

Humber Park Elementary School

Think Happy, Think Healthy

SEPTEMBER Newsletter - Volume 1, No.1

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Principal's Message:

September has arrived with a lot of positive energy here at Humber Park! Both students and staff had a wonderful first day reconnecting and meeting new students and teachers. I will continue as 'Interim Principal' until the new principal, Mrs. White arrives in February. On behalf of Humber Park's teaching and support staff, I would like to extend a very special welcome to all of those families who have children attending our school for the first time. We are looking forward to meeting you and having you involved in our school community. Of course, we'd also like to welcome back all of our currently registered families as we start an exciting new year! I invite you to work together with staff to achieve a shared goal of helping our students achieve their academic potential in a school environment that is respectful, motivating and challenging. Parents/guardians are invited to become involved with our Home and School and attend our School Advisory Council meetings. Please read the rest of the newsletter for more information about our school and upcoming events.

Regards,
Mrs. Thistle

Dates to Remember: *(Notices will be sent home as 'new dates to remember' come available.)*

SEPTEMBER

- 05 - First day with students
- 10- Milk order forms go home
- 13- Wear **Pink** to Support
"Stand Up Against Bullying" Day
- 14 - Milk program orders DUE
- 18- Home & School Meeting 6:30
- 20 - Curriculum Night / Ice-cream social
- 26 -Picture Day
- 27-Healthy Hunger has to be submitted
on- line
- 28 - School Based PD - **no** classes for
students



Humber Park's New/Returning Staff

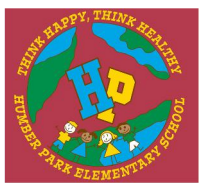
- Principal - Mrs. White (in Feb.)
- Interim Principal - Mrs. Thistle (until Feb.)
- Grade Two - Mrs. Dowding
- Gr. 4 - 50% Mrs. Garland



- Resource- Mrs. Madden
- Learning Center Teachers- Mrs. MacLean & Mrs. Vandenbrand
- ELS/RR - Mrs. Sibley
- EPAs - Tonya Thomas Armsworthy
Tanya Crawley
Martha Collicutt
Sharleen Scott-Hearn
Heather Martin-Waghorn
Charmaine Willis
Susan Drake

Full Staff 2018-2019

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| Principal | Mrs. Thistle/Mrs. White |
| Vice-Principal | Mr. MacDonald 50% |
| Administrative Assistant | Mrs. Pelley |
| Caretaker | Mr. Blois |
| Custodian | Mr. Matheson |
| Primary | Mrs. Locke/ Mrs. Ryan |
| One | Mrs. Doane |
| Two | Mrs. Dowding |
| Three | Mrs. Chisholm |
| Four | Mr. MacDonald 50% |
| | Ms. Garland 50% |
| Five | Mrs. Goulden |
| Six | Mrs. LeBlanc |
| Resource | Mrs. Madden |
| Learning Center | Mrs. MacLean |
| | Mrs. Vandenbrand |
| ELS/ RR | Mrs. Sibley |
| EPA | Tonya Thomas |
| | Armsworthy 100% |
| EPA | Tanya Crawley 80% |
| EPA | Brittany Thomson 80% |
| EPA | Martha Collicutt 80% |
| EPA | Sharleen Scott-Hearn 80% |
| EPA | Charmaine Willis 80% |
| EPA | Heather Martin-Waghorn |
| | 80% |
| EPA | Susan Drake -50% |
| French | Ms. Young |
| Music | Mrs. Stone |
| Band | Ms. Jackson |
| Phys. Ed. | Mr. Crossley |
| Library | TBA |
| Guidance Counsellor | Angela Carter (Tues/Th) |
| African Student Support Worker | Jean Simmons (M,T & W pm) |



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Bussing EXTREME IMPORTANCE

Please ensure your child is registered with Stock Transportation (you MUST have your child's student ID found on the report card to register) (Myplanner) for bussing to and from school. All COURTESY Bussing must be registered and students beyond 2.4km please check to ensure your child is on a bus. Stock Transportation informed us that there will be no changing of busses for playdates. Students can only travel on their registered bus.

Security and Safety

If you are dropping a student off at the office during instructional time please go to the office where your child will collect a late slip.

Visitors to the school must sign in and receive a visitors tag at the office. **All volunteers must have a 'criminal check' and 'child abuse registry search' on file at the school.**

With regard to parking/dropping off students, we wish to reinforce the fact that there is to be no parking where the busses drop off students. This is to ensure that the busses can drop the students off close to the play area where the duty teacher meets the bus and for the safety of the children.

A reminder that students should not be on school grounds **before 7:50 a.m.** or after school hours as there is no supervision at either of those times.

If your child will not be attending school due to illness, appointment, etc., or will be late, please ensure you call the **SAFE ARRIVAL** line at **464-5179** and leave a message with your child's name (please spell the last name), classroom teacher, reason and **duration** of the absence.

Playground Safety - We were recently advised by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) that all students entering grade Primary will be able to use our playground equipment starting on the first day of school. There had

been a concern raised in the spring regarding students who had not yet reached the age of five. This has been clarified. All students can use the equipment and they will be covered under the school insurance program. As

NOTICE
ALL VISITORS
MUST GET
PASS AT OFFICE



always, we will continue to provide close supervision of all students when they are at school. We can assure you the safety of your child is our top priority and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school.

NEW Bell Schedule 2018-19



8:00 AM	First Bell
8:10 AM	"O Canada"/Announcements/Attendance /Second Bell
8:10-8:40	Period #1
8:40-9:10	Period #2
9:10-9:40	Period #3
9:40-9:55	RECESS
9:55-10:10	Period #4
10:10-10:40	Period #5
10:40-11:10	Period #6
11:10 -11:40	Period #7
11:40	Bell
11:40-12:00	LUNCH [Eating]
12:00-12:35(bell)	Outside
12:35PM	Bell
12:35-12:40	Attendance PM
12:40-1:10	Period #7
1:10-1:40	Period #8
1:40-2:10	Period #9
1:40-2:10	Period #10
2:10 PM	DISMISSAL



Changes to your child's end of day routine:

Please make every effort to send a note to your child's teacher if there is a change as to how your child is going home at the end of the day i.e. picking them up instead of going on the bus. Your child's safety is very important to us.

Written notice of these changes ensures the teacher, the child, and the office are aware of the change in their regular routine. TAKE

NOTE: ALL Students have to ride on the bus that they are assigned to. As a result, there can be NO after school playdates with children who travel on a *different* bus than your child.



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Student Protection Policy and School

Volunteers

Prior to **volunteering** at any Halifax Regional School, a completed Department of Community Services Form A – Consent to Disclosure of Information (Child Abuse Registry Search) must be completed. In addition, each volunteer must submit a certified and true copy of a criminal records check completed in the three months preceding volunteering. Both of these checks must be updated every **three** years. This applies to all aspects of volunteering including class field trips, classroom volunteers, school-wide events, etc.



<http://www.nochildwithout.ca> . Forms are also available in the school office.

Label Items

As the school year opens, it is good practice to **label your child's clothing, jacket, and backpacks**. It makes it easier to keep items from getting lost.

Picture Day

All students will have their photos taken on **Wed. Sept 26th**. (More info to follow!) Picture *retake* day is **Friday. Oct. 19th**



Boys & Girls Club



Boys & Girls Club of Greater Halifax (Humber Park Site)

Please contact Trina at 902-462-7148 of chbgprograms@eastlink.ca for more information!



School Advisory Council

Our School Advisory Council will meet once a month. This committee meets to discuss school issues such as school improvement goals, policies and events and acts in an advisory capacity to the principal. Watch for a notice or check the school website for the first meeting date.

Home and School

The Humber Park Home and School is always looking for new members. Typically this organization meets monthly to plan school fundraisers and events. The next meeting will be Sept. ---- at 6:30. All are welcome!

Awesome "Hot" Lunches!



START DATE

Healthy Hunger – info sent home - **Sept. 10**. Orders must be summited on-line by Sept. 27 to receive the order for the week of October 1



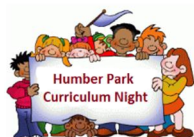
"Stand Up Against Bullying" Day

On Thursday, September 13, the students will take part in activities that focus on the importance of building positive, healthy relationships with and among each other and to wear **PINK** to support "Stand Up Against Bullying" Day!



Curriculum Night

Please join us for curriculum night on **Wednesday, September 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** followed by the ice-cream social, supported by the Home & School. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to meet your child's teacher and receive information on your child's classroom routines, expectations and curriculum. Please look for continued communication about school events and important information in our monthly newsletters which are also posted on our website. <https://hpk.hrsb.ca>



Life Threatening Allergies (NUT sensitive)

We presently have students in our school with **severe life threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts. Please DO NOT send foods containing these products to school.** School activities, supplies and materials must be free from allergens. We appreciate your support and cooperation.



No Child Without

If your child requires a medic alert please visit the website No Child Without to access these items. It is also linked on the school homepage.