



Humber Park School

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Principal's Message:

Dear Families:

Let the business of December begin! The excitement at Humber Park is mounting and that's just the teachers! Please read the information below on the Christmas concert and the tickets for this year and call me if you have any questions or concerns. On behalf of the staff of Humber Park, we wish all our families Peace and Joy this season and all year through! We hope to see most of you at all the events for December!

Yours in education,
Ms. White

Christmas Concert: It is expected that the number of people in the gym (including those students performing on stage) never exceed the posted limit of 447 people or the Fire Marshall can fine the principal and the school upwards of \$1000. In an effort to ensure that the students' performances are not interrupted and that safety and these expectations are not compromised, we are sending home tickets this year to families. These **TWO** tickets will go home on Wednesday, Dec. 4th with the youngest student in each family and parents/guardians **MUST** present these tickets at the door to gain entry. Please take these tickets and put them on your fridge if you can so you know where they are! We have a limited number of extra tickets but we have made allowances for blended families so if you get these two tickets and there is more than one set of parents or other situations that need to be accommodated, please call Mrs. Pelley and request extra tickets (up to 2 more). Younger siblings, babies and toddlers, can sit on laps if other arrangements cannot be made but if they require or will use a chair, another ticket should be requested. The audience will be asked to use the chairs at the concert and I am ensuring that we have the proper number of chairs for the tickets being handed out so that again we can ensure everyone's safety. Entrance to the concert is a monetary or food donation all of which will be given to the food bank in addition to our Stuff a Bus campaign. Please call the school if you have any other questions.

Report Cards: These will be going home Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, not Monday, Dec. 2nd as originally indicated. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Stuff A Bus: Friday, Dec. 6th, Humber Park will take part in the Stuff A Bus campaign in support of Feed Nova Scotia. Food donations can be brought into the school to your child's classroom teacher until Friday.

Gift Day: Wednesday, Dec. 18th is gift day and I hear this is a fun day at Humber Park. I look forward to working with the many volunteers who were able to graciously offer to give of their time to help the students shop and wrap! Information on how this day works and what students need to do to participate has/will be coming home in separate notices with the second going home on Wednesday, Dec. 4th via e-mail. Most school notices now go home via e-mail so check and make sure you are getting information from us!

Home & School: Our next Home & School meeting is on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30. This meeting will focus on preparations for our Fun Day and future fundraisers. A total of money raised from the Pie Campaign will be available for the next newsletter in January. All money raised continues to go towards supporting classroom teachers and purchasing a new sound system.

School Cancellations: The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or buses, or delay the opening of school, in the event of severe or inclement weather. When these situations occur, the information is posted on the HRCE's website at www.hrce.ca, on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS, recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to all local radio stations. (Humber Park belongs to the Auburn High family of schools.) Families can also subscribe to receive notice of cancellations and delayed openings by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website.

Delayed Opening: If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school and Pre-Primary would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 10:10. If Stock Transportation is operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times.

Please be sure to keep the emergency dismissal information you provided us with this past month for your child up to date in the event of a school closure during the day.

SAC: The SAC is our School Advisory Council, an organization that advises the principal and vice principal. The following parents and community members are part of our SAC: Roger Johnson – chair, Lyndsay Watts, Teaira Cain, Jeanine Goulet, Jessica Duncan and Marilyn Smith. Should you have any concerns you would like brought forward to the SAC, you can e-mail Roger, the chair at hrce-sac-hpk@gnspecs.ca. SAC meeting minutes are also posted on the school website if you would like to see what is discussed. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 6:30 for all members.

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

January 6 th	First Day back after holiday Break
January 15 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 17 th	Humber High Five Assembly 10:40
February 7 th	Humber High Five Assembly 10:40
February 17 th	Heritage Day - Africville will be honoured this year!
Feb. 26 th	National Pink T-shirt Day!
March 6 th	Humber High Five Assembly 10:40
March 16 th - 20 th	March Break
March 25 th	Assessment & Evaluation Day

