

# 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 were excited for 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 community events for field trips. Thanks to our Concentration of Poverty grant, we are able to cover the cost of the event and transportation. Please remember to contact the office with any phone number or address changes. It is very important that we have accurate working numbers. 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.

Following a hybrid learning schedule and are in person two days each week. They are learning virtually on the other days. All students are still required to log in on Fridays for



## November

### TITLE I Tip SCHOOL PARENT COMPACT

**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, Supervisor of Human Resources  
108 Washington Street  
PO Box 1724  
Cumberland, Maryland 21501-1724

### Important Dates to Remember

#### November – tentative

- 1<sup>st</sup> – After School program begins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 5 Girl / Boy talk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Schools Closed Supervisor PD / Teacher Work Time
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Daylight saving time ends
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s day program
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Report cards posted on ASPEN / Grade 5 attending play at WMS
- 13<sup>th</sup> – FSU play coming to John Humbird, “Nate the Great.” / Grade 5 students to read lunch menus on WCBC for the week
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Literacy Night for grade 4 and 5 students and parents
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Food distribution at Emmanuel Church 1:30 – 4:00
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Grade 2/3 field trip to Cumberland Theatre 9:00am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3 hour early dismissal
- 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Schools and Offices Closed
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Schools closed
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 3 hr. delay opening – Teacher work time

### 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

*I have the courage to do the “right” thing.*



### 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

### Grade Level News

**Prek3** - We are excited about our Raising A Reader program being in full swing. We are developing a love for reading at home and at school. This month we will be focusing on the amazing colors and shapes of all sizes that fill our world. Over the next several weeks, we will be noticing and labeling the colors, shapes, and sizes of things around us. We will learn to sort objects by these attributes. Do not be surprised when your child points to an object and describes it by its color, shape, and size.

**Prek4** - It seems as though October came and went in a flurry of leaves and activities! Our Prek friends enjoyed fall songs, poems and parades. In November, we will continue to work on learning about letters and how sounds make words. Our ELA unit is called Safe, Healthy, Helpful Me and will focus on community helpers, good health in eating and activity choices, and choosing kind and helpful actions. In Math, we will continue learning to identify numbers and make sets. We will also continue to practice our math vocabulary and skills for classifying by attribute and sorting by like or different. We will also be doing some holiday themed crafts and stories and will learn about Thanksgiving concepts like sharing, giving and getting along with others. We will also learn about turkeys! And, we will disguise turkeys to help them stay safe this holiday, too! As the weather gets colder, remember that we play outside if the weather is above 32 degrees. So, please remember coats, gloves and hats as appropriate for the varying temperatures. Blankets for rest time and a change of clothes should be in the backpacks daily.

**Kindergarten** - Kindergarten has been so busy this last month! We are settling into our daily routines and learning how to work as a team and to be sugar friends! We are just learning about Doc, our new Superkid, and had so much fun on our Great Alf Adventure! In math, we are working on numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. We are building different arrangements and learning about number pairs. Keep practicing counting at home and work on your pathway so we can climb our i-Ready mountain! Our goal is to be in the 100 club! October is Fire Safety Month and we have been learning about what to do in the event of a fire. We've had a lot of fun learning about pumpkins and plants in Science. We will soon be sending word rings and Raising a Reader bags home. Keep a lookout for information in your child's folder! Happy Fall everyone!

**Grade 1** - First grade is excited to be starting technology classes with Mrs. Watson in November. Students will be learning a plethora of useful computer skills that they will be able to use as lifelong learners. In addition, the first grade teachers will start sending laptops home with students the second Wednesday in November. Students will have an online Schoology assignment to complete for that night's homework. First graders will also be starting Christmas program practice after Thanksgiving break. More information will be coming home soon in your child's yellow homework folder.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade! They have been learning the difference between a fact and opinion. Did you know that a fact is something that you can prove to be true? In math class, the boys and girls will continue to work on numbers to 100. They will be using many strategies to add and subtract word problems to 100. Students will be bringing their devices home at least one time per week. Don't forget to return the device and charge 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** - Happy November, 3rd grade families! This month we have Lego Robotics with the University of Maryland Extension Office the first 2 weeks of the month! Students love these lessons and we look forward to them each year! We are also looking forward to a field trip to see Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer on the 17th so be looking for this permission slip to come home very soon. In ELA, we are about halfway through our unit on Animal Classification and the students are learning a LOT! In math we are continuing to learn about multiplication, so any practice with math fact fluency will be super helpful! Just as a reminder as the weather is changing, please be sure your child has a coat or sweatshirt for outdoor recess. We like to play outside as long as the weather permits! Thanks for your continued support with homework and attendance!

**Grade 4** - The fourth graders have been hard at work! In Math, they have just finished learning patterns. This month we will learn about how to model and solve multi-step problems. Please review Math facts with your child. In ELA, we just started our Poetry Unit and are excited to learn more about poetry! In Science, we are learning about the different types of fossils. We will be completing many experiments in Science! 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 continuing on with our decimal and fractions unit in math class. We will continue to practice and engage in decimal and fraction skills and conversions by completing lesson tasks and activities. In ELA, we will continue with our second CKLA unit 'Early American Civilizations'. After this, we will begin our third ELA unit titled 'Poetry.' In this unit we will work on constructing and refining poems of our own and those of impactful poets from the past. In science, we will begin our mixtures and solutions unit where we will explore the properties, behaviors, and changes in a substance. Some additional occurrences this month will be: Our boy girl talk with Nurse Susan, our Veterans day assembly, the book fair, and Nate the Great show from FSU. We are excited to jump into November!

### After School News

After school will start November 1<sup>st</sup>. Our current enrollment for the program is 50 students. We are maintaining a waiting list for students that are interested. Once a spot is open, we will contact interested families once a spot becomes available.

### John Humbird School Rules

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

**KEEP IN TOUCH!** If your contact information has changed, please let us know! 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.

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