

HUMBER ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

A variety of school events and activities are planned for the month of December at Humber Elementary. Parents and guardians are reminded of the dated ticket vouchers for the Christmas Concerts at the Arts & Culture Center. Please note that Humber Elementary is accepting non-perishable food items until Wednesday, December 10th for the RNC Food Drive for families in Bay of Islands Area. It will sure feel like Christmas when we host our Home & School Christmas Dinner on that day too. Merry Christmas to all and all a good night!!

We would remind students to continue to dress warmly with their mittens, hats, snow pants, and winter boots for school each day. Parents/guardians, please check the lost & found on the first floor foyer for various clothing items which may have gone missing.

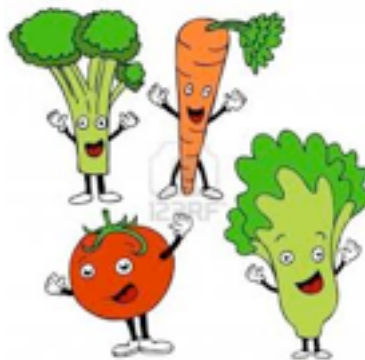
Please work with the school staff to maximize instructional time for your children. Each morning, please ensure your child/children are on time for homeroom class; students are expected to be in homeroom at 8:15AM. Parents/guardians, thank you for your continued support and cooperation around our new security protocol (doors locked 8:25AM-2:30PM) and checking into the office before going to your child's class.

During evening dismissal, continue to use the drop and go lane at the south end of the building and be very cognizant of parking forward to assist with smooth traffic flow.

Please check out our new school website at <http://hes.westernlite.ca>

Nutritious Snacks

Families are reminded to pack nutritious lunches for their children. We encourage you to limit students consumption of sugar-sweetened drinks and foods high in fats & sodium; and at the same time work on increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables. Your continued efforts are extremely important for supporting children's growth and development, providing the framework for healthy choices and over time, creating healthy lifestyle habits.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project

Thank you to students, students' families and school staff for your generous donations to the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. In total, \$106 was contributed towards shipping costs and 37 boxes were packed. The Respect and Pride Club volunteered after school to sort and pack the shoeboxes according to gender and age. This international project was a great success thanks to everyone's collective efforts.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to all of our volunteers for taking time out of their busy lives to come in and help out with our Breakfast Club. I would also like to say thank you to the new volunteers.

A big thank you is also extended to Dominion and Kraft Canada for the generous donation to our Breakfast Club.



D.A.R.E

The Grade 6 classes are beginning the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. It will run from November until May 12, consisting of 12 one hour sessions. Constable Scott Mosher of the R.N.C will be the instructor for the program and he has already been in for a visit with the Grade sixes. The students are really excited and eager to begin their DARE classes.



Bookfair

Our annual fall bookfair was a great success. The profits from our bookfair will allow us to put over \$2000 worth of Scholastic resources back into our classrooms! We would like to extend a huge thank-you to our parent volunteers; Kelly Shears, Nicole Lafosse, Linda Spingle, Angela Brown-Bannister, and to all the parents and students who supported our bookfair. We will see you all again at our Spring Bookfair!



Christmas School Events

Our annual **Home and School Christmas dinner** will be on December 10th at 12:00!

Our **Christmas Assembly** will take place on December 19th at 11:30. Families are invited to attend!



Dismissal Time on December 19th

School will dismiss on Friday, December 19th at 12:30 with busses leaving the parking lot at 12:40.

Christmas Concert Dates



Just a reminder of our upcoming Christmas concert dates.

The Primary (Grades 1 to 3) Christmas Concert (**Jingle All the Way**) is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th at 7:00PM.

The Kindergarten Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00PM.

The Elementary (Grades 4 to 6) Christmas Concert (**Surfin' Santa**) is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30PM

Grade 2 News!

The Grade 2's have been busy with patterns in Math. We have enjoyed creating Winter Habitat posters in Science. In Health, we are learning about the food groups and choosing healthful snacks. On International Children's Day, we wrote about why we are special and enjoyed the book "Wherever You Are" by Mem Fox.



Kindergarten News!

What a trip to the fire station! This month Mrs. Grandy's group went for a visit to the fire station and what an awesome time we had. Ms. Ivany's red/blue group will also go in the new year. We've continued learning about new letters and numbers. We are getting really good at making and matching sets of numbers too. We worked very hard on our Remembrance Day postcards and we did an excellent job representing Kindergarten at the Remembrance Day Assembly. We have loved learning about living and non-living things and we've enjoyed our time making art from the things around us. As we approach December we are really excited for all the usual things but also for our first stage debut - on Dec. 16th we will be performing at the Arts and Culture Center... exciting!



Grade 3 News

November has not disappointed the Grade Three students. It has been just as busy and hectic as the previous two months.

During November, the Grade Three students worked with patterns. They even made their own patterns! In Language Arts, they did some letter writing and wrote a letter to Santa. The Grade Three students have been looking a little more closely at our beautiful province. They have been looking at the various bodies of water, landforms and vegetation that make up our province. Budding architects may be in our midst according to the information being shared in our Science classes about structures. The Grade Three students are patiently waiting to use all of the materials that parents have sent along to use to make structures. To end our month we are excitedly starting to practice for our Christmas concert and rehearse our speaking parts! It is sure to be a success which will bring out your Christmas spirit! Hope to see you there!

3rd GRADE

Grade 3 Artwork!



Grade 1 News

The Grade 1 students have been just as busy as ever! They are continuing to learn about numbers to 20 including the concepts of more/less and breaking a number apart. They are starting some new and exciting Christmas center activities very soon! They will be writing their very own letters to Santa, as well as drawing and writing about their own pet reindeer. This month will be just as exciting and as busy as ever!



Walk to the North Pole

The students at Humber Elementary are attempting to walk to the North Pole. Each grade will walk/run laps in the gymnasium from 8:05-8:20 and 12:00-12:20 on their designated day. They will count the number of laps and Ms. Dolomont will transfer the laps to kilometers. By December 19th, we are hoping to travel the distance of 4576 kilometers. Please encourage your child(ren) to work hard during this fun challenge!

