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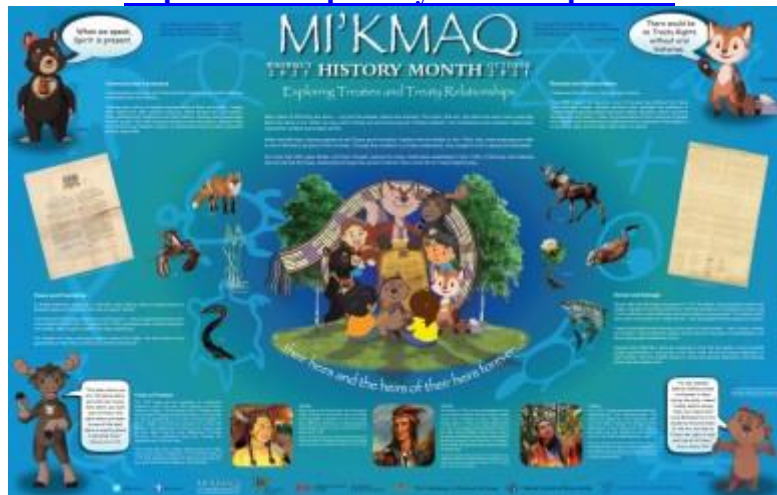
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THE HUMBER NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021

<https://mikmaqhistorymonth.ca/posters/>



**Principal's Message:**

**Dear Families:**

**It is Mi'kmaq History Month. Please click on the link above and explore a website with information and activities that you can do with your families to learn more! Your children will be learning about Treaty Education within the school curriculum. We would welcome and celebrate any Mi'kma'ki family members or Elders who would be interested in doing a Virtual Presentation to help our students learn more about our shared history and culture. Contact the office if you wish to volunteer.**

**Thanks,**

**Ms. McKenzie**

## **COVID 19**

**As of today October 4th our province has moved to Phase 5. All staff in HRCE will be required to be vaccinated by November 30th. Students under 12 will not require vaccination. We will continue wearing masks and promoting social distancing and hand washing. Please do not send your child to school if they are sick. We will continue to monitor the situation and work under the direction of the province. Please note that “Buffs and scarves” are not considered acceptable in place of a mask according to Public Health and children were given new masks at the beginning of the year. Students who wear a scarf or buff in grades 3-6 will be given a mask to wear instead.**

**<https://backtoschool.ednet.ns.ca/>**

**[COVID-19 Daily Checklist](#)**

**School Hours: 7:50-8:00 Classroom supervision - students enter the school and proceed to their classrooms.**

**8:00 First Bell – Student enter the school**

**8:10 Second Bell - Instruction begins**

**9:40-9:55 Recess**

**11:40-12:35 Lunch**

**2:10 Dismissal**

**Being On Time: We are still finding a lot of students are arriving after bell time. It is important that students arrive on time in the morning, so that routines are firmly established. Please try to pack a student’s essentials like lunches, extra clothes, water**

bottles, etc. in the morning so that you do not have to drop them off during the day. We know everyone forgets occasionally and that is understandable. We appreciate your understanding and support.

**Parent Information on School Closure:** As we head into the cooler months there may be times when schools are closed due to inclement weather. At times there may be an early closure, which is one reason why it is important for you to provide the school with up to date contact information. An announcement will be made by 6:00am via the radio, HRCE Twitter and the HRCE website. We are part of the Auburn Family of schools. If the Auburn Family of schools is closed then Humber Park would be closed too. Please check out this link for more detailed information and to sign up for notifications.

[HRCE Inclement Weather](#)

**Safe Arrival:** If your child is not in attendance or will be late, please call our safe arrival number 902-464-5179.

**Our Parking Lot:** In an effort to maintain safety for students we ask that Parents/Guardians do not enter the parking lot when picking up or dropping off students.

**High Five Awards and Assemblies:** At this time we will continue to have High Five Ceremonies, Fantastic Friday Phone calls and sharing good news. If your child has news to celebrate or share such as an accomplishment or other achievement please share with us through a note to your child's teacher and we can celebrate their success during an assembly or a morning announcement.

**Lunch Monitors:** We are still in need of lunch monitors. Please contact Pauline MacInnis in the office if you are interested in applying. She can provide you with the required application forms.

**Indoor Footwear and Extra Clothing:** Students will need to have a set of indoor shoes once the snow comes and they are wearing boots. These will need to be transported home each day to ensure the caretaker is able to disinfect thoroughly. This is why we are NOT asking for indoor shoes until students start wearing boots – they already have enough to

carry! We also encourage the students to carry an extra set of clothes in their book bag for those puddles that jump up at them! Having an extra set of clothes means you won't have to rush over to the school when this happens!!! 😊

**Head Lice :** This unfortunate situation occurs at least once in the life of an elementary student but it can sometimes be avoided by diligence at home. If you can check your child's head after each bath/shower, it is usually easier. It is recommended that you check above the ears and at the back of the head (the hot spots) first. If you do encounter this situation, we have all been through it and ask that you call the office so we can be aware and offer support. The policy is attached and under this policy, we are not permitted to notify families if there is a case of head lice in their child's classroom. We apologize for this but this is an HRCE policy we are expected to follow.

([www.hrsb.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/b.005-head-lice.pdf](http://www.hrsb.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/b.005-head-lice.pdf))

**Healthy Hunger:** We will be starting this food service program again this year. We will have Subway starting on Tuesday October 12th and Little Casesar's Pizza will begin on Friday October 15. Families can set up their accounts now at : [Healthy Hunger](#)

**School Cash:** Humber Park clothing will be available for purchase soon. We are setting up the store in the new School Cash system so families can pay online. More information will be sent once this is finalized.

**Parents please remember:**

1. That our school is Scent and Peanut Free. Please do not send peanut butter and other peanut/nut products to school as we have children with significant allergies.
2. To call the office if your child is absent or late and send a note explaining your child's absence from school.
3. Alert us of changes to contact information when they occur so our information is correct.
4. To have your child arrive on time. 😊

**Important Upcoming Dates :**

**October 11- Thanksgiving- No school**

**October 22nd -Provincial Conference Day- No school**

**October 29th- Orange and Black Day (students wear orange and black clothing)**

**October 26th- Picture Retake Day**