

THE BULLDOG BUZZ

Find out what's happening at John Humbird School

From the desk of Mrs. Morgan

What a great start to the 2023 – 2024 school year!! We are excited to have our students in the building after summer break and doing an amazing job. We were so excited to have over 170 grandparents visit our school on Grandparent's day. We are in the process of planning our Halloween Parade. Information has been sent home to families. Please understand the safety protocols that have to be in place to hold an event like this. Student, staff, and community safety is a priority. We are also planning our Veteran's Day program that will take place in November for our veterans. Please remember to notify the office if any contact information or phone numbers have changed. Any questions or concerns, please contact the office. Happy Fall!!



OCTOBER

October - tentative dates

2nd – Parent conference day – Schools closed
5th – Jump rope for heart assembly to kick off our jump rope for heart activity
9th – DARE begins for grade 5
10th – Fall pictures with G&G
11th – Author visit - Peter Catalanotto grades k-5
19th – Free Food distribution for John Humbird community and families at Emmanuel United Methodist Church 1:30 – 4:30pm
19th – Flu mist clinic for students
23rd – 26th – Red Ribbon Week
25th – DARE program – grade 5 / MD Excels to be published for prek4
26th – End of 1st marking period / MD Science program for students
27th – Schools closed School PD and Teacher work time
30th – Character Trait Assembly – invitations will be coming home
31st – Fall Harvest Parade – information was sent home to families

November – Tentative Dates

1st / 2nd - Rewards for Jump rope for heart
1st – After school program to begin
2nd – Grade 5 girl /boy talk
3rd – Schools Closed Supervisor PD/teacher work time
5th – Daylight savings time ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)
6th – Veteran's day program am
9th – Report Cards published
13th - 17th – Grade 5 students to read lunch menus on WCBC
13th – FSU play for students – Nate the Great
16th - Free Food distribution for John Humbird community and families at Emmanuel United Methodist Church 1:30 – 4:30pm
22nd – 3 hour early dismissal – Thanksgiving Vacation begins
23rd – 27th – Schools Closed
28th – 3 hour delayed opening

Health News from Nurse Susan Dill

The week of **10/16 - 10/20** we will be doing Vision and Hearing. IF your child fails, a letter will be sent home with a form for an EYE doctor to fill out. Please let me know if you have any trouble getting an appointment or if your insurance does not cover the exam. The Lions have a grant to help with cost. The afternoon of **10/19** the health department will be here to administer the Flu Mist to those students whose parent/guardian has given permission.

Outdoor School News from Mrs. Moran

I would like to thank our 5th grade students for a successful week at Allegany County Outdoor School. A great time was had by all! Students took part in indoor/outdoor classes, hiking, fishing, canoeing, games, presentations, and skits. I look forward to seeing students extend their camp experiences to the classroom. John Humbird students were respectful, responsible, and safe during our time at camp and represented our school and community well. I am very proud of you! Additionally, I would like to thank the parent volunteers. This experience would not have been successful without your help!

We want to remind families that as the weather changes, we ask that you send your child to school with a jacket or sweatshirt. Students will be outside for recess and now that we have a nice pavilion, we have opportunities to go out throughout the day for instruction.

TITLE I Tip SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM

John Humbird Elementary has a School Wide Title I Program. This means that the federally funded instructional staff may work with all of the students in our school, and our school develops a School Wide Title I program designed to increase academic achievement for all students. A School Wide Program helps us to use federal funds to meet the needs of all students more effectively. Title I provides additional resources for our school:

- Instructional materials for our students.
- Professional development for teachers.
- Information about how to help children succeed in school for parents.
- Parent /Family Engagement Programs.
- Additional staffing to provide additional support for reading and math

Grade Level News

Prek-Kindergarten 4 - Thank you to all the parents who came to visit and talk with me on Parent Conference Day! Every opportunity to bring home and school together supports student learning and growth. We have had a great first month of school! The children are making new friends, learning new routines and following directions. We are practicing using new learning materials, like glue sticks, crayons, scissors and math manipulatives. In Reading, we completed our first Frog Street Theme. We learned about our school, our bodies, our senses and our feelings. We will move on now to Theme 2, which is called My Family and Friends. We started our Heggerty Phonemic Awareness book and have enjoyed exploring sounds and rhymes. In Math, we have learned about quantity, curves and straight lines, and open and closed shapes. We practice counting every day and are learning to identify quantity. The students love to follow our School Family routines throughout the day. We practice our number one rule, which is to Be Kind. Ask your child to show you our "Be Kind" sign!

Kindergarten - Fall is in the air and we are falling for our Kindergarten students this year! We have classroom rules and routines down and are ready to work hard. In English Language Arts, we have met Cass, Oswald and Golly. They have taught us the letters Cc, Oo, and Gg. Our next Superkids are Alf and Doc. They will be teaching us all about the letters Aa and Dd. In math, we have started our i-ready pathway journey. Some of our students are already almost to 10 Lessons passed! We have been counting, writing, comparing and making the numbers 0-5. This month, our focus is all about numbers 6-10. During Social Studies, we concentrated on rules we need to follow at home, in the classroom and in the school. In science, we learned about living and nonliving things. This month, we are talking about all things plants. We are answering the following questions: What are plants? What do plants need to grow? What are the parts of a plant? And What are the functions of the plant parts? We get to end this exciting month with our Fall Harvest Celebration on October 31st. We are looking forward to seeing everyone dressed in their favorite costumes!

Grade 1 - First graders are off to a great start this school year. They have been working so hard to follow the PAWS rules. They are being respectful, responsible, and have been proving daily that they are ready to learn. They are reading about the beloved Superkids that they met in kindergarten. They have also been working hard on their i-Ready pathways. First grade teachers are excited to announce that there have been several friends who have already passed 10 lessons!!!! We hope that everyone is having a great school year at John Humbird!

Grade 2 - Happy fall! Second grade is working hard and doing a great job! In English/Language Arts, the students have been working in Superkids Take on 2nd Grade! They have been identifying long and short vowels as well as working on sentence writing. The students are looking forward to learning what the SuperKids' adventures are this year. There is also a new SuperKid character that the students are learning more about: Ms. Blossom, the teacher! In math class, the boys and girls will continue to work on numbers to 20. We will be introducing many strategies to add and subtract word problems to 20. 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. The more you read, the better you read!

Grade 3 - We are so excited to finally meet our third graders! The year has started off with a bang and we are knee deep in multiplication and starting to write paragraphs. The multiplication facts we are focusing on for the next few weeks are 0, 1, 2, 5, and 10's. It's always beneficial for you to help your child memorize these facts. The weather is changing and our classroom areas are inconsistent with temperatures ranging from too hot to too cold. Please bring in a long sleeve shirt or a sweatshirt to help keep everyone comfortable. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Festival Parade!

Grade 4 - The fourth graders have been hard at work since the beginning of this school year. In Math, they have just finished a unit in addition and subtraction. Just this week, they have started multiplication. Please review Math facts with your child. In ELA, the students have been diligently working on a variety of writing pieces, reading narratives, and informational texts. In Social studies, they have learned a lot about Maryland and its connections to many different events in history. Please be on a lookout for homework reviewing many of the skills they have learned.

Grade 5 - This month in 5th grade we will be jumping into our new math unit: Decimals and Fractions. This unit will consist of 14 engaging lessons to help us learn and practice decimal and fraction skills and conversions. In ELA we will be beginning our second CKLA unit 'Early American Civilizations'. In this unit we will explore the civilizations that came before the Europeans while practicing our writing and spelling skills. We will begin our DARE program in science and end the month with a graduation ceremony. We are very excited to get rolling into this month!

John Humbird After School Program begins on **November 1st**. We have had a large amount of students show interest in the program, unfortunately, we are only able to host 50 students from grades 1-5. If your child does not receive papers to be part of this program and you showed interest, they are being put on a waiting list. If your child received a form to be in the after school program, please turn it in prior to the start date. Please return all after school papers as soon as possible. Mrs. Oyer and Mrs. Kutcher are in charge of the After School program again this year.

We hope that all students are practicing the school rules every day in school and on the bus. Positive comments, kind words, and trying your best each day are what we are looking for. Be a leader and follow our school rules.

John Humbird School Rules:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Ready