



DeWitt Carter Public School

Dragon's Digest

April 2018 "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

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Our long range weather calls for it to finally warm up - not a lot, but at least we are going to finally get above freezing. I don't know about you, but this felt like a long stretch of cold weather. We may not have had much snow but the stuff we got sure stayed around. At least we had a nice stretch of sunny weather and the days are finally really feeling longer. Each morning I hear more songbirds which are getting ready for the warmer days ahead. In the fields, the turkeys are starting to strut and the birds of prey are soaring in the skies. Speaking of raptors - Go Toronto!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Nicholls back from her maternity leave. She has re-joined the Grade 1/2 class. All the best to Mrs. Calberry and we hope to see her in the school, supplying when she is able. Before the month is out, Miss Audibert will be leaving us as Mrs. Wood returns from her maternity leave. We will really miss Miss Audibert. She has been a fantastic complement to our staff.

June 28th may seem like a long way from now but it will approach quickly. The school days that we do have left are going to race by. We still have much to do and we truly appreciate your help with Reading, Writing and Mathematics practice in the home. It does not take long periods of time at home. A half hour of different activities each night is a great way to reinforce the things we are doing in the classroom. Remember to ask your children questions about what they are reading when they finish a section of text. Reading out loud together is a great way to build fluency.

There are many extra-curricular activities lining up in the next months. 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. At the time of this writing we have made a profit of approximately \$5000. We use the profits for this to help with excursions, technology and resources for each classroom. Thank you to everyone who participated! We have a book fair coming up next week and a Pasta take out dinner on May 8th. Remember that Fun Fair is coming up on June 7th.

Hot Lunch Dates

Wednesday, April 11th - Pizza
Wednesday, April 18th - Archie's Subs
Wednesday, April 25th - Pizza
Wednesday, May 2nd - Pizza

Important Dates

Friday, March 30th -Good Friday (No School)
Monday, April 2nd -Easter Monday (No School)

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, 2018.

Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Thursday, March 29th. 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	Keenan Golding	Reagan Currie	Eloise Lacharity
Mrs. DiCostanzo	Aiden Lee	Lucas Duquette	David Buzila
Mrs. Nicholls	Patience Gauthier	Austin Moore	Krista Nuxoll
Mrs. Meinzinger	Kaysha Golding	Daniel Neveu	Liam McQuiggan
Miss Baldinelli	Madely Goulding	Nathan Peets	Chloe Bankert
Mr. Fraipont	Bryson Parisee	Mackenzie Stewart	Jersey Warner
Mrs. Froude	William Geerdink	Abbie Kish	Dylan Bankert
Miss Ghoulalou	Victoria Ward	Briar Tilman	Haylee Allen
Miss Audibert	Jacqueline Westover	Maya Fernandez	Logan Dickie
Mrs. McBride	Erin Millar	Zoe Ludlow	Brody Dann
Office Award	Desiree Young		
French Award	Jayda-Lynn Braunweiler, Sophie Held, Austin Newton, Makenna Marsh, Avi Sider		

Fun Fair



The arrangements for our annual Fun Fair are well underway.

This year the Fun Fair will be on **Friday, June 7th from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

A form will be sent home 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!

Make Change for Kids

Thank you DeWitt Carter Community for your participation in our Make Change for Kids coin drive. We raised a grand total of \$553.00. All the money raised will provide support for DSBN students in need of basic necessities.

Together, we can make a difference!

DeWitt Carter Parent

Council Pasta Dinner



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

On Tuesday, May 8th 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!!! Orders forms will be sent home closer to this date and orders will also be available on Schoolcash Online.

Vaping Information Night

All Parents Invited!

Vaping among youth is an emerging issue in Niagara. Recent data shows that 25% of high school students in Niagara are vaping. The majority of youth also reported that there is no risk to vaping, even though many products contain nicotine which is highly addictive.

Come to our session to learn more about:

- The latest products on the market
- The laws and perspective from a Tobacco Control Officer
- Practical tools and resources for parents

Date: Thursday April 19, 2018

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Niagara Region Public Health, 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way Thorold - Room CE 102

To register please

contact: roberta.santin@niagararegion.ca



DeWitt Carter School Vendor Fair

435 Fares Street, Port Colborne

Saturday, April 21/18

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Over 20 different vendors
Pizza and Drinks available

"Admission is free"



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.

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. Casburn & Mrs. Rogers

Book Fair Dates: Wednesday, April 4 to Monday, April 9

Times: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Wednesday to Friday)

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Monday)

Location: DeWitt Carter Learning Commons

Cash, Debit, Visa, MasterCard are welcome.

