



Humber Park School

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November 2020 Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Dear Families:

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to navigate this “new normal”!!! We will be recognizing and honouring our Veterans and military this year without a big assembly but in recognition of the importance of this day, we will be having a virtual assembly on Tuesday, Nov. 10th with the whole school. If you can take some time to attend an outdoor ceremony on Nov. 11th with your family that would be great as well! Enjoy the month!

Yours in education,
Ms. White.

Covid 19 Reminders: As the weather gets colder, students will be wearing boots to school so indoor shoes will need to travel back and forth. I know their book bags are already heavy so I ask that you try to eliminate any unnecessary items and check with the teacher about the essentials that are needed each day. There are less students in the younger grades so they are able to leave a few things in storage for now but if we have any cases in the community, nothing will be allowed at school. If we have cases and are instructed by Public Health to go to PLAN B or “BLENDED LEARNING”, you will need to know what that will look like for your child. I will be sending this out to families this week – watch your e-mail. **ALSO PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO PACK WATER BOTTLES!**

Calls to the Office: We are asking that you remember that Mrs. Pelley has many duties added to her schedule with Covid practices. Please remember to put a note in your child's communication folder/backpack if they are changes to their afterschool arrangements. Calling the school after lunch when it is always busy and relaying messages is very difficult and causes bus disruptions for all.

Clothing Orders: Order forms will go home to youngest student in each family on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd and orders are due to the office by Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 3PM. Any questions, please call the office.

Report Cards: The set up for parent/teacher is a bit different this year and report cards will go home after parent/teacher meetings. Teachers will share at the meetings what you can expect to see reflected in your child's report

but know that after the reports come home, should you have any follow up questions, you can always contact your child's teacher for follow up.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Thursday, December 3rd is the official "parent/teacher" day for Humber Park. There is **NO** school for students that day as teachers have professional development in the morning. These meetings will be done via phone and teachers will be calling parents during their scheduled time; there will be **NO** in-person meetings. **More information on how to set up a meeting will follow so please watch your e-mail.** I wanted to give you as much notice as possible so you can try to plan around your work schedule.

Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch: Ordering is now open on-line for the Sunwich Café and Pizzatown using the information that was sent out to families via e-mail last week. We are offering this to families for November and December but the businesses will not continue unless they get enough orders to make it worth their while. If you have any questions – please contact Mrs. Pelley at the office.

National Diabetes: November is Diabetes Month and Saturday, November 14th is National Diabetes Day! We will be wearing blue on Friday, November 13th to show support for one of our students who lives with Diabetes as well as all people who live with this disease every day. We will remind students closer to the day!

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. If you would like to receive text message notification of school closure, visit 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.**

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, park across the street from where the buses stop and/or drive your vehicles onto school grounds. There are signs posted that indicate both these expectations but 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.**

Home & School: Thank you to all the families who supported our Cookie Dough sales. The Cookie Dough will be delivered to the school on Monday, November 9th and families can pick them up from 11 AM to 6PM. These MUST be picked on November 9th as due to Covid-19, they CANNOT be stored in the school and any cookie dough that has not been picked up will either be given away or thrown away. With Covid-19, fundraisers are proving to be very difficult and if this fundraiser does not go well we will not be doing others. Please arrange for someone to pick the orders up for you if you cannot.

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: Teaira Cain, Jeanine Goulet,

Hollie Pearce, Larissa Lee, Fiona Coulter and Marilyn Smith. Should you have any concerns you would like brought forward to the SAC, you can e-mail them at hrce-sac-hpk@gnspec.ca. SAC meeting minutes are also posted on the school website if you would like to see what is discussed. Our first virtual meeting is Thursday, Oct. 29th at 6:00 for all members.

Important Upcoming Dates: –

December 1st – Report Cards go home

December 3rd – PD – AM/ Parent Teacher – No School for students

December 11th – Humber High Five Virtual Assembly 11:10

December 22nd – Last day before holiday break