



Humber Park School

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THE HUMBER NEWS SEPTEMBER 2019

Principal's Message:

Dear Families:

Welcome back to what I know will be a great year at Humber Park! The staff have been in working hard to ready the school for the children and Mr. Blois has made the floors and the school sparkle! We are proud of our school and hope the students know it is our second home! It is my hope that the partnership we began to build last year between home and school will continue and the lines of positive communication will remain open. I know that each day as you send the most important people out the door to school, you are trusting that those who work with them at school will watched over them and taken care of them. This is a honor and a privilege I and the staff assembled at Humber Park this year will take seriously.

Yours in education,
Ms. White.

Our 2019-20 School Team is as follows:

Principal – Tracey White
Vice Principal – Nick MacDonald
Secretary – Holly Pelley
Grade Primary/One -Val Dowding
Grade Primary/One –Kim Stobo
Grade Two – Kathryn Smith & Kayleigh Horsman
Grade Three – Cassandra Chishom
Grade Four – Nick MacDonald & Kathryn Smith
Grade Five – Holly Collings
Grade Six – Mark Mikkelsen
Music- Kathy Stone
African NS Student Support - Juan Bundy
Band -James Leblanc
Physical Education – Brad Crossley
Guidance – Angela Carter
Reading Recovery/ELS – Cathy Cooke
Learning Centre – Crystal Gale & Blanka Mitrovich(until April 2020 when Amanda Vanderbrand returns from Maternity leave)
Resource- Erin Madden
French- Jennifer Ardley & Amanda Mangione
Library Support Specialist- Betty Anne MacEachern

Educational Program Assistants- Tonya Thomas, Heather Martin-Waghorn, Martha Collicutt, Tanya Crawley, Brittany Perry, Sharleen Scott-Hern, Susan Drake, Colleen Shannon, Laureen Nickerson and Charmaine Willis

<u>School Hours:</u> 7:50-8:00	Outdoor supervision
8:00	First Bell
8:10	Second Bell
9:40-9:55	Recess
11:40-12:35	Lunch
2:10	Dismissal

Communication Home: It is very important that we have the most up to date information in our Power School database for our families. All forms of communication use this information so if we have a snow storm for example, and students are dismissed early and we have an old number, this can cause a great deal of anxiety for families and the school. All newsletters are sent home via e-mail unless otherwise requested by our families. **If you do not have access to e-mail or a computer and would like a paper copy of the newsletter/calendar, please call the office. This information does not transfer from year to year so please let the office know as soon as possible.**

Safe Arrival: If your child is not in attendance PLEASE call our safe arrival number 902-464-5179.

Criminal Records Checks/Child Abuse Registry: Our world today continues to change and has made these an absolute necessity for anyone who is volunteering at our school. The HRCE requires that everyone complete both of these **every three years before** volunteering in a school – including volunteering to chaperone on a school trip. These can take time to be processed so our families are reminded to complete them as early as possible to avoid the disappointment of not attending a class trip later. These are stored on file and are good for three years so if you completed one last year and returned your paperwork to the school, you are covered. **If you are unsure how long it has been since you have last completed yours, or have any other questions, please contact the office.**

Media Release Form: We are asking families to review these forms and return them to the school asap. The **media release form** allows us to have a student's picture published should the media visit for an event (on those rare occasions) and to put students pictures on our website if applicable. At all times, only students first names may or may not be included but generally no names are included. Families are asked to fill this out so the school is aware of your wishes from the beginning and can honour them.

Internet Permission Form: The internet permission form must be filled out before a student can access the internet here at school with no exceptions and as we continue to upgrade and add to our technology, this becomes a necessary component of the curriculum.

Breakfast Program: We hope to begin the Breakfast Program on **Monday September 16th**. We are always in need of volunteers to help with our breakfast program when we do our hot offerings such as pancakes (which we hope to do at least once a week) so please let us know if you are able to help us with this worthwhile program – no offer of help is too small!

Terry Fox Walk: We will again be participating in the Terry Fox Walk on Wednesday, Sept. 25th. Classes will be participating in a quick assembly in the gym and then a walk around the neighborhood– details to follow. Cancer is something that affects so many families in Nova Scotia that we believe it is important to carry on Terry’s legacy. We will be collecting coin donations to support this cause.

SAC: The SAC is our School Advisory Council, an organization that advises the principal and vice principal. We value the support the SAC provides for the decisions we make each day and appreciate their input. We will require several new members this year – two parents and two community members to support us in our work in continuing to take care of the children of Humber Park. It is a great way for busy parents to stay informed on what is happening here at the school and have input in the decisions that affect their children. If you are interested in joining our SAC, please e-mail me at twhite@hrce.ca or call the school. The best day/time for meetings will be decided once the group is in place and our first meeting will be in early October with an expectation that we have six meetings in the school year.

Medications: The Halifax Regional School Board policy states that all prescription medication (puffers included) taken at school must be accompanied by a form filled out by parents. Parents are required to update these each school year. We are not permitted to administer over the counter medications unless prescribed by a doctor so we cannot give students such things as Tylenol for example. **Also, please notify us of severe allergies as under new HRSB policy, all students must carry their EPI pen on them at all times. The school is expected to no longer store these for students as per the policy.** All medications taken at school must be sent in the original containers. If you have any further questions, please give the office a call.

No Child Without: HRSB schools are involved in the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation’s *No Child Without* program again this year. There is no cost for students who are between the ages of 4 to 14 to join Medic Alert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. For further information, go to www.nochildwithout.ca.

Milk : Milk order forms for yearly and half year milk will be sent home on Monday, Sept. 16th with a return date of Sept, 20th. Milk will begin October 1st.

Footwear and Clothing: Students should have two sets of footwear, one to be used outdoors and the other for indoor wear. We also encourage the students to carry an extra set of clothes in their book bag for those puddles that jump up at them! Having an extra set of clothes means you won’t have to rush over to the school when this happens!!! 😊

Head Lice : This unfortunate situation occurs at least once in the life of an elementary student but it can sometimes be avoided by diligence at home. If you can check your child’s head after each bath/shower, it is usually easier. It is recommended that you check above the ears and at the back of the head (the hot spots) first. If you do encounter this situation, we have all been through it and ask that you call the office so we can be aware and offer support. The policy is attached and under this policy, we are not permitted

to notify families if there is a case of head lice in their child's classroom. We apologize for this but this is an HRCE policy we are expected to follow. (www.hrsb.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/b.005-head-lice.pdf)

Hot Lunch: We are working out details of hot lunch offerings for the 2019/2020 school year. More information to follow.

Parents please remember:

1. That our school is **Scent and Peanut Free**. Please do not send **peanut butter and other peanut/nut products** to school as we have children with significant allergies.
2. To call the office if your child is absent or late and send a note explaining your child's absence from school.
3. To check your child's registration form and correct any information necessary when they are sent home. It is very important that our contact and medical information is up to date in the event of illness, or school cancellation. Please alert us to any changes as the year progresses.
4. To ALWAYS sign in when you enter the building, drop off lunches or bring forgotten items to the office.
5. To sign your child in and out with the office when they leave during the day.
6. To have your child arrive on time. ☺

Important Upcoming Dates – (Please refer to September calendar for important dates for that month)

October 4th - First Character Assembly

October 14th - Thanksgiving

October 15th – Photo Retakes

October 25th - Provincial Conference Day – no school for students

November 7th – Remembrance Day Assembly – 11AM

November 11th - No School – Remembrance Day

November 22nd – Assessment & Evaluation Day – No school for students

November 27th – Parent/Teacher 6-8 PM

November 28th – PD Day in morning–(no school for students)

Parent/Teacher interviews 1-3 PM

December 2nd – Report Cards go home

December 6th – Character Assembly

December 9th – Christmas concerts – Storm date -11th - more info to follow

December 20th – Last day before holiday break