



Important Dates

Calendar

September 29

Last date to move from
Virtual to In-School OR
In-School to Virtual for
the October start

September 30

Orange Shirt Day

November 17

Progress Reports Go
Home

November 20

PA Day

The Humewood Howler

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The First Two Weeks

It's actually hard to believe that it's already been two weeks back at school!

Students are embracing new routines and diving back into curriculum. It is so exciting to walk through the halls of Humewood and see students back in classrooms and to see the evidence of their learning all over the school! Students of all ages have been great about wearing masks, washing hands and using the one direction stairwells appropriately.

Teachers and students are embracing outdoor learning and we are using outdoor classroom space for everything from Gym class to Drama to Math, French and Science!

We are so proud of our Kindergarten students who have transitioned to school so incredibly well and JK parents deserve an award for managing the beginning of school for their little ones!

As we move into the fall please remember that we ALWAYS go outside so please ensure that your children dress for all weather and bring extra clothes in case they get wet or soiled.

We've got this Huskies!

Students Transferring Between the In-person Schools and the Virtual Schools for October 13

The following message will provide information on how to proceed with requests to have students transferred to the Virtual School, or have Virtual School students transferred to in-person learning, for the first opt in/out date of October 13, 2020.

Parents have until September 29th to inform schools of their intent to switch. Please read the instructions below very carefully. A reminder of the deadline will be posted to the landing page of the TDSB website, on social media, and as part of a larger communication that will be sent to parents/guardians later this week.

If parents/guardians want their child/ren to return to in-person learning, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/wz6r7sxNhztGbzmg8>. As long as parents/guardians complete the form, no further action (or emails) are required as the information will be collected and sent directly to the Virtual School Office Administrators.

Updated Mask Policy for Parents and Caregivers

In order to minimize exposure and risk to students and staff all School visitors, including parents/guardians and caregivers, are required to wear a mask/face covering indoors and outdoors on school property, such as during pick-up and drop-off.

2020-2021 School Year Calendar

The TDSB's 2020-21 school year [calendar](#) has been posted to the website.

Please check it for PA Days and holiday and school break dates.

Daily Schedule

Humewood C.S. follows a Day 1-5 Cycle. Our day still starts and ends at the same time but we have two recess break in the morning and afternoon to allow cohorts to have their own area for play.

Kindergarten

- Entry is at 8:48 a.m.
- Lunch is at 11:25 a.m. - 12:38 p.m.
- Dismissal is at 3:05 p.m.

Grades 1-8

- Entry is at 8:50 a.m.
- Recess A is at 10:00 - 10:15 a.m.
- Recess B is at 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.
- Lunch is at 11:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
- PM Recess A is at 1:50 - 2:05 p.m.
- PM Recess B is at 2:20—2:35 p.m.
- Dismissal is at 3:25 p.m.



If your child leaves school property at 11:35 they should not return until just before the bell at 12:40.

Students eating lunch at school will eat lunch during period 4 (10:45—11:35) in the classroom to ensure proper unmasking, hand hygiene, no food sharing and proper treatment of litter and food waste. All snacks will also be eaten inside—no food is to be taken outside. We thank families for support this protocol as we work hard to keep everyone safe and healthy!

Get Connected with our Families!

Bookmark the link to our Humewood School Council Website at:

<http://humewoodcouncil.com/>



TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS 2020-2021

Over the past month our staffing has changed quite a bit—please see below our new listing of teachers and job assignments!

| FRENCH | STAFF NAME |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| FSK- A (Rm 106) | Mme Bechbach |
| FSK –B (Rm 105) | Mme Clark |
| 1 (Rm 109) | Mme Heine |
| 2 (Rm 111) | Mme Andrews |
| 1 /2 B (Rm 112) | Mme Cumbaa |
| 2 (Rm 207) | M. Finley |
| 3 (Rm 203) | Mme N. White |
| 3 (Rm 208) | Mme Paraschiv |
| 4 (Rm 204) | Mme Castonguay |
| 4/5(| Mme Dyson |
| 5/6 (Rm 215) | Mme. Cameron |
| 6/7 | Mme. Rutherford |
| 7 | Mme Rodriguez |
| 8 | M. Yanchyshyn |
| ENGLISH | STAFF NAME |
| JK (Rm 101) | Ms. Rodrigues |
| JK/SK A (Rm 102) | Ms. Kerins |
| JK/SK B (Rm 103) | Ms. Kosonic |
| 1 /2 A (Rm 201) | Ms. Salamon |
| 1/2 B (Rm 205) | Ms. Terenzio |
| 3 (Rm 202) | Ms. Watkins |
| 4 (Rm 214) | Mr. Ludwig |
| 5 /6 (Rm 217) | Mr. Velici |
| 6/7 (Rm. 212) | Ms. Evanowich |
| 7/8 (Rm. 210) | Mr. Singbeil |
| PREP | STAFF NAME |
| Prep (PHE, Drama/Dance, Music) | Mr. Cook |
| Prep (PHE, Drama/Dance, Music) | Mr. Polak |
| Prep (PHE, Drama/Dance, Music) | Mme. Leung |
| Prep (PHE, Drama/Dance, Music) | Mr. Chu |
| Kindergarten Prep (1.0) | Ms. Pearlman |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | STAFF NAME |
| HSP/Resource (1.0) | Ms. Herten-Greaven |
| Resource (FI) (0.5) | Mme. Leung |
| OTHER DEPARTMENTS | STAFF NAME |
| ESL (0.5) | Mme Leung |
| Native (Ojibwe) Language (0.5) | Ms. Toulouse |



Orange Shirt Day ***Wednesday, September 30*** ***(Recognized throughout the week)***

Phyllis Webstad, a member of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation in British Columbia, was forced to attend St. Joseph's Mission Residential School, as her relatives before her. She entered the school in 1973 wearing a brand new orange shirt which was immediately confiscated by the staff and replaced with a uniform. She never saw the shirt again, and began to associate the colour with the traumatic experiences in the school and the loss of language and cultural identity she suffered. In 2013, Webstad transformed her negative experiences into something positive by creating a Nationally recognized Orange Shirt Day. Celebrated annually on September 30th, this day acknowledges the residential school system in Canada, honours those who survived, and remembers those who did not. It is a day to demonstrate, by wearing orange, that all students matter.

Orange Shirt Day has been marked in schools across Canada in a variety of ways, including Orange Ribbon campaigns, commemorative walks, and wearing orange shirts. Over 6,500 survivor statements have been collected by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, which concluded in 2016 after six years of research and testimonies. Senator Murray Sinclair has stated that "reconciliation must fall in the hands of Canadians, not solely with Indigenous peoples." Ultimately, wearing orange shirts on September 30 is a visual reminder of our shared past as Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada, and provides an opportunity for dialogue between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in shaping our shared future.

<http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>



TERRY FOX RUN 2020

Humewood CS will be participating in this year's 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. We are still in the process of planning our school-wide event to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Stay tuned for follow-up communication about when our event will take place and details about this special day. Last year, as a school we fundraised a total of \$2,021.55. This year, all fundraising efforts will be done online, so please help show your support by donating to our school's online fundraising page <http://www.terryfox.ca/HumewoodCommSchToronto>. Let's try to surpass our goal from last year! Thank you for your supporting our school in the fight against cancer and keeping Terry's dream alive!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS have been a tradition at Humewood helping to raise money to purchase books and resources to support student literacy and learning at school as well as helping to build at home libraries for children. This year's SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will be virtual, all online, and it is scheduled from November 9th to November 16th, 2020. Mr. McNamara is not in a position to lead and run this initiative this year, and he is asking for any parent/guardians volunteers who will be willing to help run this event of our school this year. If you are interested in helping out, please send an email by October 19th to julie.whitfield@tdsb.on.ca and rachelle.najman@tdsb.on.ca—thank you!



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - TIPS FOR PARENTS

Children under nine should be accompanied by adults or older children when crossing the street. At this age, their judgment and perceptual skills are still immature, yet they often eagerly try to cross streets on their own in order to demonstrate some independence. Teach your children the rules of the road - start when they're young. Think of it as gradually training your children about safety until all the connections are in place. By the time your child reaches age nine, and can act independently, the road safety rules will be second nature.

- Teach children how to cross the street safely. Teach them to stop (before stepping onto the road), look left, right and left again, and listen for traffic before stepping out into the street. Teach children to wait until the street is clear and to keep looking until they have crossed the street. They should also look the driver in the eye before crossing.
- Teach children to recognize pedestrian crossing signals but not rely on them. Before crossing, children should also be sure the traffic has stopped. Remind them to continue across if the light changes to "Don't Walk" while they are in the crosswalk.
- Teach children to be extra alert when crossing at a corner with no traffic lights.
- Teach your children to stop at driveways, alleys and areas without curbs and to never run out onto the street.
- Teach children about the dangers of crossing the street between parked cars or when not at a corner. Children should cross only at corners and pedestrian crosswalks, not diagonally or between parked cars.
- Teach children to respect the role of the crossing guard and to understand his/her signals.
- Teach children that wherever possible they should walk on the sidewalk. In areas without sidewalks, teach children to walk as far away from the road as possible, facing approaching traffic (when there is no choice but to walk on the road).
- Teach children that playing games at railway crossings or around trains can be deadly. Teach children that the only way to cross railway tracks is to use designated railway crossings.

Follow the same rules that you want your child to follow. You may want to cut across the street in the middle of the block, but you want your child to learn to cross at the intersection. Be a good role model.

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Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/toronto.dsb>

Instagram- @Torontodsb <https://www.instagram.com/torontodsb>

Information about School Health Services & Vaccinations

School Health Services

Services that Toronto Public Health usually provides at schools are not being offered this year as we focus our efforts on the local COVID-19 response. □

Vaccinations for Students

Vaccinations for Hepatitis B, HPV and Menactra in Grade 7/8 schools are suspended for the fall of 2020. Students can get vaccinated at TPH community clinics later in the fall, by appointment. We will notify you when these clinics open.

Toronto Public Health will not be reviewing student immunization records this year. It is important for students to get their usual vaccinations to protect them from non-COVID-19 diseases. Because vaccinations are an essential health service, you can make an appointment to get them from your health care provider.

Dental Services

Dental screening services in schools are temporarily suspended, but are still available at Toronto Public Health dental clinics, by appointment. Please call 416-338-6565 for more information.

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please call the Toronto Public Health Hotline at 416-338-7600.