



# Humber Park School

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## Humber Park News December 2020

### **Principal's Message:**

Dear Families:

I know this holiday season will look different from others years; family may be far away and unable to gather, shopping may be limited and many people are dealing with financial hardships and illness. Know that you are in our thoughts this season and always. We are working hard to make each student's day as positive as we can and we are trying to find fun and joy where we can while also being safe!

Thank you for your continued support, it means a lot.

Yours in education and care,

Ms. White

**December Contest/Challenge:** In an effort to have some fun safely at this time of year, we are having a contest and a challenge this month...

On **Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** we will kick off our **Kindness Challenge!** Although it is important to be kind every day, we all need a little more kindness in our lives these days. Each day at the end of the day, each class will nominate one person who has been kind that day and teachers may also nominate someone. The reasons why can be given and each morning I will read the names of some of the kindest individuals in our school and if included – why. Sometime between now and the last day of school, I will put all the students' names in a bin and draw for some special prizes.

Also this month, we will be hosting a Class Bulletin Board contest. Participating classes will work together as a team to decorate a bulletin board in the school and bulletin boards will be judged on creativity, theme and cooperation (teachers will share if the students worked together as a team or whether there was lots of discord!) on Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. The winning classes will receive prizes shortly after.

**Christmas Concert:** Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and the present circumstances in our community being concerning, the students are not allowed to sing in their music class and therefore, we are unable to have a Christmas concert even virtually this year.

**Traffic:** I continue to receive e-mails from our neighbors with concerns about cars driving too fast by and around the school. I too have noticed the speed increasing and people not following traffic signs and rules. I have spoken to several people individually and will continue to do so as safety is the top priority. Please remember to slow down and follow traffic and school signage.

**Report Cards:** These will be going home Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and not Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> as originally indicated. These will be sent home electronically by Mrs. Pelley at the end of the day. If you do not receive your child's report card, please contact her at the office.

**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](http://www.hrce.ca), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://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: Teaira Cain, Jeanine Goulet, Hollie Pearce, Marilyn Smith, Larissa Lee and Fiona Coulter. Should you have any concerns you would like brought forward to the SAC, you can e-mail them at [hrce-sac-hpk@gnspe.ca](mailto:hrce-sac-hpk@gnspe.ca). SAC meeting minutes are also posted on the school website if you would like to see what is discussed. Our next meeting is virtually on Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 for all members.

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

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	First Day back after Holiday Break
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Humber High Five Assembly 11:10
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Next virtual SAC meeting – 6PM
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	Humber High Five Assembly 10:40
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Day - Edward Francis Arab will be honoured this year! (Edward was the grandson of some of the first Lebanese immigrants to Halifax. He graduated from Dalhousie University law school and practised until he enlisted in the army)
Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	National Pink T-shirt Day!
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Humber High Five Assembly 11:00
March 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	March Break

