



Important Dates

- **October 3:**
Cross Country Meet
Curriculum Night
- **October 4:**
Lice Check
Pizza Lunch
- **October 9**
Yom Kippur
- **October 11**
PA Day (No School)
- **October 14:**
Thanksgiving (No School)
- **October 17:**
School Council Meeting (7-9 pm)
- **October 21 - 25**
Grade 6's at Sheldon
- **October 27:**
Pizza Lunch
- **October 31:**
Halloween
- **November 1:**
Pizza Lunch
- **November 3:**
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- **November 11:**
Remembrance Day
Progress Report Cards
Go Home
- **November 12:**
Picture Retake Day
School Council Meeting (7-9 pm)
- **November 14:**
Parent/Teacher Conferences (Evening)
- **November 15:**
PA DAY –
Parent/ Teacher Conferences (Morning)

The Humewood Howler

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

Twitter: https://twitter.com/TDSB_Humewood

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BUILD CHARACTER BUILD SUCCESS

This Month's Character Trait is: **RESPONSIBILITY**

Each month, the TDSB celebrates character traits. Character development at the TDSB is about helping students learn and practice positive character attributes. When we build good character, we build strong communities. In the school community, character development is woven into programs and practices it becomes a way of life. Student success is dependent on a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment where all students feel valued. This starts by teaching our students about the value of character – respecting themselves and each other, making positive contributions to their school and community and thinking critically and creatively. Character Development: develops the whole student, contributes to a healthy, safe and orderly school environment, creates a collaborative school where the teaching and learning can be the focus, provides high expectations for learning and behaviour, engages students in their learning, is universal, is respectful, and strives for an ever growing depth of self-awareness, self-discipline and understanding

Terry Fox Run

On Thursday, September 26th, students in K-8 participated in the annual Terry Fox Run to support the Terry Fox Foundation. We kicked off the campaign with a guest speaker from the organization who spoke about Terry's Marathon of Hope and who showed students a replica of his prosthetic leg. Students were surprised he was able to run a marathon every day until he had to stop because of the cancer which took over his body. As a school, we continued Terry's Marathon of Hope to raise awareness and to support our Canadian Hero. Students wrote positive messages on footprints posted around the school and donations were brought in to school as well as on online to help reach our goal of \$2000! Way to go Humewood! It looks like Ms. Steele will have to dye her hair as part of our school-wide fundraising challenge! Stay tuned!

Orange Shirt Day

On Monday, September 30th, we celebrated Orange Shirt Day. This day acknowledges the residential school system in Canada, honours those who survived, remembers those who did not, and recognizes the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma. It is a day to demonstrate, by wearing orange, that all students matter. In the words of survivor and author Larry Loyie, it may also be seen as a day for, "the students of today who want to know about the students of yesterday." At Humewood, students attended an assembly lead by Aqua Ninii Waawaaskone, a singer, songwriter, storyteller, artist, activist, and a strong Anishinaabe Kwe~Indigenous Woman. In class, student wrote reflections about their knowledge and understanding of this significant day, and these contributed to a school-wide orange shirt display.



Athletics Updates

Cross Country

Mr. Polak, Ms. Hoffman, Mme Dyson, Ms. Salamon, Mme Riehle, Mme Bechbache, Mme White, and M Finley, Ms. Robinson coached our Cross Country team to success! Humewood sent over 100 runners to compete in the first cross country race of the year at Ashbridge's Bay on Thursday, October 3rd. The day was wet and cold, but our runners stayed in good spirits and made the best of an autumnal beach day. Congratulations to our 15 students advancing to the South Conference Finals on Thursday, October 17th at Ashbridge's Bay. A special shout out to Yael Rottman for placing first in the grade six girls 2km run. Stay tuned for Team Unbreakable (Grades 4-8), as our running season moves into the fall.



Other Sports

- Grade 6 Boys' Soccer tournament is on October 7th.
- Grade 8 Boys' Soccer tournament is on October 8th.
- Grade 8 Girls' Touch Football tournament is on October 10th.
- Grade 8 Boys' Touch Football tournament is on October 16th.



Upcoming Sports

- Junior Ice Hockey
- Junior Volleyball

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

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 and start their school day.

Halloween-Oct. 31

Get out your cameras and join us for our annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31st. 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 Thursday:

- 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



Is it safe for us, the environment, and the equipment?

Is it fun for everyone?

Is it inclusive?

SAFE WORD: Respect

CULTURE, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



<https://princessproductions.ca/swallowing-clouds/>

Swallowing Clouds Arts Program @ Oakwood Village Library

Free, after-school, for kids **9-12 years** old.
Space is limited. Registration starts on August 26.

Wednesdays October 2 - November 6
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Six sessions + final performance on Saturday, November 9



Join professional artists in a fun and exciting community based arts program. Together, we'll use improv, music, storytelling, arts & crafts, and movement to create our own work of dance theatre.

Oakwood Village Library and Arts Centre
341 Oakwood Ave., M6E 2W1, 416-394-1040

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

FREE FAMILY WORKSHOP!

At Home Alone:

5 Easy Steps to Independence
(suggested age between 10-14 with a parent)

A fun workshop to help families prepare their
10-14 year olds to be home alone safely

Tuesday, October 22

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Oakwood Village Library



Presented by Toronto Public Health. Parent and child attend together. Space is limited. **Register at 416-394-1040.**

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