

THE BULLDOG BUZZ

Find out what is happening at John Humbird School

From the desk of Mrs. Morgan, Principal

October was a busy month. We have been excited to continue recognizing our students showing outstanding character. Our students follow the PAWS rules (being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn) every day. We are so proud of them. We are looking forward to our Grade 5 students to participate in DARE lessons with Officer Beck and then have a DARE graduation. Students are having an opportunity to attend events thanks to our Concentration of Poverty grant. Please remember to contact the office with any phone number or address changes. It is important that we are able to reach you in case of an illness or emergency. Please call the school at 301-724-8842 to change contact information or send a note in your child's folder or assignment notebook. The After School program has begun. The students are excited to have the program started. Wishing you and your family a happy Thanksgiving. Please contact the office with any questions or concerns.



November

TITLE I Tip

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW
Parents have the right to know the certification status of the teachers and instructional assistants who work with their children. You may get this information by making a written request to:
Mr. Glenn Rice, Director of Human Resources
108 Washington Street
PO Box 1724
Cumberland, Maryland 21501-1724

From Jill Starr, LCSW-C Mental Health Specialist

6 Things to Make After School Time and Evening time Better

1. Feed your child's tummy and brain - food is fuel!!!
2. Allow playtime and fresh air. This will help them to unwind after school, but without screens.
3. Have a designated place in your home for all school things including everything in arms reach to complete homework.
4. Check in on your child to see if they need help with homework.
5. Have a routine for the evening. For example, bath time, reading/relaxing time, and regular bedtime.
6. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep. All electronics should be turned off and put away before bedtime. Elementary students need 10-12 hours of sleep a night.

Important Dates to Remember

November – tentative

- 3rd - Daylight saving time ends
- 11th – Veteran's Day program
- 14th – Report cards posted on ASPEN
- 15th – Schools Closed – Supervisor development day
- 18th – FSU play coming to John Humbird, "Blueberries for Sal"
- 18th – 22nd – Grade 5 students read lunch menus on WCBC
- 27th – DARE graduation 11:00am/ 3-hour early dismissal
- 28th and 29th – Schools and Offices Closed

December - Tentative

- 2nd - Schools closed
- 16th – Santa to visit John Humbird
- 20th – 3 hr. early dismissal / PBIS activity
- 23rd – 31st – Schools Closed (offices closed 24th, 25th, 31st, January 1st)
- Schools Open on January 2nd

During this time, take the time to reflect and read. Please remember the importance of reading daily. Independent reading is one of the most important activities students can do to make better sense of the world around them. By reading, students learn the vocabulary they need to effectively communicate their thoughts, ideas, hopes, and dreams. The students always know that I say, "The more you read, the better you read!" Mrs. Watson

John Humbird School Rules

- ❖ Be Respectful
- ❖ Be Responsible
- ❖ Be Ready

Highlights from our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Cranford

If you have not heard from your students already, we are using "tools" during everyone's guidance lessons. **Toolbox Project** from Dovetail Learning helps teach coping strategies for social skills ask your students about some of the tools, and hopefully, they can teach you how to use them! Not to mention, it is so much fun! Look for more information in the next few weeks about our new Toolbox program. Check out the tools below!!!



The 12 Tools

Tools for Learning • Tools for Life



Breathing Tool

I calm myself and check-in.

Quiet/Safe Place Tool

I remember my quiet/safe place.



Listening Tool

I listen with my ears, eyes, and heart.

Empathy Tool

I care for others. I care for myself.



Personal Space Tool

I have a right to my space and so do you.

Using Our Words Tool

I use the "right" words in the "right" way.



Garbage Can Tool

I let the little things go.

Taking Time Tool

I take time-in and time-away.



Please & Thank You Tool

I treat others with kindness and appreciation.

Apology & Forgiveness Tool

I admit my mistakes and work to forgive yours.



Patience Tool

I am strong enough to wait.

Courage Tool



Grade Level News

Prek4 - PreK 4 had a hard time saying goodbye to the wonderful month of October! We had so much fun celebrating all things Halloween: we read stories about trick-or-treating, pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns. And, the students were so excited to dress up and lead the parade during our fall fun day. We were also learning in so many other ways. We learned about families and pets. In math, we used Halloween songs and rhymes to practice counting. We learned about estimating and subitizing. We counted and made quantities in many different ways. October also provided an opportunity to welcome parents into the classroom and explore our learning spaces. I was happy to see so many parents and students on Parent Conference Day. We also started our Wednesday Home Extension Activities. These short weekly activities give parents a chance to share our curriculum and be a part of their child's learning. November is here and will also be another exciting, fun month. We will learn about turkeys, trees and Thanksgiving. We will learn about what it means to be thankful and ways to show others that you care. We will have an opportunity to disguise a turkey so that he will be safe on Thanksgiving Day! In math, we will continue practicing our numbers 1-10 and making quantities. Parents will be welcomed into the classroom to kick-off Raising a Reader. After this activity, students will be able to bring home literature books to read and share at home each week. It's going to be a busy, fun-filled learning month!

Kindergarten - Kindergarten is working so hard and learning so much so far this year!! In science, we have learned about seeds and plants and what they need to survive. In reading, we have learned 5 Superkids and are starting to learn how to blend sounds to make words! We love learning about the Superkids! For math, we have been learning about numbers to 5 including how to compare sets and write numbers. We have also learned about solid figures and are starting to learn addition to 5! We are working very hard on our i-ready pathway and are becoming 'movers and shakers' in math and reading! We are looking forward to Halloween and learning about Thanksgiving traditions next month. We are doing a great job of learning routines and school expectations! A great start to the school year!

Grade 1 - First graders have learned so much during the first marking period. We are looking forward to many new and exciting learning opportunities during the second marking period. We will continue practicing decoding and encoding strategies as well as working on fluency and writing. In Math, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction strategies such as making a ten and finding doubles facts in three-digit equations. We are looking ahead to the end of the month of November when we will begin practicing for our annual First Grade Christmas Program. Information regarding the program will be forthcoming.

Grade 2 - Happy Fall! Second grade is working hard and doing a great job! In English/Language Arts, the students have been working hard learning about the Superkids! The boys and girls have written their first opinion paragraph about their favorite activity. In math class, the boys and girls are working on strategies for adding two-digit numbers. They are working with base ten blocks, open number lines and learning how to decompose larger numbers. In Social Studies, the students have learned all about patriotic symbols and are now learning about maps and globes. Students will be bringing their devices home at least one time per week. Don't forget to return the device and charger the following day. Please remember to check your child's blue folder daily for assignments and have your child read daily. Thank you for sharing your child with us!

Grade 3 - Happy November to our John Humbird families! What a busy fall season our third graders have been having. In ELA, students have been busy being animal researchers. We have been reading to learn about the characteristics of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals in our **Animal Classification** unit. We have been learning so much information as we continue to strengthen our reading skills. In math, we began our multiplication journey. We have introduced multiplication as repeated addition, and have shown that we can represent multiplication equations with pictures, or models such as an array and equal groups. We will continue to work on understanding the concept of multiplication and then relate it to division over the next several weeks. Some special programs that 3rd grade has been fortunate to have recently has been robotics lessons with Mrs. Jessica Mellon, and **Arts in the Schools** with the Evergreen Heritage Center. This year's program is **From the Fishbowl to the Sea**, which introduces French artist Henri Matisse. What a great and busy start to the fall season! Please continue to check assignment notebooks and folders each night and ask your child to talk to you about what they are learning in school. Thank you for your continued support!

Grade 4 - Fourth grade is transitioning into a multiple array of new skills in November. Our science unit has begun with a look into Environmental studies. Please ask your children what they learned in science. In Math, we are working on patterns, multiplication, and multi-step problems. In ELA, we will begin our poetry unit. The students will be expected to read and interpret the poetry from the CKLA series in class. Please look for homework that reviews skills we are working on in class.

Grade 5 - This month in 5th grade we will begin our third CKLA unit which is all about poetry! In this unit we will work on constructing and refining poems of our own, and those of impactful poets from the past. In math, students will begin unit 2: Decimals and Fractions. In science we will continue finishing up our earth and sun unit where we have been studying the patterns and characteristics of various planets and space materials. We will take our second science assessment this month and will be giving more review and information on this in the weeks to come. In addition to finishing up this science unit, we will participate in D.A.R.E starting on November 8th. We will be sending home lots of D.A.R.E information throughout the month, so be sure to be looking through your child's red folder each week! We are very excited to begin this next month with your 5th grader!

****This is a gentle reminder to our prek3 – kindergarten parents***** The weather is changing and it would be helpful if you would change the spare clothing in your student's backpack to match the season. Thank you