



Important Dates

CALENDAR

January 6:

- Classes Resume

January 10:

- Pizza Lunch

January 14:

- Dufflebag Theatre (K-grade 3 students)
- SAC Meeting (7-9 pm)

January 17:

- PA DAY

January 24:

- Pizza Lunch

January 31:

- SPIRIT DAY: Dress like a Humewood Staff Day!

Friday, January 17, 2020

vendredi, le 17 janvier, 2020

The Humewood Howler

Web: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/humewood/Home.aspx>

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J. Whitfield, Principal
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Recognition Certifications from December



January's Character Trait is **TEAMWORK**

In January, TDSB schools and communities are celebrating **Teamwork**.

Your child can show teamwork by:

- Helping to complete a household chore with other members of the family
- Working with peers in a group to complete school assignments
- Participating in a sport and working as part of a team to be successful
- Taking responsibility in household chores for the benefit of the family

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What does it mean to be a team player at home and to be an integral part of the family?
- How do you deal appropriately with conflict when it occurs during teamwork?
- What are some of the ways to resolve some of the arguments that occur at home?
- Sometimes a teammate may have to make a sacrifice so that the team can succeed. What does this mean?

Projects to do together:

- Play games as a family to develop teamwork and good sportsmanship.
- Participate in sports or leisure activities together and encourage communication including active listening. Encouraging teamwork in your child:
 - Stress the importance of teamwork and the aspects of being a team player that make being on a team worthwhile.
 - Stress the importance of willing to work and play with others at school, in the home, and in the community.

ALL-WEATHER PLAY @ HUMEWOOD :)

As an OPAL school, we have all-weather play. Whatever the weather, our students go out to play. Please ensure your child has: all the winter/rain gear they need including hats, gloves, scarf, boots, and snow pants, extra socks, indoor shoes, and a change of clothes.

Optional Attendance Deadline

Grade 8 Parents/Guardians:
The deadline for Optional Attendance is January 31st. All signed submissions (containing both parent and school) must be delivered personally to the high school of choice by the 4:00 p.m. for consideration.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. Children who will be four by December 31, 2020, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2020.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth>

Humewood's KINDERGARTEN Visit/Tour

will be held on

Thursday, April 30, 2020

8:30-10:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - Meet and Greet outside in the front of the school in the Kindergarten Learning Garden

9:15a.m. - Presentations begin in the gym

You will have the opportunity to meet the Kindergarten team, take part in few activities and visit the classrooms.



Kindergarten
Come Learn With Us!

Arriving on Time!

We have noticed that a significant number of our students are arriving late for class. It is important that your child be on time for school. Even arriving to school a couple of minutes late can be disruptive to the class and can make it harder for your child to begin the day positively.

Humewood Schedule

Morning Entry: 8:45 a.m.

Lunch: 11:25am-12:40 p.m. (K)
: 11:35am - 12:40 p.m. (1-8)

Dismissal: 3:05 p.m. (K)
: 3:25 p.m. (1-8)



Early...

If you are picking up your child(ren) before dismissal, please arrive early to sign them out and wait for your child(ren) to come to the office.

...Late

If your child arrives **after** the morning or lunch bell, they must go to the office for a late slip. **Parents, please refrain from entering through the student doors.** If classes are still coming in, your child may enter the building and go straight to class. There are many staff members around to support your child as they walk to class. Once the doors are closed, please bring your child to the front doors and into the office for a late slip.

When signing out your child

If your child is getting signed out for an appointment or any other reason for early dismissal, please avoid calling the office in advance to let them know you are on your way and need your child signed out. Students will be signed out once their parent/guardian arrives at the office and signs them out in our sign-out book. The office admin team will call down your child from their class to greet you in the office.

Stay Healthy During Flu Season

Flu season is here again. Ontarians are encouraged to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- informing the school if your child is ill;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.

Happenings @ Humewood

DUFFLEBAG THEATRE

On January 14th, students in kindergarten to grade 3, enjoyed a Prologue performance from Dufflebag Theatre. It was a bilingual interactive performance of the fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood. Some students from our audience were randomly chosen to be a part of the performance, while audience members joined in by showing their applause in various fun ways.

SPIRIT DAY—FRIDAY, JANUARY 31st, 2020

On Friday, January 31st, students are encouraged to show their school spirit for our monthly Spirit Day. This month's spirit day is called "Dress Like a Humewood Staff Day!" What this means is that students can choose to dress up like one of their teachers or other staff members (caretaker, principal, vice-principal, office administrators). They can think about how the staff member looks (hairstyle, accessories, clothing) to dress up like them. Please remember that costumes are to be culturally responsive and respectful for all. Students will also be reminded through daily announcements and posters throughout the school. Let's show great school spirit Humewood!

WELLNESS ROOM

We are working with our Student Wellness Committee to make a plan to design our student-centred wellness room. This is located across the office on the main floor, and it will be a space where students can visit should they need a mindful moment to help them throughout their school day. We may ask for donations from the community when we have a plan in place. Stay tuned.

ME 2 WE UPDATE

The Me2We Committee had a very successful hot chocolate and Rafiki sale before the winter break. Students are still tallying the results and we will provide an update, but what we do know is that it was a successful campaign. We also received a letter from The Daily Bread Food Bank with thanks for a successful food drive. Thanks for your generous donations.

NURSING STUDENTS

We have four new nursing students from York University who started on Thursday, January 16th. They will be working on the Wellness Room project, unpacking some of the data from our in school climate survey to learn more about our students' mental health and well-being. They will also be working with a few of our classroom to support teachers and students.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We have 19 students from China who will be with us for 2 or 4 weeks starting on Tuesday, January 21st. They will be hosted in classes for a full English Immersion Experience. The students range from grades 4 through 8. They come with two teachers who will provide extra support in the classrooms. We're looking forward to this unique experience.

REMINDER:

This is another reminder for parents/guardians to encourage students to avoid purchasing soda and other sugary drinks over their lunch break. Should they choose to do so, students have their lunch hour to drink these beverages. Soda, juice, and other sugary drinks are not permitted in the school. The only drink allowed in classrooms is water, and students are encouraged to bring a labelled water bottle to refill using our water fountains. Thanks for your co-operation with this matter.



Call Out for LOOSE PARTS!

- pots and pans
- big mats
- crates
- storage bins
- cookie sheets
- pool noodles

HUMEWOOD WINE SURVIVOR 2020

School Council is happy to announce that Humewood Wine Survivor is back for the 3rd year!

As always they will be allocating the majority of the wine collected to the top three finishers, but as always there will be weekly winners, random draws and consolation prize winners of at least two bottles per prize.

To sign up please go to the following link on the Humewood Council website:

<https://humewoodcouncil.ecwid.com/>

Please feel free to distribute the above link to anybody you think would like to join in. The more people the better the prizes become and the more prizes we can give out.

How it Works

To enter, you will need to either buy a ticket for \$40 (covers your \$20 entry fee and \$20 bottle of wine) or \$20 and a bottle of wine (recommended value \$20). Each participant has now joined **Humewood Wine Survivor** and their names have been placed in the daily draw. The more entries you buy, the better your chances of surviving and winning the grand prize!

The \$20 goes towards Humewood School Council and the wine to the winners!

Winners

The **Champion** receives approximately 50% of the wine, which they get to hand select; 30% for **Second Place**; and 20% for **Third Place**. There will also be a **Deadpool** draw for those eliminated and surprise prizes along the way.

Elimination

Every day, several names will be drawn, and the names drawn will be "voted off the island" i.e. **Eliminated**. An email will be sent out to all participants each day letting everyone know the results and giving people the option of buying back in. The final elimination is set for the Snowball, where the winners will be announced.

Immunity

Every day one name will be drawn from the bucket for "immunity". That person will be exempt from the draw **that day** (i.e. have immunity for one day).

Buying Back In

If you are "voted off the island" / eliminated and you want to get back in, never fear there is one buy back allowed per entry. Pay an additional \$20 for your name to be placed back in the bucket – no additional wine required. If voted off you can pay your \$20 buy back via the [Humewood Online Store](#) by 4:00 pm the next day. At the end of the competition All players who are in the Deadpool (voted off the island) will have a chance to win a gift card (to the LCBO of course) to drown your sorrows over being voted off the island.

Giving Back

5% of proceeds from the Wine Survivor will be donated to a local children's charity.

Questions?

Please email: humewood.winesurvivor@gmail.com

Important Dates

- ♦ **Deadline for Entries:** 4:00 pm Friday, January 25th
- ♦ **Daily Elimination Begins:** Sunday, January 24th
- ♦ **Last Day to Buy Back:** Wednesday, February 26th
- ♦ **Winners Announced:** Friday, February 28th at the Snowball

SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH (EVENING)

WHAT: SNOWBALL

Humewood's premiere, parent-only, fundraising event complete with a DJ, dance music, silent auction, a cash bar, and much more, you won't want to miss this annual event! STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

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.

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.



TEACHERS WORK TO RULE UPDATE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Phase 3 for ETFO (Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario) started on January 13th, 2020.

- **Teachers will:**

- NOT** plan or participate in any assemblies, except to provide supervision to students (No Winter Concerts)

- NOT** participate in extracurricular activities.

- NOT** participate in field trips

- NOT** arrive at work any earlier than 30 minutes before the start of the instructional day for students (or **for hourly paid ETFO members**, not arrive any more than 30 minutes before the start of the scheduled work day)

- NOT** remain at the worksite later than 15 minutes after the end of the instructional day for students (or **for hourly paid ETFO members**, not remain later than 15 minutes after the end of the scheduled work day).

- Report Cards will look differently – they will likely include marks/letter grades – and one sentence per frame for full-day kindergarten. More details to follow.

- All elementary schools across the TDSB are closed on Monday, January 20th, for the one day walk-out. There is no school for students on that day.

- Please visit the [TDSB Website](https://www.tdsb.org/) for the latest information about labour negotiations.

Thank you Humewood!

A heartfelt thank you the entire Humewood Community for their generosity during our Project Holiday Gift Card Giveback Campaign. We raised money for nine Toronto families in need and purchased a variety of gift cards for them to use during the holiday season to provide for their families. Attached are some thank you notes and letters from our TDSB social workers and some of the families we supported! Again, thank you for your generosity!

Dear All Grade 5 Students,

I with my kids are sincerely appreciated the Christmas presents (gift cards) that we received from you. You made our holidays more meaning full.



Roblox



Pokemon



Basketball

Thank you for
Sharing the true spirit
of Christmas .. love and
kindness.

Xo's,

Roxana and family
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Thank you very much for giving us a such a wonderful Christmas present. My mom brought us to see the Frozen 2 movie and we got some toys too. We really appreciated your kindness.

May you all have a happy
New year and get more blessings
this year.

All the best,

From: Robin, Avie, Achi, and mom.

Dear Families + Friends of Homewood Community School

Hello there! I hope this letter finds you and yours well and happy.

My name is Ebony and I would like to say on behalf of my family and myself, that we are so very thankful, grateful and honestly a bit shocked that someone wants to support us during the holidays.

My partner and I have always taught our boys the true meaning of the holidays. Spending time with family, having fun, laughter and definitely the food! Haha!

We have also shown them that giving back, donating or simply lending a helping hand is good for the soul and feels great. I feel so lucky and fortunate that our family is getting that helping hand this season.

We hope ya'll have a fun, safe and fantastic holiday! Thanks again, take care!

- The King Family
..Xo..

Dear Humenwood families:

As I dropped off the amazing package to the receiving family and they saw all the incredible gift cards, I saw their eyes open wide and large smiles come across their faces... They were so overwhelmed with the generosity they saw before them!

On behalf of the social work department, I send my deepest appreciation and thanks to all of you. Your kindness and compassion has really made a difference in the lives of so many families! Thank you again and wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season!

Suzy Bratman TDIS social work





International Languages – Elementary/African Heritage Program

Telephone: (416)-338-4100

E-mail: coned@tdsb.on.ca

December 16, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

International Languages Elementary African Heritage (ILE/AH) program is an optional after-school or weekend language program which is available to all students in JK to Grade 8. The language program is designed to give students the opportunity to appreciate other cultures and learn additional languages of their choice. Classes run once a week for 2.5 hours a week for 30 weeks.

You are receiving this survey as there have been requests to offer an ILE/AH program at Dovercourt PS on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dovercourt PS is located at 228 Bartlett Avenue (Dupont and Dufferin Street). No previous knowledge of a language is required. Please note that a minimum of 23 students is required to open a class. A minimum of 10 classes is required to open an ILE/AH program at a site. Please complete survey and return to the main office no later than January 17, 2020.

Please let us know which language and/or African Heritage classes you would like to see offered at Dovercourt PS on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12: p.m.

Language	First Choice	Second Choice
African Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arabic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cantonese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mandarin (Simplified)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mandarin (Traditional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portuguese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please list):		

Is your child currently enrolled in a language at another TDSB school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate: Language _____ School: _____

You will be contacted with the results of the survey. Thank you for completing the survey.

Please Clearly Print

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Tel # _____ Email: _____

Jolly Yang
Program Manager
International Languages – Elementary and African Heritage Program



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Please take a few minutes to fill out the online survey by clicking:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DTSSurvey>

Alternatively, hard copies of the survey are available in the main office of your child's school. Please complete survey no later than January 17, 2020.

Thank you for completing the survey.

Regards,

Jolly Yang
Program Manager
International Languages – Elementary/African Heritage Program