



DeWitt Carter Public School



Dragon's Digest April 2017 "Courage"

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DeWitt Carter Public School Mission Statement

"Our mission is to support student learning in a safe environment where all students are motivated to learn and are willing to take risks so they can become positive contributors to our society."



A Message From Mr. Acaster

Welcome to April!

Well, the snow is gone. Of course it all came in March - but regardless, it is gone! If you enjoy the outdoors like I do you are enjoying these warmer, longer days and anticipating more of the same. Almost every day I see deer and turkeys in the fields and geese and hawks migrating back to the area. Enjoy the longer days. Make them count! At the school, we are in the last stretch. There are only 58 days of school left. Yikes!! We all have so much learning left to do. On top of keeping our noses to the grindstone, we have so many special events and extra-curriculars on the horizon. We just had Canadian Olympian, Charmaine Reid show us her badminton moves. She is affiliated with Canadian Tire's Jumpstart, which emphasizes 60 minutes of active play per day for our children. Jumpstart will be donating to the school, badminton equipment as part of the presentation. Our junior basketball teams are up and running and badminton practices have begun. Soon Track and Field will start and then Three-pitch. Our chocolate bar fundraiser just finished. We use the profits for this to help with class trips and technology resources for the students. The money is still coming in but we but we already have a profit of over \$7000. We have a book fair coming up April 3rd to 7th and a Pasta take out dinner on April 6th. Remember that Fun Fair is coming up on May 25th.

In our classes we are extending our work in student discourse. This is a change in how we talk about math. The emphasis switches away from teacher - student - teacher - student verbal exchanges and moves towards students talking to each other, asking questions and showing to each other how they did the work. It is fascinating to watch and the students are becoming more confident with this model. In Literacy, we are continuing our efforts to meet with students in small groups to teach the specific skills that students need. Our work will continue in these areas for the rest of this school year. At home, please encourage your child to spend two or three nights on Dreambox for about 20 to 30 minutes. As we have said before, this is a valuable addition to the students' math learning, helping them internalize a conceptual understanding of mathematics.

Kindergarten Registration Is Still Open!!

It was wonderful to see so many new faces and families at our Kindergarten Open House. We have many new registrations and look forward to accepting more in the coming months. Even though February was the month designated for Kindergarten registrations, we will continue to accept registrations. Please feel free to drop in any Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. if you need to register a new kindergarten student for next year. Students who are already attending our school do not need to register for the following year. Please spread the word to those who have children turning 4 or 5 years of age as of December 31, 2017.

Hot Lunch Dates

- Wednesday, April 5th - Pizza Day
- Wednesday, April 12th - Pizza Day
- Wednesday, April 19th - No Hot Lunch
- Wednesday, April 26th - Archie's Sub

Important Dates

- Friday, April 14th-Good Friday (No School)
- Monday, April 17th-Easter Monday (No School)

Book Fair runs from April 3rd to April 7th.

School Council

The next DeWitt Carter School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens at 8:35 a.m. Please do not send your children to school before this time as there is no adult supervision!!


Attendance

Reminder: Please remember to call the school office to report any student absences at (905) 834-7440. We have an answering machine that is available 24 hours a day. Feel free to leave a message.



Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Friday, March 31st. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - Perseverance.

	Character Trait "Perseverance"	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	William Delcourt	Marijka Clare	Bonson Holmes
Mrs. Piazza	Krista Nuxoll	Marley Paterson	Kyle Schoenhals
Mrs. Gabel	Oceana Young	Lily Morin	Abigail Lumbers
Mrs. Meinzinger	Tonya Haywood	Alexis Fredrich	Madelyn Goulding
Mr. Fraipont	Matthew Peets	Faith Delcourt	Wyatt Mackey
Mrs. Forand	Jayda-Lynn Brauweiler	Sawyer Viozzi	Drake Schoenhals
Mrs. Froude	Chantell Kovach	Aryonna Forney	Ava Morin
Mrs. McBride	Brianna Buchanan	Rheyanne Ryerse	Braeden Kish
Mrs. Garcia	Taylor Hill	Breanna Myke	Alyssa Young
Mr. Curran	Emma Dunlop	Angelina Channon-Fougere	Justin Kulak
Office Award	C. J. Fleming		
French Award	Julia Lacharity, Brandon Donnelly, Jacqueline Westover, Avi Sider and Payton Dickie		

Fun Fair

The arrangements for our annual Fun Fair are well underway.



This year the Fun Fair will be on **Thursday, May 25th 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

A form will be sent home at the end of April asking for volunteers to help work a shift during this busy day. We will also be looking for donations towards our Cake Walk and Bake Sale (all items must be nut free).

We greatly appreciate our parent involvement!

Immunizations

Immunizations begin in early infancy and continue throughout life. Your child will receive the majority of his or her immunizations between the ages of two months and six years of age. Please take a moment to check your child's Immunization Record (yellow card) to be sure his or her immunizations are up-to-date. Immunizations work best when given on time. For more information on childhood immunization, including the immunization schedule, speak with your doctor or visit www.health.gov.on.ca. If you have further questions, please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 to speak to a public health nurse.



DeWitt Carter Parent Council Pasta Dinner



Would you like to take a break from cooking supper for just one night?

On Thursday, April 6th the DeWitt Carter Parent Council is selling Penne Pasta with Meatballs and buns for \$10 a dinner. Each dinner is enough to feed approximately 2 to 4 people.

Orders **must** be pre-ordered and it is take out only!!! School Cash Online deadline was Thursday, March 30th but you can still order on the order forms that were sent home. Please complete the order form and return it to the school by Monday, April 3rd. Late orders will not be accepted!!! On Thursday, April 6th the pre-ordered Pasta Dinners can be picked up between 4 and 6 p.m. and it is take out only!!!!

Prom Project Niagara 2017 Info Sheet



WHAT

An event where students can get the prom or graduation outfit of their dreams for free. Students are outfitted head to toe with dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories for their special day.

Prom Project is open to elementary and secondary students.

WHEN

Saturday, April 8th, 2017

WHERE

St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School, 20 Maple Street, St. Catharines

TRANSPORTATION

Thanks to DanNel Coach Lines, a bus and driver are being donated on April 8th, to ensure students from Welland and Niagara Falls can get to Thorold Secondary School.

Niagara Falls Pick Up

Stamford Collegiate

→ Loading Zone near Upper Leonard – Pick up @ 9:15 a.m.
Return to Stamford @ 12:00 pm – Arrive 12:20 p.m.

Westlane Secondary School

→ Loading Zone near Lundy's Lane – Pick up @ 9:30 a.m.
Return to Westlane @ 12:00 p.m. – Arrive 12:15 p.m.

Welland Pick Up

Centennial Pick up

at 10:20 a.m.
Return to Centennial @ 1:00 p.m. – Arrive 1:35 p.m.

Eastdale Pick up

at 10:35 a.m.
Return to Eastdale @ 1:00 p.m. – Arrive 1:20 p.m.

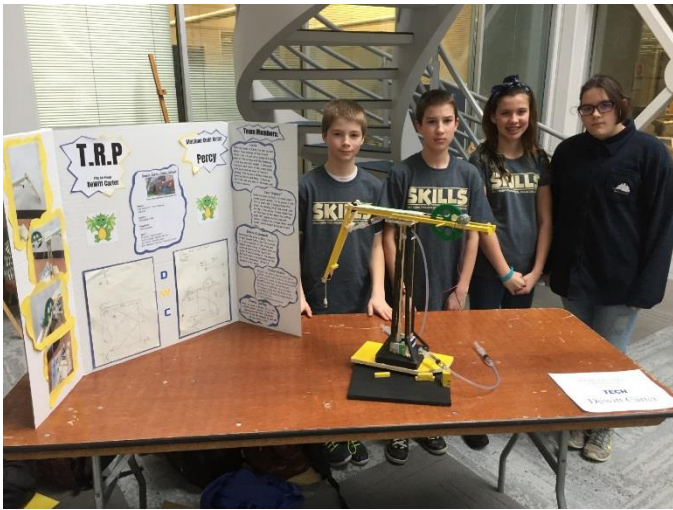
INFORMING STUDENTS

This is our THIRD year using bus transportation and we are hoping that students take advantage of this opportunity if they are in need of formal wear. There are 48 spots available on the Niagara Falls Pick Up, and 48 spots available on the Welland Pick Up. Because of limited space, we are asking that students attend with only one guest.

SPACE IS LIMITED – FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

The Foundation needs to keep a running tab of students to make sure we do not go over capacity. If you have a student who would like to use the free bus transportation, please contact Dara Stephenson at dara.stephenson@dsbn.org or 905-641-2929 ext. 37712 so they can be registered.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DARA STEPHENSON @ THE FOUNDATION



Congratulations Dewitt Carter Public School!

Our team placed 3rd in the Techknowledge final!

Over 200 students from across the board competed, with the finalists from 14 schools gathering in the DSBN Education Centre on March 6th to reveal their creations and compete for the top prize.

Teams were tasked with building a crane capable of lifting various weights and moving them to an elevated platform.

The challenge was a partnership with Ontario Power Generation simulating the real-life project of moving their own generators. Each team received the same materials to construct their machine and were given one day to build.

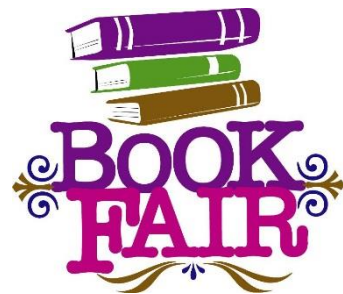
At the end of the day, the team from River View Public School was awarded 1st place. Central French Immersion Public School received 2nd place honours and Dewitt Carter Public School received 3rd.

Wheels and Heels

Our weather is getting warmer and with that, our students are beginning to break out bicycles and scooters to get back and forth from home and school. We certainly welcome the renewed interest in exercise as our days get warmer and brighter. We would like to take this opportunity to remind students that they need to be walking their bicycles and scooters as soon as they enter the school property, walk them to the bike racks and lock them there. At the end of the day, the bikes and scooters need to be walked until the students are off the school grounds. Entry and dismissal are very busy times with many students and parents moving about. Make sure your child has a good lock for their bicycle or scooter and that they know how to use it, so that it is safe throughout the day. Students, up until now, have been used to bringing their scooters inside the building and up the stairs, to the classrooms. Unfortunately, this is a very risky process and we need to have the scooters locked in the bike rack area. The chances of a student tripping on the stairs with these and hurting themselves or others is too great.

Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.



We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

You'll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs to get more detailed information about these books. You can also watch book trailers and author videos with your child on the BookTube page.

Attached is a Book Fair flyer that provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase at our Fair. The flyer also contains a special Family Event Draw ballot that parents can deposit during our Family Event. You could win \$50 in books – \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom!

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event. Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.

Sincerely,

Mr. Herfst & Mrs. Rogers

Book Fair Dates: Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 7

Times: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: DeWitt Carter Learning Commons

Family Event Date/Times: Thursday, April 6 from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cash, Debit, Visa, MasterCard are welcome.

