



# Humber Park Elementary School

## October Newsletter

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### Principal's Message



September was a busy month for both students and staff; settling into routines in preparation for this school year's many learning activities and experiences. We had a good turnout for Curriculum Night. Parents/Guardians had an opportunity to meet the teachers, and visit the classrooms. Curriculum night was followed by an ice-cream social. We would like to thank the Home & School for providing the delicious treat.

The annual Halloween Howl Family Dance fundraiser is on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00. Parents and students, dust off your costumes and get ready to kick up your heels! Your support for the Home & School fundraisers over the school year is appreciated.

Fall is definitely in the air and it's time for the students to wear their long sleeve shirts, sweaters and pants. On behalf of the Humber Park staff, for those who celebrate, I hope that you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! Remember, parents and guardians are always welcome to attend events held at the school whether it is an Assembly for Remembrance Day or Spring Fair! Check out Humber Park's website at: <https://hpk.hrce.ca> . If you ever have any questions or concerns, please call the office for an appointment. My door is always open!

Regards,  
Sherry Thistle



### Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 1 – Milk Program begins
- Oct. 2 - Awesome Lunch **Begins**
- Oct. 4 – Apple Picking Trip Gr. 2-3
- Oct. 5 – World Teachers Day
- Oct. 7-13 Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 08 – Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
- Oct. 10 – Terry Fox money **DUE**
- Oct. 17 – Teacher PD – **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 18 – Home and School Meeting **6:30 pm**
- Oct. 19 – Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 23 – Gr. 6 Trip -Wild Life Park
- Oct. 24 – SAC Meeting 6:00 -7:00
- Oct. 25 – Halloween Howl **6:30 – 8:30**
- Oct 26 – Provincial Conference Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 31 – Halloween



- Nov. 4 – Daylight Savings Time (Fall Back!)
- Nov. 7 – Remembrance Day Assembly

### Terry Fox Walk



On Friday, September 27, our staff, students and community took part in our 33rd walk for the

Terry Fox Foundation, raising funds for cancer research. Due to the weather, the walk was held in the gym with each class having an assigned time to walk. All pledges should be honoured by **Wednesday, Oct. 10th** Later this month; a representative from the Terry Fox Foundation will be invited to our school to accept the cheque from Humber Park Elementary.



### Provincial Assessment Week

Grade 6 assessments will be held between the 9-19 of October for Literacy and Math. Contact Mrs. LeBlanc if you have any questions.



### Fire Prevention Week

October 7-13 is Fire prevention Week. Please review your home fire escape plans with your child!

### Picture Retake Day



Students can have their photo retake on Friday, October 19. Please let your child's teacher know if he/she will be having a retake done.

### ECO-Team

Special thanks to those students who have signed up for our Eco-Team. The program started up last week and has had a smooth start! Thank you to Mrs. Pelly for over-seeing this initiative!

### Halloween Howl Family Dance



The Halloween Howl Family Dance is scheduled for **Thursday, October 25!** The Howl will be from **6:30-8:00**.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. We encourage everyone to wear a costume. There are prizes to be won and there will be a canteen! See you there! Watch for our flyer.



### Life Threatening Allergies

We presently have students and staff in our school with **severe, life threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts. Please DO NOT send foods containing these products to school.** School activities, supplies and materials must be free from allergens. We appreciate your support and cooperation.

### School Advisory Council

Our School Advisory Council will meet once a month. This committee meets to discuss school issues such as school improvement goals, policies and events and acts in an advisory capacity





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to the principal. The next meeting date is Wednesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00. We are looking for more parents/guardians to join the committee! All are welcome.

### Home and School

The Humber Park Home and School is always looking for *new members*. Typically this organization meets monthly to plan school fundraisers and events. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 18 at 6:30. All are welcome!



### Student Protection Policy and School Volunteers

Prior to **volunteering** at any Halifax Center for Education, a completed Department of Community Services Form A – Consent to Disclosure of Information (Child Abuse Registry Search) must be completed. In addition, each volunteer must submit a certified and true copy of a criminal records check completed in the three months preceding volunteering. Both of these checks must be updated every **three** years. This applies to all aspects of volunteering including class field trips, classroom volunteers, school-wide events, etc.



- cannot live on pets or other animals
- can live off the head for up to 3 days, but their eggs, the nits, need a warm environment to develop—nits are not likely to hatch at room temperature

### **How to Prevent the Spread of Head Lice**

- Check your child’s head regularly:
  - once a week as part of your routine
  - after every sleepover
  - every day during lice outbreaks at school
- Keep long hair tied back or braided.
- Teach your child not to share personal items that are used on their head. This means things like brushes, combs, barrettes, headbands, elastics, towels, hats, helmets, toques, and scarves.
- Teach your child to put their hats and scarves in their coat sleeves or backpacks when they take them off at school.

If your child has been in contact with someone who has lice, you need to check your child’s head carefully to see if they have caught lice. Head lice spread easily, so if one person in the household has lice, others may have it too. Check everyone in the household on the same day.

### **How to Check for Head Lice**

*What you need:*

- bright light
- regular comb
- lice comb, a special fine-tooth comb available at any drug store
- hair conditioner—white is best
- paper tissues—white is best
- plastic bag for garbage

*What to look for*

You are looking for both live head lice, called climbers, and the lice eggs, called nits.

- Adult lice are 2 to 4 mm long, or about the size of a sesame seed. Lice move quickly and can be difficult to see, so it’s more likely that you’ll see nits.

### **RECRUITING ATHLETES:**

#### **Registration for Active Start & Fundamentals programs with Special Olympics.**

For more information please join us Saturday, Oct 13, 2018, 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m, with an open gym for Special needs Athletes at the Lake Echo Recreation Centre. These programs are family centered activity program targeting children with intellectual disabilities between the ages of 2-6 and 7-12. They will run every Saturday with the exception to holiday weekends. There is a \$50.00 registration fee for the year Oct-June, parents/guardians are required to stay during their Athletes gym time.



## GET IN THE KNOW

**Head Lice** – Is a common problem in all schools. Please read the following and become informed about this pest how it is spread and how you can prevent your child from getting lice. We hope this information is helpful.



### **What Are Head Lice?**

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the head. They lay eggs (called nits) close to the scalp. Head lice do not spread disease, and having head lice does not mean that you are not clean. Head lice are very common among children. Scratching the head can be a sign of head lice, but you can have head lice without any itching.

### **How Is Head Lice Spread?**

Head lice spread through direct contact among children (head-to-head), or indirectly on items such as hats, combs, hair brushes, head bands, helmets, and toques.

### **Head lice Facts**

- do not jump, fly, or hop, but they crawl very Quickly