



Humber Park School

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Principal's Message:

Dear Families:

Happy New Year! We hope that even though this pandemic changed how we gather, we hope you enjoyed your holidays as a family! The

staff of Humber Park want to wish our school community a very Happy and New Year! Thank you to all of you for support and kindness in 2020... we could not do it without you and it means more than we can say!

Yours in education,
Ms. White

Covid Protocols Update: With the unpredictability of Covid-19 and the continued concern of spread in our schools, we will continue to stringently follow public health guidelines to keep our students and staff safe. Families are asked to remember that students from different classes should not be congregating outside and will remain in their class cohorts each day. Students should not be dropped at school or allowed to leave their families vehicle until they see staff outside with the doors open ready to great them – this is 7:50 for Humber Park School. Students will continue to go straight to class and will remain in their cohorts while in class and outside each day. Parents and other non-essential workers are not permitted in the school – only approved personnel, breakfast program volunteers and lunch monitors. Students should still dress warmly for the weather as staff will take every opportunity to get them outside so they can physically distance and remove their masks for a break. We will be going outside unless the cold is -10 to -15 depending on the wind-chill or it is raining heavily. Our school population needs as much outdoor time as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about any of our school practices, please contact us at the office.

Hot lunch: A big thank you to Mrs. Pelley for organizing our milk and hot lunch program. Milk will begin on January 25th and run until March 12. Forms will be sent home on January 11 and please return by January 15th with payment. Hot lunches will begin on January 27th and will run until March 12th. There are new items added to the menu of Sunwich Café & Pizzatown -Dairy and Gluten Free options. Please visit Healthyhunger.ca to order your child's lunch.

Home & School: Our next Home & School meeting is on Tuesday, January 19th at 6PM. The total raised from the Cookie dough campaign was \$1980.46 – the most the school has raised in a fundraiser in a long time! We want to thank families for all their support and remind you that there

will be no fundraisers for the months of January and February as we prepare for the Read-a-Thon in March. 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. (We had the funds saved but cannot use them right now because we cannot have anyone in the building to install it and we used some of those funds to purchase the fanny packs for the kids)

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: Marilyn Smith – chair, Teaira Cain, Jeanine Goulet, Larissa Lee, Hollie Pearce and Fiona Coulter, Should you have any concerns you would like brought forward to the SAC, you can e-mail Marilyn, the chair at 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 Tuesday, Jan. 26th at 6:30 for all members.

Important Upcoming Dates

January 22 nd	Humber High Five Assembly (Changed due to longer Christmas vacation for students until January 11 th)
February 5 th	Humber High Five Assembly
February 17 th	Heritage Day
Feb. 26 th	National Pink T-shirt Day!
March 5 th	Humber High Five Assembly
March 15 th - 19 th	March Break
March 24 th	Assessment & Evaluation Day – No School for students