

THE BULLDOG BUZZ

Find out what's happening at John Humbird School

From the desk of Mrs. Morgan

It is hard to believe that it is already October. We were so excited to have over 180 grandparents visit our school on Grandparent's Day. The grandparents and students did an excellent job. Photos will be sent home once we have them developed. We are in the process of planning our Halloween Parade. Information will be 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

7th – Parent conference day – Schools closed
10th – Movie Night at John Humbird
17th – Free Food distribution for John Humbird community and families at Emmanuel United Methodist Church 1:30 – 4:00pm – invitations have been sent to families for this event
21st – Afterschool Program to begin – information was sent home
23rd – 26th – Red Ribbon Week
24th – Flu mist clinic for students
31st – End of 1st marking period / Halloween parade for Prek3 PM 2:00pm

November – Tentative Dates

1st – Fall Harvest Parade – information was sent home to families – 9:00am / 3-hour early dismissal – Teacher work time
3rd – Daylight savings time ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)
5th – Schools and Offices Closed – Election Day
8th – 22nd – DARE begins for grade 5
11th – Veteran's Day program am
14th – Report Cards published
15th – Schools Closed for supervisor staff development
18th – 22nd – Grade 5 students to read lunch menus on WCBC
18th – FSU play for students – Blueberries for Sal
27th Grade 5 DARE program 11:00am –/3-hour early dismissal – Thanksgiving Vacation begins
28th – 29th – Schools Closed

December - Tentative Dates

2nd – Schools Closed
9th – 13th - Book Fair
20th – 3 hr. early dismissal – PBIS winter activity
23rd – January 1st – Schools and Offices closed

January 2nd - Schools open

Health News from Nurse Susan Dill

We will be doing Vision and Hearing screenings. 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 **10/24** 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! We will have an outdoor school meeting with grade 4 students and parents in the spring. Be sure to attend if you are interested in being a chaperone.

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

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.

A note regarding attendance...

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.

Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.

- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in pre-k so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

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.

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Our September Attendance for John Humbird was 90.03%. We were very close to the 94% target. Continue to send your children to school and help us meet our goal each month. Students who have consistent attendance show growth in many areas. Help us to help your child be the best they can be!!!

John Humbird After School Program begins on **October 21st**. We have had a large number 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