundraiser. The club is well on their way to reaching their goal of \$1750 to support educational programs in Ethiopia with the Me to We foundation. Thank you to all.



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!

- cardboard rolls from wrapping paper (We’ll save them for the spring!)
- cookie sheets, pots and pans for winter play

HAPPY

HOLIDAYS

**We wish all our Humewood Families
a safe, FUN and restful winter break!**

See you back on January 7!