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Dewitt Carter Public School

Dragon's Digest

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November 2011 Newsletter

Dewitt Carter Public School Mission Statement

"It is the mission of Dewitt Carter Public School to help our students to become well-educated, happy, secure, law-abiding citizens prepared to contribute to society."

Peanut Allergy Alert

We have several students with allergies some of whom are allergic to peanuts and peanut products. We ask that peanuts and products containing peanuts not be brought to school. Help us to keep Dewitt Carter a safe place for all students.



MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF MR. MAC

What a great month we experienced in October! Our community, staff and students came together for many activities and events and enjoyed much success! Our Scholastic Book Fair brought many valuable resources and we exceeded expectations by collecting over \$1500!

As the year unfolds, our staff remains focused on our literacy and numeracy goals. Our school's "narrow focus" goal will continue to be moving each student one achievement level over the course of the year in language. Making connections and deepening understanding, as outlined in the ministry's curriculum document, will help our students to grasp the bigger idea behind their reading and writing. If you have any questions, please ask a staff member as they are focused on this task. You can help our teachers with this focus by reading to and with your children daily, talking and discussing about the school day, celebrating your

child's successes and keeping a positive attitude toward school.

Also, the staff has extended their language goal to include math as well. We will be working on improving in the areas of problem solving and having the students be able to "chunk" their work so that no important steps are missed. The students will be asked to explain their process. You can help our goal by speaking to your child about how he or she came to the answer of a question. Get him or her to really explain the steps taken to solve the problem.

Finally, I would be remiss to not mention the enormous gratitude we have toward all those men and women who gave their lives for all of us. It is such a blessing to live in Canada and we are indeed thankful for all of the sacrifices that were made to keep our freedom. Have a great month!





ATTENDANCE

Reminder: Please remember to call the school office to report any student absences at **(905) 834-7440**. The school does have 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 or teacher and the reason for the absence. Please also note that the bell rings at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Students will be marked late after 9:05 a.m. and 1:05 p.m.. 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 cooperation is greatly appreciated.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend!



SCHOOL VISITORS

For the safety of our students, all school visitors (including parents) **must report to the main** office. PLEASE DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOMS. We appreciate your understanding of this matter and have implemented this check-in procedure as part of our safe schools plan.



Poppies/ Remembrance Day

As Remembrance Day occurs this month, the school would like to remind parents of the donations we will be accepting on November 11th for the poppies. This money will be sent to the many Veterans of Canada who went to war to protect our precious freedom. Please have your child bring his or her donation to the class room teacher. Every bit counts! Thank you in advance!



Our school assembly will begin at 10:45 with various presentations to show our gratitude for our fallen soldiers and those that served. If you know of any veterans who have served in any wars, please invite them to our school service so that they may be recognized by our students /

community. This will give our children a real life example of what sacrifice means and why we celebrate Remembrance Day!

PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

Our Progress report cards will go home on November 15th, 2011. Interviews will take place on Thursday, November 17th from 3:45 - 7:45 p.m.



Stay tuned for more information to follow.

School Picture Retake Day

Get those smiles ready because on Tuesday...the 15th of November....we will be having our school picture retake day. This will begin at 9:00 a.m. so please have your children all dolled up!



Grad Committee Meeting

If you are interested in helping with this year's Graduation, please come to the second meeting on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm at the school. All parents are welcome!



MILK PROGRAM

Milk and chocolate mail are available for purchase and the cost is 75 cents per carton. They will be available each day at the canteen



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This past month, DeWitt Carter was fortunate to have scholastic come to our building for a book fair. As usual, our community came through and raised close to \$1500 in books to go back into the school. Awesome job, Cougars!



A huge DeWitt thank you goes out to all staff and parents who stepped in to volunteer! It takes great people to make a school great and these volunteers are awesome!



CLUBS AND TEAMS

.Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Volleyball teams. They have both begun their respective seasons with impressive starts. Thanks to Mr. Curran and Mr. Turonski for coaching and giving of their own time to help our Dragons to victory.

Girl's Volleyball

Emily G.	Sarah R.
Meghan K.	Amanda N.
Madison M.	Jada H.
Kendra P.	Brooklyn P.
Mac L.	Kaitlyn B.
Moriah R.	Kristen R.
Mara A-P.	
Madi M.	
Tori J.	

Boy's Volleyball

Wil F.
Davis D.
Kyle R.
Brandon M.
Conner M.
Dakota M.
Lucas H.
Jarod T.
Bobby K.
Gabriel M.
Tye M.



MATH PROBLEM FOR NOVEMBER

To help support our numeracy goal, all students who answer the attached Math Problem for November will be given a free item from the canteen in December. Parents, please sit down with your kids and do this together so they can see how you work through the problem. Speak out loud so the kids hear your process. This will make them better mathematicians!

Congratulations to the following students who successfully answered the math problem in October. The answer was 72 minutes. The following students will receive a free canteen item on Friday, November 19th!



Alex L.	Tommy W.	Kaitlynn W.
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INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the local radio stations will be notified regarding bus cancellations and school closures. The announcements will be made at approximately 7:00 a.m. Please refrain from calling the school. The following radio stations will have the news concerning the District School Board of Niagara. These announcements may also have information regarding our bus company, First Student.



Local:

CKTB 610	CHSC 1220	CJRN 710
CKEY FM 101.1	CHRE FM 105.7	
CHTZ FM 97.7	GIANT 91.7 FM	

Hamilton stations:

CHML 950	CKOC 1150
CHAM 820	K-LITE FM 102.9

Facebook of Dewitt Carter 100years

If you are interested in keeping up with the 100th Anniversary and /or volunteering at this historic event, sign up for our Facebook Group! You can access the Facebook group by searching for:

100 years of Dewitt Carter Public School

You can then join the group and get timely updates!



ECO BATTERIES

DeWitt carter has an incredible opportunity to raise money for the school and help the environment. We need your used batteries!

By recycling batteries, Dewitt Carter can help our environment by:

Diverting hazardous materials from our landfills

Preserving our natural resources by reducing the need to mine these precious materials from ore.

RMC will provide a collection container, transportation and recycling at no cost. At the end of the fundraiser they will donate \$0.25 for every pound of batteries collected by Dewitt Carter. They can also provide us with a report that includes the types and amounts of batteries recycled (this is great information to share with students and staff). To get us started RMC will deliver us a battery recycling drum.

RMC is the only company in North America capable of recycling over 90% of each alkaline battery. Their process breaks down the contents of the batteries back to their raw materials (steel, zinc, manganese, paper, plastic, carbon and potassium). All of the components are recycled although the zinc and manganese is pelletized and put into fertilizer for the growth of corn. They have a neat display which provides a great visual of their process's break down (starting with batteries ending with corn). We will have the opportunity to have the display at the school for a week or two to give students this visual.

Students are asked to bring in their spent (dead) batteries to their classrooms starting November 8th until February 8th!



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS
CONTAINED WITHIN!**

