



DeWitt Carter Public School



Dragon's Digest December 2017



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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

Getting ready for the Holidays and saying Goodbye!

I know it is a little early but on behalf of all of us here at DeWitt Carter, we would like to wish you a happy holiday and winter break. Regardless of what your plans are, we hope that you have fun, that you are safe and that you get to spend time with family and friends. This is a time to relax and to share laughs.

We still have a very full calendar for December. There is a lot of learning going on even with the many clubs and teams rehearsing and practicing during the fitness breaks. Both junior and intermediate volleyball have wound down but intermediate basketball is just around the corner. Many students are gearing up for the Winter Concert, as well. In mathematics, most of our classes are in the middle of their measurement and number sense units. We would encourage you to ask your child about what they are doing in class and as always, please try to have them working on Dreambox 3 nights a week. This program is an excellent way for students to solidify their mathematical reasoning skills. We have just finished parent interviews, following our Progress Reports but that doesn't mean the conversation between home and school should slow down. As always, if you have a question, please set a time to meet with your child's teacher. I often have the conversation that we can always practice working on the Learning Skills portion of the report card. Anyone of us (child or adult) can set goals in organization, collaboration, initiative or responsibility. It will surprise you how fast that the Term 1 report card will be upon us -boys and girls – keep up the effort! You cannot believe how much joy we have in sharing your successes!

If you find yourself in the building in the next couple of weeks, please take a moment to say congratulations and farewell to two of our departing staff members. Mrs. Forand is retiring. December 22 is her last day. She has been a DeWitt Carter Dragon for 19 years and she will be greatly missed by this community. She has spent a big part of her life dedicated to the education of children. I do not know on what course her life takes her now but we would like to wish her all the best. Mr. Herfst will be leaving the dragon den as well, as we enter our holidays. He and his wife will be travelling the world for a few months before returning to DSBN in the fall. All the best to both of you!

Reminder:

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 2nd

Please make sure your form has been returned if you plan on attending.

Cookie Dough

December 5th is Cookie Dough pick up. If you have Cookie Dough orders, please make arrangements to pick it up on December 5th as we have limited freezer space.

Christmas Concert

Dec. 11th at 2 p.m. & Dec. 12th at 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Movie Day

Friday, December 22nd

Entire school

Dress for the Weather as well as the Season

As the cold weather is now upon us, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Students are expected to go outside twice a day unless it is extremely cold or wet. Hats, mittens, proper footwear and warm coats are essential in the cold weather.





Flu season is here! Please remember to call the school office to report any student's absence at (905)834-7440. The school has an answering machine

for any calls outside of office hours. Please feel free to call and leave a message stating your child's first and last name, the grade, teacher and reason for the absence.

School starts at 9:00 a.m. and the lunch break is over at 1:40 p.m. Late students must report to the office for a late slip in order to avoid an unnecessary call home. In the interest of the safety of our students, your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

Movie Day

On Friday, December 22nd, staff and students will be travelling by bus to the Seaway Mall Cinemas. The primary students will be watching the movie "Ferdinand" and the junior/intermediate students will be watching the movie "Wonder". Students have the option of paying for just the movie for \$5 or the movie and snack (child size popcorn with candy treat and drink) for \$10.50. The school will be paying for the cost of the busses for this event. Please note the concession stand **"will not"** be open for purchasing other items. Payment for Movie Day is available Online for your convenience.

Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Friday, December 1st. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - "Integrity".

	Character "Integrity"	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Mila Nimmo	Dakota Cox	Kylee Pellow
Mrs. DiCostanzo	Isabelle Duquette-Cripps	David Buzila	Evie Fry
Mrs. Calberry	Austin Shiver	Marijka Clare	Isaiah Parker
Mrs. Meinzinger	Lolla Holmes	Taylor Lee	Scotty Young
Ms. Forand	Jillian Prowse	Alexis Fredrich	Wyatt Mackey
Mr. Fraipont	Madison Molnar	Jacob Nie	Teagan Arsenaault
Mrs. Froude	Desiree Young	Lilly Comeau	Blake McIver-Rodgers
Mrs. Lafleur	Santana Stewart	Sophia Pirson	Logan Biggs
Miss Audibert	Alyssa Young	Brior Viozzi	Jocelyn Prowse
Mrs. McBride	Tasha Nie	Nickolas DiNunzio	Avi Sider
Office Award	Makenna Marsh		
French Award	Soren Erdei	William Laur	Logan Biggs
	Mary-Jane Reece	Myli McCulligh	

School Council Meetings

Our School Council meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room off the DeWitt Carter School Library. The minutes are posted on our school website. The next School Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.



Canteen

Our Canteen is open every day during the second nutrition break only. The Canteen has white milk, chocolate milk, ice cream bars (nut free), kettle popcorn and oven baked chips (all items meet the Ministry guidelines). All items are \$1 each.

Snow/Snowballs

To ensure the safety of students on our playground during the winter months, it is necessary for us to ban the throwing and kicking of snow and ice. The students are constantly reminded of this rule during in-class discussions, assemblies and over the morning announcements. Should it be found that a student has violated this rule, his/her name is recorded in the office and the appropriate consequences will be given. These include suspension for repeat offenders who endanger the safety of others.

Please remind your children of these rules!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

See a Kindergarten classroom

Meet the Kindergarten Team

Register for school

Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

★ KINDERGARTEN ★

KICKSTART

Thursday, February 1, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

The Intermediate students at DeWitt Carter are currently selling poinsettias to raise money for their trip to Camp Wahanowin.



If you are interested in making a purchase, orders are available Online or you can get an order form at the office.

The deadline for orders is December 5th Online and December 6th with order form and cash handed in to the office.

There are three plant sizes available:

6 -inch	\$8
8-inch	\$18
10-inch	\$23

If you purchase a poinsettia, you will receive a coupon to redeem your plant at The Mill Greenhouse in Sherkston.

The coupons expire on December 23, 2017.

Thank you for your support.

DeWitt Carter's Website

DeWitt Carter's web page has lots of significant material and up-to-date information. The monthly newsletter and calendar are posted on this site. Please take a minute and visit our website and feel free to contact the school with any comments.



dewittcarter.dsbno.org

Cookie Dough

Cookie dough orders will be arriving on Tuesday, December 5th.

If you have ordered Cookie Dough, we ask that you arrange to pick it up on December 5th between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

We have limited freezer space to accommodate orders not picked up; so please contact the school if these times do not work for you.



Thank you for your participation in this fundraiser.

Christmas Concert

DeWitt Carter staff and students have been working hard getting ready for the Christmas Concert. The Concert times are as follows:

Monday, December 11th at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12th at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12th at 6 p.m.

If you are able to attend one of the afternoon performances, it will help accommodate those parents and guardians who can only attend the evening performance.

Thank you




Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, December 2nd Santa will be at DeWitt Carter for breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Santa will be reading to children and will be available for photographs. If you plan on attending, please make sure you have returned the form indicating how many people from your family will be attending.



 The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6 to Grade 12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university.

The faculty and student body are committed to excellence and the belief that, with hard work, they can achieve their dreams. Come learn how our unique program prepares students to succeed at college and university and how your child can benefit from the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are invited to attend a parent information session in your community.

Our information session is scheduled for:
January 23rd at DeWitt Carter from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.



At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call us at the school to inform us of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedure you wish to be follow throughout the school year.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

<http://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather/>
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services
905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton
Y-108 (107.9) Hamilton
CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Television Stations:

CHCH - Hamilton
CityTV Breakfast Television
CTV Toronto
Cogeco Channel 10
(Jack.Custers@cogeco.com)



Are your kids being Hooked by Hollywood?



Kids and teens look to celebrities as role models and often copy their fashion and behaviours, even if those celebrities are just acting. Movies have a powerful

influence on young people's decisions especially when it comes to seeing smoking in movies. Research shows that the more kids and teens see smoking in movies, the more likely they are to start smoking.

Ways to Protect our Kids:

1. **Be aware** of what your children are watching and find out which movies are smoke-free.
2. **Talk to your children** about effects of tobacco use and teach them to be aware of what they are seeing in the media.
3. **Show your support** for smoke-free youth-rated movies in Ontario at Canadian Cancer Society's Take Action for Smoke-Free Movies (www.takeaction.cancer.ca).
4. **Join the conversation online** and talk to other parents through Hooked by Hollywood on Facebook (www.facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood) and Twitter (@Hookedhollywood).

To learn more about the influence smoking in the movies has on kids and teens and to find out what movies are smoke-free, visit: www.hookedbyhollywood.ca



For more information, talk to your school nurse.