

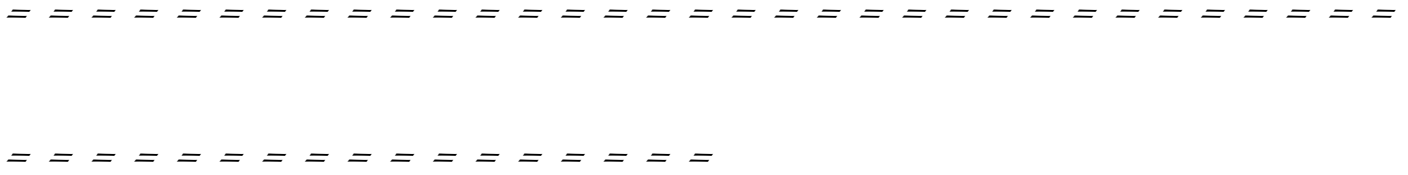


# Humber Park Elementary School

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## SEPTEMBER Newsletter - 2016

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### Principal's Message:



September has arrived with a lot of positive energy here at Humber Park! As you can see we have many new staff members this year. We hope they will enjoy their time here at Humber Park! 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 registering at 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! 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:

#### SEPTEMBER

- 8 - First day with students
- 12 - Milk orders sent home
- 13 - Home & School Meeting 6:30pm
- 15- Wear **Pink** to Support "Stand Up Against Bullying" Day
- 19 - Awesome Lunch orders sent home
- 21- Milk orders due
- 22 - Curriculum Night/Ice-cream social
- 27 - Awesome Lunch orders DUE
- 28 - Ribbon Assembly - ALL WELCOME in the afternoon
- 29 - Terry Fox in the afternoon
- 30 - PD Day - NO SCHOOL

#### OCTOBER

- 3-7 - Book Fair
- 4 & 7- Awesome Lunch begins
- 5 - Milk begins
- 10 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
- 17 - Awesome Lunch sent home
- 20 - Picture Day
- 20 - Halloween Howl Family Dance 6:30-8:00
- 21 - Bus evacuation practice (Stock) 10-11:00.
- 25 - Awesome Lunch orders DUE
- 26 - Ribbon Assembly - ALL WELCOME

28 - Provincial Conference - no classes for students

### Humber Park's New Staff



We would like to give a warm Humber Park welcome to our **new** staff members. We are very excited to have them as a part of our team and

Principal	Mrs. Thistle
Vice-Principal	Mrs. Stickings
Secretary	Mrs. Pelley
Caretaker	Mr. Pettipas
<b>new</b> Primary	Mrs. Locke
One	Mrs. Macdonald
Two	Mrs. Madden
Three	Mrs. Chisholm
<b>new</b> Four	Mrs. Stickings
<b>new</b> Five	Mrs. MacLean
<b>new</b> Six	Mrs. Dowding
<b>new</b> Early Literacy Support	Mrs. LeBlanc
<b>new</b> Learning Center	Mrs. Brown
<b>new</b> Resource	Ms. Chisholm
<b>new</b> EPA	Mrs. Harrison
<b>new</b> EPA	Ms. Faber
<b>new</b> EPA	Ms. Ronahan
<b>new</b> EPA	Ms. Thomson
<b>new</b> EPA	Ms. Turnbull
<b>new</b> French	Ms. Scott-Hearn
Music	Ms. McDowell
Band	Mrs. Stone
Phys. Ed.	Ms. Jackson
Library	Mr. Crossley
Guidance Counsellor	Amy Parlee (M&T)
Student Support	Angela Carter (Th)
	Jean Simmons (M,T & W pm)

hope that they have an amazing time sharing their skills, talents and knowledge towards our collective goal of school improvement and the learning success of all students!!

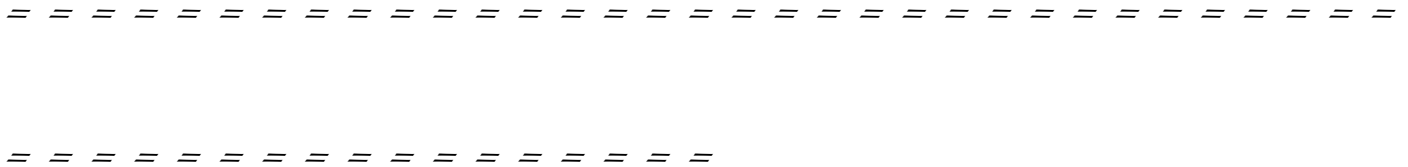


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### Humber Park Staff

Go to the Humber Park website for a complete list of teachers and their e-mail address:  
[www.humberpark.ednet.ns.ca](http://www.humberpark.ednet.ns.ca)

12:25-12:40  
12:40-1:10  
1:10-1:40  
1:45 PM  
1:40-2:10  
2:15 PM

Period #7  
Period #8  
Period #9  
*P-2 DISMISSAL*  
Period #10  
*3-6 DISMISSAL*

### 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 IN THE PARKING LOT OR WHERE THE BUSES 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 7:40 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 attendance line at **902-464-5179** and leave a message with your child's name (please spell the last name), classroom teacher, reason and **duration** of the absence.

### Bell Schedule 2015-16

8:00 AM First Bell

8:10 AM

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Canada"/Announcements/Attendance /Second Bell

8:10-8:40

8:40-9:10

9:10-9:40

9:40-9:55

9:55-10:25

10:25-10:55

10:55-11:25

11:25

11:25-12:20

11:25-11:45 (bell); Outside

12:20 PM

12:20-12:25

Period #1

Period #2

Period #3

**RECESS**

Period #4

Period #5

Period #6

Bell

**LUNCH** [Eating

11:45-12:20]

Bell

Attendance PM



### Pick Up/Bussing

If your child is registered to take the bus, please **do not** come to the school and take them out of the bus line-up. This can be confusing for school staff, your child, as well as the bus driver. If you wish to collect your child, please send a note to the school or call before 1pm and the office will have your child ready for you at the office. This is for the safety of the child as substitutes are unfamiliar with the child's families.

### Changes to your child's end of day routine:

Please make every effort to send a note to your child's teacher in **duplicate** if there is a change as to how your child is going home at the end of the day. Written notice of these changes ensures the teacher, the child, and the office are aware of the change in their regular routine. Your child's safety is very important to us.

### 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.

### "Stand Up Against Bullying" Day

On **Thursday, September 15**, 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!

### Life Threatening Allergies

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

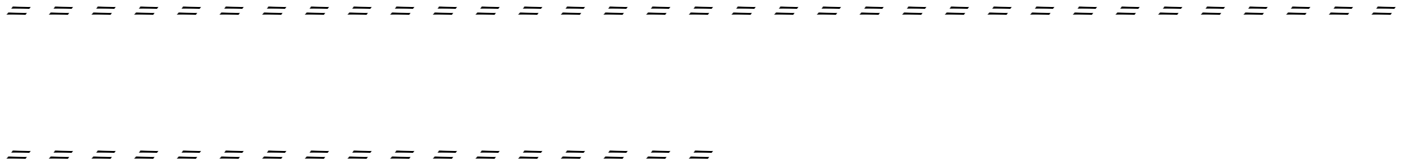


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activities, supplies and materials must be free from allergens. We appreciate your support and cooperation.

### 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. <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.

### Curriculum Night

Please join us for curriculum night on **Wednesday, Sept. 22 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 <http://humberpark.ednet.ns.ca>.



### 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. The first meeting date is Tuesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. We are looking for more parents/guardians to join the committee! All are welcome.

### Boys & Girls Club



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

Welcome back students and families!

### **THIS YEAR!**

\* Our Boys and Girls Club classroom is the same as last years.

### **Other Programs offered...**

- \* In-service Day Camps (7:30AM-6:00PM)  
\$21/ Day
- \* March Break Camp (Monday-Friday 7:30AM-6:00PM)

Please contact Trina Elliott or Ryan Rutledge:

Phone - **(902) 462-7148**

Email - [trina.elliott@bgcgh.ca](mailto:trina.elliott@bgcgh.ca) or

[ryan.rutledge@bgcgh.ca](mailto:ryan.rutledge@bgcgh.ca)

**Space is limited and your child must be registered to participate.**

Please contact Trina Elliott at 902-462-7148 or [chbgprograms@eastlink.ca](mailto:chbgprograms@eastlink.ca) for *more* information or to register.

### Home and School - NEW Members are Welcome!

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. 13 at 6:30. All are welcome!

### Provincial Assessment Week



The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) is continuing its assessment of student achievement in literacy at grades **3** (English) and **6** (English and French Immersion) and mathematics at grades **4** and **6** (English and French Immersion) during the 2016-2017 school year. The assessments will be administered between Sept. 28 and Oct. 14, 2015.

The information from these assessments is intended to be used along with teachers' ongoing classroom assessments in order to support individual student development in literacy and mathematics. Many parents/guardians ask how they can prepare their child for the assessment. No special preparation is required. A positive, relaxed attitude will help your child do his or her best. If you are interested in finding out more about these assessments please contact your child's teacher and/or visit the Evaluation Services website at [www.plans.ednet.ns.ca](http://www.plans.ednet.ns.ca).

### Awesome "Hot" Lunches!



### START DATE

We are so pleased to be able to provide the opportunity for our students to order a lunch on Tuesdays (Subway) and Fridays (Ariel's & Little Caesar's). These orders are placed monthly and NO LATE ORDERS can be accepted. Awesome Lunch begins on Oct. 4. We really appreciate the parents who volunteer to distribute these lunches to the students on these days! Thank you very much. When ordering lunch for your child,

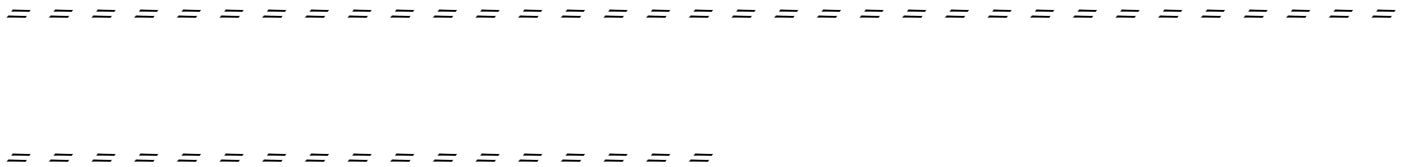


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please provide **exact change** as we are unable to make change at the school. If you are paying by cheque, **please make payable to Humber Park.**

### Milk

Milk starts on Oct. 5. Please return form with payment in full or partial. Milk runs from Oct. 5 to Dec. 21 then begins again Jan. 11 and goes to June 23. Make **cheques payable to Humber Park.**

### Canadian Tire \$\$

We gratefully accept donations of Canadian Tire Money which we use to purchase playground equipment such as balls, skipping ropes, etc. for our students to use at recess.

### Terry Fox

Pledge forms will be coming home on Monday, Sept. 19. Terry Fox Run will take place on Sept. 29 in the afternoon. Please support this great cause.

