



Humber Park School

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Principal's Message:

Families, It has been almost a month now that I have been at Humber Park and I want to say thank you for your children. They are warm, kind, hardworking and have made me feel very welcome! I am in the process of learning all their names and I look forward to meeting their families as the year continues... I hope that you and your family enjoy your March Break and have a moment to re-connect.

Yours in education,
Ms. White

African Heritage Month: The end of February marks the closing of African Heritage Month which was a busy month of learning and celebration at Humber Park. We enjoyed learning about Africa and African Drumming during our presentation by Goatworks and are excited to learn more when we welcome Dr. Henry Bishop to our school in March after having to re-schedule his visit. Students learned about famous African Nova Scotians through their art and research and we enjoyed our morning facts from grade 5 Goulden. Our grade 2 & 3 classes will also be travelling to the Black Cultural Centre after having to re-schedule due to weather. We will continue to educate and celebrate our rich African Heritage as the year continues and we embrace this year's motto – Our History is Your History!

New Delivery Format: We hope everyone finds receiving the monthly newsletter and calendars via e-mail more convenient. We will do our best to have them out on the first school day of the month and will provide paper copies for any families without access to a computer. Any questions or concerns, let us know,

Medication at School: HRCE policy states that a school may distribute medication for a parent/guardian ONLY if that medication is a prescription and ONLY if the paperwork is filled out at school. If your child requires prescription medication at school, please come to the school with that medication and fill out these forms.

Spirit Week: We are excited to announce that we will have a Spirit week at the school from Monday, March 11th to March 15th. Each day we will have a "theme" (see calendar) and we will have participation prizes as well as some fun contests. We will also be doing a pancake breakfast for the whole school one day which will be communicated later.

Home & School: Our next meeting is 6:30 on Tuesday, March 5th. All our school community members are invited to attend!

Head Lice: As a parent, I can appreciate how frustrating it can be if your child contracts head lice but know that is not uncommon for a child to have at least one experience with this problem. The HRCE Head Lice Policy which was revised in 2015, no longer allows schools to check groups of students for head lice on a regular basis nor are we permitted to notify families when there is a case in a child's classroom. We can only check a child who presents with the signs and contact their family when it happens. There are many things that can be done to help prevent this critter from visiting your home and if it happens to you and you require support, please call the office. For more information, check out the HRCE policy at <https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/b.005-head-lice.pdf>.

SAC: Our next School Advisory Council meeting is Tuesday, March 12th at 6PM.

Delayed Opening: Thank you to the school community for your patience and understanding as we experienced our first delayed opening. Just for clarification, on delayed openings:

9:50 - Humber Park staff & students begin to arrive (no supervision before this time)

10:00 - Students will settle into class

10:10 - Instruction begins



St. Patrick's Day Dance: On Thursday, March 7th, Humber Park School hopes to "Get our Groove On" and "Be Green with Envy" of all the great dancers at our St. Patrick's Day Dance organized by our Home & School. Dance begins at 6:30 and there will be a canteen and prizes! Look forward to meeting many of our families there! Students MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Library News: A big thank you to our librarian, Ms. McEachern for hosting our Scholastic Book Fair. The Fair will be set up in our French room beginning on Monday, March 11th where students can view the books and create a short wish list. On Tuesday to Thursday, of this week, classes will visit the library to make purchases and the Book fair will end on Friday, March 15th at 11AM. A Family Event will be held at the school on Wednesday, March 13th from 6:30-7:30 for those who wish to visit. Thank you in advance for your support in this literacy event for our school.

Out of Area Requests : These can be handed in to the office on April 1st for those families who are not presently living within the boundaries of Humber Park School but wish for their child to attend our school for September 2019. If you have any questions about this process, please call the office.

Registration Information: All pre-primary/primary students for the 2019-2020 school year should be registered by now. In order for students to be counted as teachers are assigned to our school, any students who have not registered need to do so as soon as possible. If you know of any families with children who are ready to start school – please encourage them to come to the school and register. Just as a reminder – we require a copy of the birth certificate, health card, something with your current address –i.e. utility bill