



# Humber Park School

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## THE HUMBER NEWS March 2021

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

Dear Families:

I'm sure many of you, like us, are getting Covid fatigue and would like this pandemic to end! We are so fortunate that Nova Scotia cases are low right now but we receive messages from Public Health and the Nova Scotia government often, reminding us to follow the rules and be diligent in keeping everyone healthy and safe. I know it has not been easy but I truly wish to thank you for your support in following the rules; it makes a difference for us every day. We see how quickly things can change so your continued support for all that we do also makes a difference and we appreciate our community more than we can say! I hope you enjoy a well-deserved break

Yours in education,  
Ms. White

**Registration Reminder:** February was registration month so if you know of any families who have children who are school age, please let them know that we get our teacher allocations based on February/early March enrollment and encourage them to register their child as soon as possible on-line at the HRCE website.

**Read a thon:** Our Read-A-Thon fundraiser will begin on March 3rd and end on March 10th. During this time, everyone in the school will be dropping everything and reading each day for two 15-minute periods. We will be asking family and friends to support us in our work with pledges to continue to help support the purchase and installation of a new sound system and to support the teachers in the things they need for their classroom. The top three students who raise the most pledges will win a Chapters gift card and all students who complete the home reading section and return it to the school will have a chance to win additional prizes. A separate notice will be going home next week so watch for it in your child's book bag!

**Lunch Monitor still needed:** Although we have enough lunch monitors to cover the P-6 classes most days, we still do not have a lunch monitor to cover pre-primary from 11:20 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. If you are interested in helping us out on one or any of these days, can you please call Mrs. Pelley at the school and she will help you get set up!

**Traffic Issues:** I am very concerned about the unsafe conditions that exist at Humber Park during drop off and dismissal times. We have tried not to speak to drivers if the school buses are gone in the morning but when the buses arrive late, there is issues with them parking and so we need to reinforce expectations at all times. People should NOT be passing the bus on either side when it is stopped and you should not be parking in the NO Parking Zones. Bus drivers have started taking licence plates and the RCMP have shared with me that they have received several complaints and will start coming to the school whenever they can and issue tickets for people not complying with parking/safety signage. If you are unsure of expectations, please ask. If you are running late for pick up at the end of the day, please do not come up by the school – we can guarantee there is nowhere to park and it is safer to park a bit farther away and walk to keep everyone safe. The safety of our students is too important.

**School Clothing:** Many of you have been asking about whether or not we would have one last sale of school clothing; I had hoped to get the orders out in time for Easter but we are unable. We will be doing one last order in mid-April. Due to Covid -19, we will not have sizes for students to try but if you have any questions, feel free to call and hopefully we can help.

**Nova Scotia Oral Health Program for Children:** Did you know the Nova Scotia Children’s Oral Health program covers annual basic dental care for all children 14 years of age and under with a valid MSI health card? Once a year, this includes:

- One routine dental exam
- One fluoride application (a second application may be eligible in some cases)
- Two routine x-rays
- In addition to the above, one preventive service – for example, brushing and flossing instruction, and/or cleaning. Molar sealants, fillings and necessary extractions are also covered by the program. For more information on this program, visit: [novascotia.ca/dhw/children-dental/](http://novascotia.ca/dhw/children-dental/)

**Home & School:** We plan to have another virtual meeting after March Break. An e-mail will go home to families but it will probably be on a Tuesday at 6:00 and all families are invited to join us.

**SAC:** The SAC is our School Advisory Council, which brings together school stakeholders and individuals from local communities who share an interest in promoting student success. They provide parents/guardians, school staff, community members and when appropriate, students, with a voice to influence decisions that have an impact on student learning and well-being. As advisory bodies, SAC’s bring partners together to provide principals and Regional Centers of Education (RCE’s) with advice that reflects the best interests of students from the point of view of the school community. SACs receive their authority from the Education Act (2018). 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 **A big thank you to our SAC for using some of their funding to purchase Ukuleles for our music program.** Our next virtual meeting is on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for all members.

**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. Signs are

posted to remind visitors. A reminder as well 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.

**Important Upcoming Dates :**

March 15- 19 <sup>th</sup>	March Break
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment & Evaluation Day – no school for students
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> -	No School -Good Friday
April 5 <sup>th</sup> -	No School – Easter Monday
April 7 <sup>th</sup> -	Report cards go home via e-mail
April 8 <sup>th</sup> -	PD Day - Parent/Teacher Day – No School for students