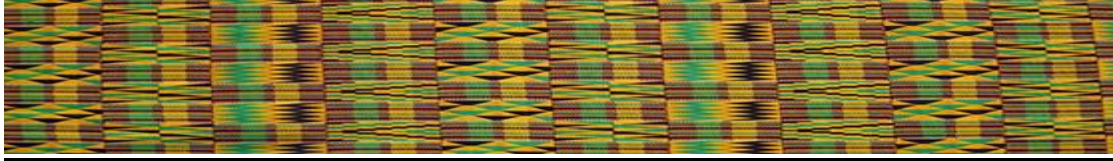




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THE HUMBER NEWS February 2020

Principal's Message:

Dear Families:

African Heritage month is upon us...a great month to celebrate and educate! (Although we will continue to educate all year). February tends to be a busy month and with the cold it usually feels longer than it is but we are hoping that some of the events we are having will help us all manage to enjoy winter and be positive! Please check out below and the attached calendar as well for all the details! ☺

Yours in education,
Ms. White

African Heritage Month Kick Off Assembly: On Monday, Feb. 3rd, we will have our second annual African Heritage kick off assembly at 1PM in the gym. An e-mail alerting parents went home to invite those able to join us for class performances and a performance by our African Drumming Group.

Coins for Books: From this February 3 to the 28th, our school will participate in the annual Coins for Books Campaign sponsored by Tattletales Book Store. Tattletales will match a portion of the money we raise through their corporate sponsors and publishers. All monies raised will be used to purchase new books for our school. We appreciate any small change that you can give. Please, send in your coins to your child's classroom. Start gathering up all that loose change! Look under car seats, sofa cushions, and check pockets! The two classes that raise the most money will win a Pizza Party!!!

Winter Spirit Week: We will be having a fun week at the end of February to boost everyone's spirits and help us to enjoy the winter. Please see schedule below and on the calendar.

Monday, February 24 – Winter Hat Day

Tuesday, February 25 – School colors – green and black

Winter walk (dress warmly) & hot chocolate

Wednesday, February 26 – Pink T-shirt day

- Outside fun - Sledding, snow sculpting, snow

Thursday, February 27 – Jersey / sports day (winter walk storm date)
Friday, February 28 – comfy, cozy day (pj's, comfy clothes & stuffies)

Toonie Toss for Children's Wish: On Wednesday, Feb. 19th in the afternoon, our school will again be holding our annual "Toonie Toss" in support of the Children's Wish Foundation. Students can bring in Toonies and Loonies to support The Children's Wish Foundation and also have the chance to win some prizes.

Scent / Nut Free: A reminder that our school is Scent free as we have staff members who are allergic to and get headaches from Scent. New signs will be posted to remind visitors as well as a reminder that our school is NUT free, not just peanut free as we have children allergic to more than peanuts. Almonds, Cashews, Nutella are all things that cannot be brought to our school. We thank you for your support.

Drop Everything and Read begins (D.E.A.R.): We kicked this initiative off with a great start and the students are taking advantage of their new books to enjoy some quiet reading time!

Home & School: Our next Home & School meeting is on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30. This meeting will focus on preparations for our Fun Day and future fundraisers. A letter will be going home to all families seeking support with our Fun Fest. All money raised will continue to go towards supporting classroom teachers and when enough money has been raised, the purchase of a new sound system.

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. **A big thank you to our SAC for supporting the boost to our classroom libraries this month!** Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 for all members.

SSP – School Success Plan: Each school in Nova Scotia is expected to gather data on what academic areas their students are experiencing the greatest difficulty and plan strategies to support students to have the most impact on improving their achievement and helping them experience success. For Humber Park for the next few years, we will be working on the following two goals:

Literacy goal is to improve student achievement in reading with an emphasis on accuracy, fluency and deeper comprehension.

Our math goal is to improve student achievement in the area of number sense with a focus on students communicating their understanding.

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.

Important Upcoming Dates :

- March 2nd - Pledge sheets go home for Read-a Thon
- March 6th - Humber High Five assembly
- March 9-13th Read a Thon begins
- March 16th- 20th March Break
- March 25th Assessment & Evaluation Day – No school for students
- April 2nd - PD day/Parent/teacher meetings – No school for students
- April 6th - Report cards go home

