



## Important Dates

### Calendar

- **October 26:**  
Pizza Lunch
- **October 26:**  
Pumpkin Sale and OPAL pop-up playground (3:30-6:30pm)
- **October 27:**  
Pumpkin Sale (10am-2pm)
- **October 29:**  
Transitions to Grade 9 Info Night 6:00PM
- **October 31:**  
Halloween Parade after morning announcements
- **November 2:**  
Pizza Lunch
- **November 8:**  
School Council Meeting (7-9pm)
- **November 11:**  
Remembrance Day
- **November 12-15:**  
Book Fair!
- **November 14:**  
Pizza Lunch
- **November 16:**  
PA Day for Parent-Teacher interviews
- **November 23:**  
Pizza Lunch
- **November 27:**  
Sight and Sound Program
- **December 5:**  
SAC (7-9pm)
- **December 7:**  
PA Day

Thursday, October 25, 2018

jeudi, le 25 octobre 2018

# The Humewood Howler

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

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/TDSB\\_Humewood](https://twitter.com/TDSB_Humewood)

J. Whitfield, Principal

A. Mani, Vice-Principal

## "Respect" Certificates



## Book Fair

The Humewood CS Scholastic Book Fair will be happening November 12 – 15, 2018. It runs from 8:15 - 8:45 each morning and from 3:05 - 4:00 after school. On Thursday, November 15, we are open until 7:30 during parent-teacher interviews. Each student will be given a flyer for the book fair and in the flyer is a raffle ticket to be entered for a draw for FREE BOOKS. All entries must be received no later than **noon** on **Thursday, November 15th**.

Parent volunteers are needed Monday - Thursday after school. If you are able to assist, please contact Mr. McNamara directly at:

[todd.mcnamara@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:todd.mcnamara@tdsb.on.ca) or 416 394 2383 ext. 20020

## Halloween-Oct.31

Get out your cameras and join us for our annual Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We'll start after the morning announcements and will parade through the halls and then around the field!

While costumes are absolutely encouraged, we do ask that you keep a few guidelines in mind when helping your child prepare his/her outfit for Tuesday:

- No masks
- No weapons, staffs, etc.
- Please be culturally sensitive when picking an outfit - costumes that appropriate or mock other cultures or persons are not acceptable (e.g., no indigenous headdresses, no racial/cultural stereotypes, etc.)
- Please ensure that your child is able to put on and remove his/her costume independently, so that he/she will be able to use the washroom comfortably during the day

## Call-out for Skates and Helmets

With winter around the corner, several classes will be going on skating field trips. We are currently building our school library of skates and helmets for students to borrow on trip days. If you have any child-sized skates or helmets to donate, please drop them off at the office.

# Athletics Updates

## Cross Country



Mr. Polak, Mme Bechbach, Mme Clarke, Mme Riehle, Ms. Robinson and Ms. Watkins coached our Cross Country team to success!

We had 130 students compete at Ashbridges Bay, with representation in every race from grade one to eight.

Of those, 22 continued to the conference finals. On October 25, five students will compete in the city finals at Centennial Park!

## Grade 6 Soccer

Mr. Herman coached the girls' team to a tournament win against Cottingham. They played really well, but lost in the quarterfinals to Palmerston.

The boys also won their tournament, but lost in the quarterfinals to Hawthorne.



## Grade 8 Boys Soccer

The boys came in second place against Rawlinson, but lost to Annette P.S. in the quarterfinals.

## Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer

The girls played two games and a final game under the coaching of Ms. Acheampong and Mme Dyson. Their first match was against Dovercourt public school. They tied 1-1. The second match (immediately following) was against Earl Haig public school. We won 1-0. Dovercourt made it to the finals as they beat-out Earl Haig. We played a tight game in the finals which ended in a 0-0 tie. The tie was broken with a shoot-out. Dovercourt ultimately won to move onto to the next level of competition.

Special shout-out to our amazing goal keeper Candela Sanchez Delgado. Way to go girls! We're super proud of how amazingly you all played!



## Touch Football



This year, we had three touch football teams at Humewood: Grade 6 Girls (coach: Mr. Herman), Grade 6/7/8 Boys (coach: Mr. Chichelnik) and Grade 7/8 Girls (coach: Mr. Herman). Each team played hard, had a great time, but we're not advancing (this time!).

## **Grade 8 Family Information Night - REVISED**

On **Monday, October 29 at 6:00pm**, our Guidance Counsellor, Yvette Blackburn, will be facilitating an information night for families of our Grade 8 students. This will be your chance to ask questions about transitions to grade 9.

Until then, Grade 8 students and their families should check the website for Open Houses and Information Nights for Secondary Schools. Follow this [link](#) for dates and times.

## **Morning Drop-off Thank-you!**

Thank you to all of the parents who are staying "behind the lines" during morning drop-off. It's very helpful as our teachers organize their lines and get ready for morning entry. It also makes it easier for your child(ren) to say goodbye for the day and start school.

## **Parent Concern Protocol and Ministry Consultation**

The TDSB Parent Concern Protocol is essential for parents to be aware of in order for situations to be resolved at the school level whenever possible.

### **PARENT CONCERN PROTOCOL**

The Ministry of Education is inviting everyone – parents, students, educators and interested individuals or organizations – to provide feedback on the education system in Ontario.

The goal is to prepare Ontario students for success, improve their academic achievement and equip them with the tools needed to enter the working world.

Information about the consultation can be found at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>.

**Consultation closing date: December 15, 2018**



### **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!**

- Bins, bowls, containers
- Milk crates
- Ropes
- Brooms



# Mental Health and Well-Being

## Parent Partnership Committee

The TDSB Parent Partnership Committee on Mental Health & Well-Being invites all parents and caregivers to attend a special presentation on

*"Well-being has long been recognized as an important factor in overall student success."*

- Ministry of Education

# Mindful Parenting

**A presentation by Sue Hutton,  
from Mindfulness Everyday.**

Research and practice tells us that Mindfulness helps develop: social/emotional learning, resilience, self-regulation, concentration, self-awareness, kindness and compassion.

Learn simple mindfulness practices that can help support the well-being of the whole family including yourself.

**Wednesday,  
November 28,  
2018**

**6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Mindfulness Workshop**

**7:30- 8:30 pm  
Practice and Questions**

**\*Light Refreshments Provided**

**Lawrence Park CI**  
125 Chatsworth Dr, Toronto,  
ON M4R 1S1

**Register:**  
[mentalhealthandwellness-  
committeesatec.eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mentalhealthandwellness-committeesatec-tickets-35444444444)

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**Humberside  
Collegiate Institute**  
280 Quebec Ave, Toronto,  
ON M6P 2V3

**Register:**  
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An innovative online community where educators share best practices and collaborate on new ideas to support stronger student engagement and achievement.

- Content by educators for educators
- Public and private groups to collaborate on a range of topics and new ideas
- Opportunities for professional development



Free creative online games that support the development of foundational K-6 math and STEM skills while fostering positive attitudes towards math in the classroom... and now at home.

- Learner-centred and assessment-driven
- Tracks student progress and adapts to individual needs
- Includes educator resources
- Safe and advertising-free
- Free for all Ontarians
- Winner of the 2017 Serious Play Award



Provides seamless school-to-home math learning with an interactive classroom tool, and live, one-on-one, online tutoring to foster understanding of foundational math concepts and build overall confidence in math.

- Unlimited 24/7 access for grade 7-10 Ontario students & teachers
- Online whiteboard for in-class teaching and seamless student support after-school
- Safe and advertising-free
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TVO ILC is the largest online high school in the province. Students can earn credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, empowering them to realize their goals.

- 100+ courses that reflect the Ontario curriculum
- Flexible start dates and ways to work
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- English and French courses

#### Did you know?

**10K+** Ontario educators collaborated on TVO TeachOntario over the past year.\*

Learn more at  
**teachontario.ca**

#### Did you know?

Students have played **1.3M+** TVO mPower games over the past year.\*

Learn more at  
**tvo.org/mpower**

#### Did you know?

Tutors have supported students in working through **152K+** math questions over the past year.\*\*

Learn more at  
**tvo.org/mathify**

#### Did you know?

**19K** Ontario students enrolled in TVO ILC over the past year.\*

Learn more at  
**ilc.org**

...and don't forget **tvokids.com** and **tvo.org** also offer award winning content that can support in-class learning.

\* Time period: April 2017 to March 2018

\*\* Through TVO HomeworkHelp, the predecessor to TVO Mathify.



Seamless school-to-home math learning with an interactive classroom tool, and live, one-on-one, online afterschool math tutoring. Transform where and how grade 7-10 students in Ontario learn math.



### Interactive Learning

- Share whiteboards with students, as notes or as prompts for students to work outside of class
- Create lessons and activities to demonstrate to small groups or the entire class
- Enable students to submit links to their whiteboards to show their learning for feedback or evaluation



### Seamless Learning

- Personalized math portfolio to store math learning; easily transition school to home learning; and enable sharing between teachers, students and tutors
- Savable interactive whiteboard with ability to import or upload images or screenshots of math questions or problems to work through



### Free Live Afterschool Tutoring

- Live 1:1 tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers, two-way audio, integrated text, recorded sessions and ability to choose your own tutors.

**5:30 – 9:30 ET**  
**Sunday to Thursday**

Register today to learn more and get started!

**[tvo.org/mathify](https://tvo.org/mathify)**

### Registration requirements:

- Students require an OEN and e-mail
- Educators require a district email address