



November 2020 Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Dear Families: As a newcomer to Humber Park, I want to thank all of the students and families for helping me feel welcome! I continue to work towards forming meaningful relationships with students, families and staff. I am thrilled to be here at Humber Park and I want you all to know that Academic Achievement and Student Well-Being are the central focus and priority for the work we do here everyday.

In recognition of Remembrance Day will be honouring our service people in a virtual assembly on November 10th. We encourage families to attend an outdoor ceremony on the 11th.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mckenzie

Covid 19 Reminders: Please remember to keep your child home if they are sick. Use your Covid19 testing kits if there are symptoms of Covid19. If you have a negative test result and your child is feeling better they can return to school. We will continue with Virtual events for the time being as we navigate our way through this Pandemic.

*** PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO PACK WATER BOTTLES!**

Calls to the Office: We are asking that you remember that Ms. McInnis 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 may cause bus disruptions for all.

Report Cards: Report cards will go home via email on November 30th. If you have recently changed your email please call and make sure we have the correct email address. Teachers will share at Parent/Teacher via Google Meet or phone call meetings on/week of November 25th what you can expect to see reflected in your child's report. After the reports come home, should you have any follow up questions, you can always contact your child's teacher.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Thursday, November 25th 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 or Google Meet and teachers will be contacting parents during their scheduled time; there will be NO in-person meetings. More information on how to set up a meeting will come from your child's teacher, so please watch your e-mail. We 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 Subway on Tuesdays and Little Ceasar's Pizza on Fridays. We are offering this to families now and it will continue as long as there are enough orders to make it worth their while. If you have any questions – please contact Ms. McInnis at the office.

School Cancellations: In the event of school cancellation, please call 464-INFO or check the front page of the Halifax Regional Center for Education 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 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 November 25th and families can pick them up between 11 AM to 6PM. These MUST be picked on November 25th 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.

The next Home and School meeting will be held Virtually at 7pm on November 15th. Please email smckenzie@hrce.ca if you are interested in participating.

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@gnspe.ca . SAC meeting minutes are also posted on the school website if you would like to see what is discussed. Our second virtual meeting is on November 15th at 6pm for all members.

Reminder to families that we are nut free school due to allergies so please do not put any nut products in students snacks or lunches. We are also scent free so please be mindful of this as well.

Important Dates to Remember:

November

10th- Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly

11th- Remembrance Day- No school

15th- Virtual Home and School 6pm and SAC meetings 7pm

18th- African Drumming and Dance Education Sessions for each class

19th- Assessment and Evaluation Day no school for students

25th- No school for students. Professional Development in the morning and Parent/Teacher Google Meet/Phone call

Cookie Dough Pick up 11-6pm