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Dewitt Carter Public School

Dragon's Digest

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October 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

WOW...the month of September has flown by and we are beginning the month of October with its changing colours and seasons. The feelings of fall with its festive holidays such as Hallowe'en and Thanksgiving always puts a smile on the faces of the school and the community! This was surely seen on the night of the Meet the Teacher BBQ. It was great to see so many parents and friends, both older and new, coming to meet our excellent staff!

As usual, DeWitt Carter had many activities happening in September that kept all involved quite busy. We have four sports teams up and running with Intermediate Boys and Girls Soccer, Junior Coed Soccer and Cross Country showing signs of early success. Thank you to all those parent volunteers who come out to support our teams as well as the staff that takes time out of their lives to support our school.

On Friday, September 16th, we had a successful Terry Fox Walk/Run that generated a lot of discussion around Cancer and the need to find its cure! We met this year's goal of raising more than last year. We raised over \$1150!

Finally, we would like to thank all those involved in starting the school year off so well. Many people behind the

scenes help with the little things that makes our school so great! Thanks goes out to the Breakfast Club Volunteers, the parent drivers, and those who helped raise money for the school by donating clothes! Have a great October and we hope to see you in our school!

E.Q.A.O. Results

The detailed school results for the provincial testing in grades 3 and 6 were received by the school this month. Keeping in mind that this test is a small indicator of the successes of our students, it will still remain a school focus as we move towards attacking our areas of need! You should feel secure in knowing that DeWitt's staff and community is dedicated to improving each year so that your children continue to receive an excellent education.

	Reading	Writing	Math
Grade 3	64	89	64
Board	67	73	67
Province	65	73	69
Grade 6	73	59	36
Board	76	72	57
Province	74	73	58



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.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

HOLIDAYS

October 10	Thanksgiving
December 24 - January 8	Christmas Break
February 20	Family Day
March 9 -18	March Break
April 6	Good Friday
April 9	Easter Monday
May 21	Victoria Day

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

February 17

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS

October 7
January 20
May 18
June 8

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday, June 28, 2011

COMMUNICATION MATTERS

Smart Talk From DSBN Speech- Language Pathologists

Some children may have difficulty answering certain types of questions. By changing the way

you ask a question, you may get a better response. Try these suggestions:

Ask short, clear, and direct questions. Use simple grammar and ask for one idea at a time. Instead of "what happened at school today?", ask "what was the best thing that you did today at school?"; "what did you do in gym?", etc.

Give your child enough time to respond. Show you are interested in what your child has to say. Look at your child, nod your head and make comments. Recognize that some children take longer than others to compose their response. Wait for an answer to one question before asking another. Continue to keep eye contact while you wait.

Use different kinds of questions to give your child opportunity to answer with different levels of information. If you want short, factual answers, use questions such as yes/no, multiple choice, how many?, who?, what? and when?. For an interpretation or an evaluation, ask questions such as how?, what if?, what do you think?, why? or what makes you say that?

Rephrase a question. If your child doesn't answer, model the type of response you are looking for. Your child may respond better to a directive instead of a question. For example, "I had an interesting day at work. We had a visitor....., tell me about your day."

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Congratulations to our new Executive Council:

Aileen Wells - Chair
Hope Madeiros - Vice Chair
Tricia Dickie - Secretary / Treasurer



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.





CLUBS AND TEAMS

Congratulations to the soccer and cross country teams. We have been really busy this past month and are proud of the accomplishments of our teams. They competed well physically and, more importantly, represented DeWitt with pride. Awesome work Dragons! Special thanks to Mr. De Waard for coaching all three teams, to Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Garner for running our Cross Country teams, and to all the parents who supported our students with driving and/or cheering!



Junior Coed Soccer

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| Joel S. | Alissa M. | Nicolas M. |
| Bailey P. | Jacob M. | Cameron S. |
| Miguel D. | Adam F. | Remington S. |
| Jen K. | Jordyn G. | Abby T. |
| Taylor J. | Samantha Z. | Kennedy T. |
| Emily J. | Brock D. | James M. |
| Cole D. | Reilly M. | Riley L. |
| Alex S. | Dawson S. | Dylan C. |
| | Mason H. | |

Intermediate Girls Soccer

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| Kendra P. | Jada H. | Mae L. |
| Kaitlyn B. | Emily G. | Kennedy D. |
| Moriah R. | Paisley B. | Amanda B. |
| Savahanna M. | Madison McA. | |
| Tori J. | Mara P. | Madison McC. |
| Meghan K. | Courtney B. | Cora Jeanne S. |
| Tori L. | | |

Intermediate Boys Soccer

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| Wil F. | Tye M. | Jack F. |
| Brandon M. | Chad W. | Nicholas E. |
| Dakota M. | Dane S. | Kyle R. |
| Davis D. | Griffin P. | Bobby K. |
| Connor M. | Lucas H. | |

Cross Country

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| Vanilla M. | Mary-Lynn R. | Megan B. |
| Delaney T. | Jessica G. | Taryn S. |
| Blake F. | Alexander M. | Tyler P. |
| Zackery V. | Sahel V. | Colton W. |

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| Michael M. | Abby T. | Riley L. |
| James M. | Brock D. | Jacob M. |
| Joel S. | Remington S. | Nicolas K. |

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



MATH PROBLEM FOR SEPTEMBER

To help support our numeracy goal, all students who answer the attached Math Problem for October will be given a free item from the canteen in November. 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 correctly answered September's problem of how many students do neither of sports nor instruments...The answer was 6 students. The following students will receive a free chocolate milk on Friday, October 14th:



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| Kristen R. | Rebekah R. | Blake F. |
| Victoria H. | Dane S. | Kylan S. |
| Jordyn G. | Sam Z. | Gary B. |
| Jack F. | Alex L. | Emily E. |
| Zoe L. | Shane L. | Cora Jeanne S. |
| Remington S. | Maria S. | Maxinia P. |
| | Sean R. | |

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to our school for raising \$250. The school community donated over one tonne of clothing toward the BAG2SCHOOL program. Great job Dragons! Special thanks to Mrs. Buchanan for organizing this worthwhile service project!



School Picture Day

Get those smiles ready because on Thursday, October 13th and Friday, October 14th our school pictures will be taken. Each day will begin at 9:00 a.m. so please have your selection sheets brought to school that day and your children all dolled up!

Thursday, October 13th : Grades 4 to 8

Friday, October 14th : Kindergarten to grade 3



PA DAY

October 7th is a Professional Activity Day. There will be no classes on this day. Also, Monday, October 10th is Thanksgiving Monday. There will be no school!



Hallowe'en Activities

Be prepared to have tons of fun on Monday, October 31st. The Student Council has many howling activities for the students at DeWitt...there will be a dance, a costume parade, and much more!!!! Stay tuned for more information as this exciting time comes upon us.....



Student Council

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council. They will be heavily involved in all school events and thank you to Mr. Curran and Mr. Turonski for overseeing this leadership opportunity!



Sarah R.	Mara A-P.	Dakota M.
Madison McA.	Madison McC.	Brooklyn P.
Ryley P.	Kyle R.	Lilly P.
Meghan K.	Andy B.	Wil F.
Tye M.	Emily G.	Jack F.
Kennedy D.	Ashley F.	

Heart Healthy Lunches

As part of the Ministry's Heart Healthy Initiative, DeWitt Carter will be offering different menu items each month:

1st Friday of every month - Healthy Pizza

2nd Friday of every month - Hot Dogs (this is a fundraiser for the 7/8 trip)

3rd Friday of every month - Healthy Pizza

4th Friday of every month - Subs from Bodners

Itinerant Coach

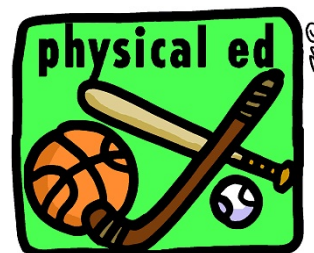
To help with our numeracy and literacy initiatives at DeWitt Carter, we are blessed to have been granted access to an itinerant coach who will work with staff and students at different strategies we can be using to make learning fun and more successful. We are doubly blessed because our new coach is Mrs. McIntyre!!!!!! She will be at DeWitt Carter twice, every ten days and we welcome her to be a part of the DeWitt Team again! Welcome Mrs. McIntyre!!!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SAFETY

Teaching and practising safety is an important piece of the Physical Education and Health curriculum. To ensure that our students remain safe, we ask that you make a concerted effort to send proper attire / clothing with your child:

- ✓ a comfortable t-shirt without buttons or tie-ups
- ✓ a pair of shorts or appropriate track pants (ones that are not too long so as to impede movement)
- ✓ a proper pair of running shoes (no heels nor slip-ons)
- ✓ no jeans, no jewellery (earrings, bracelets, chains)
- ✓ long hair should be tied back and out of the face



Dragon Lairs

To involve all students in intramurals and school wide activities, the school has been organized into Dragon Lairs. Each student was placed into one of the following "Lairs" and given a colour which will be related to his or her particular lair.

Green dragons
Blue Dragons
Red Dragons
Black Dragons
Gray Dragons
White Dragons

Each month there will be 100 minutes devoted to the lairs and the students will be given points for their participation. On this day, students are asked to wear their colours and gain points. At the end of the year, a team will be crowned the champions and will have their name engraved on the Dragon Cup. How do you get points? You receive points by offering service, joining teams, clubs, and intramurals, by displaying the month's character trait, by being recognized as student of the month.....and many more. This will hopefully encourage all to get involved and caters to everyone's abilities. Every student can help gain points towards their lair. Great things are happening at DeWitt Carter!



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