



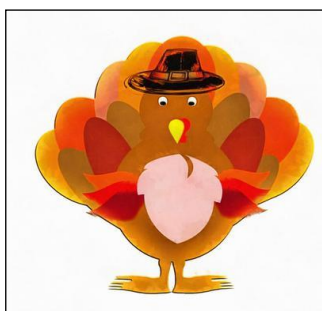
# Humber Park School

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## THE HUMBER NEWS OCTOBER 2020



### Principal's Message:

Dear Families:

We made it to month 2!!! It has been a very busy start to October as students adjust and settle in to the routines and expectations of school...with Covid. I am working to have my newsletter out earlier for November but the extra layer of support makes for long days and I am adjusting too! ☺

We are working very hard to help everyone adjust and hope that the feeling of community and support continues! Please do not hesitate to connect with us if you have any questions or concerns... **we know its hard to not be allowed in the school** but we are doing our best to return phone calls and e-mails in a timely manner!

Yours in education,  
Ms. White.

**Safe Arrival:** If your child is not in attendance or will be late, PLEASE call our safe arrival number 902-464-5179 and indicate if the absence is due to illness and if able to, please indicate your child's symptoms. Please work hard to have your students here on time so that hand sanitizing and class routines can be maintained. Thank you!

**School Ground Safety:** Families are reminded about being mindful of where you stop when dropping off children in the mornings. Please do not stop in the bus stop areas or drive your vehicles onto school grounds. There are signs posted that indicate both these expectations that are not always being followed. **We have had many vehicles who are stopping in front of the school who are blocking buses as they arrive. Please respect these designated areas. Also, pylons are across the driveway as cars are NO LONGER allowed on the school grounds at any time.** With our efforts to get students outside often, classes can be playing and learning out front if they are trying to spread out and it is not safe for cars to be around at these times.

**Water Bottles:** As mentioned in the e-mails that went out in August, it is essential that students **DO NOT** forget their water bottles. We are not able to provide glasses and masks make it essential to keep hydrated. If students even keep an empty bottle in their bag, they can fill it up at the cooler here at school but they **MUST** bring their own bottle with them.

**Halloween:** As we did last year, our school will be celebrating Halloween by wearing Orange and Black on Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. We are unable to have families send in treats or costumes from home as we must limit the things that come from outside the school and the school must be able to contact trace anything brought in from outside. Each teacher will have their own age-appropriate activities that day and celebrate as they choose. If you have any questions and have not heard from your child's teacher by the week before, feel free to touch base with them.

**Lunch Monitors :** We are fortunate to have many great community members come forward to be lunch monitors at our school. We still have one full-time position and several part-time positions that could be combined with another part time person – we have a one-day slot, a two-day slot, etc. Please contact us if you have even one day to offer.

**Home & School:** Our Home & School will look different this year but the members led by Steph Bourque will work hard to keep things going. If you are interested in being part of the Home & School, please e-mail me and I will add you to our distribution list so you will be part of the conversation as we decide about fundraisers and so you can be sent a link for our first virtual meeting. For October, the Home & School will be selling cookie dough and notices should go home next week. Please do not feel you have to support these fundraisers if you are unable. We know that Covid has affected many people's jobs and it is a difficult time but there were requests for cookie dough and pies so we are going to offer it and see how it goes. When the cookie dough is dropped off by the company, it will be housed outside and will need to be picked up on the day that is indicated on the sheet as we have only so much room for storage. If this goes well, we will look at pies for November.

**Parent Portal:** If parents wish to have access to their child's information on Power School with the parent portal - to check on their students' progress and attendance - please notify the office. This will be more important if we have to go back to on-line or blended learning.

**Breakfast Program:** Our breakfast program is up and running and we are serving between 120 plus students a day with cheese strings/yogurt/fruit and sometimes cereal! We are grateful that our Breakfast program volunteers are deemed essential and are supporting this program. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with our Breakfast program, please call Mrs. Pelley at the office.

**School Cancellations:** In the event of school cancellation, please call 464-INFO or check the front page of the Halifax Regional School Board website: [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca). If you would like to receive text message notification of school closure, visit [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca) as well and look for the icon at the left of the web page and follow the steps! **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. Please note that Humber Park belongs to the "Auburn" family of schools.**

**Terry Fox Walk:** Thank you to the community for your support of our Terry Fox Walk. We were happy that students were able to complete their walks with their classes on the school grounds and that COVID did not spoil

this tradition for our students. It was a beautiful day that saw us raise over \$327 for Cancer research.

**SAC:** The SAC is our School Advisory Council, an organization that advises the principal and vice principal. I am pleased to say that we were fortunate to have several new members come forward and are only looking to fill one more position. We are hoping to fill this position and set our first virtual meeting soon. We will have 5 more meetings after that for the 2020-21 school year.

**Hot Lunch Program:** More information to follow separately soon.

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

November 6<sup>st</sup> – Virtual Humber High Five Assembly

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly – 11AM

November 11<sup>th</sup> - No School – Remembrance Day

November 20<sup>th</sup> – Assessment & Evaluation Day – No school for students

December 1st – Report Cards go home

December 3rd – PD Day in morning–(no school for students) &

Parent/Teacher interviews 1-3 PM Parent/Teacher 6-8 PM

December 11th – (Virtual) Humber High Five Assembly

December 22nd – Last day before holiday break

