



# DeWitt Carter Public School

## Dragon's Digest

### February 2018 "Optimism"



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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

We have our coldest month out of the way now. It is nice to have the snow but when it is below -15 C, it is hard to get outside and enjoy the day. I am hopeful those temperatures are behind us. I wonder what the groundhog will prognosticate for us for the remainder of winter. In the meantime, to help us keep an active mind and body, we have a couple of things lined up in the next few weeks. The Niagara Icedogs will be popping by in a short time to talk with the students and play a little ball hockey. We will be having our annual Icedogs family night on February 24th. Please come out. It's a great venue and the chance to skate together before the game is quite enjoyable. We have Mad Science coming by to do a presentation for the students and an electrical safety presentation too - lot's of Science! Speaking of Science and subjects, in general - our first term report cards will be coming home on February 9th. Remember to use this to chat with your child about the great things they have accomplished and to discuss goals that they want to set for continued success in Term 2. Anything is possible with determination. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. When we all work together to solve a problem, we achieve so much more.

Remember that February is Kindergarten registration month. If you know of anyone with a child born in 2014, please have them give us a call to register for Kindergarten in the fall of 2018. We are so excited to welcome our new dragons to DeWitt Carter. Our Kindergarten open house is February 1st - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Have a great month, dragons!

#### Ice Dogs Presentation

On Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:40 a.m. the Niagara Ice Dogs will be back again at DeWitt Carter for another presentation. Parents are welcome to attend this presentation.

DeWitt Carter families have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the Ice Dogs home game on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> against the North Bay Battalion. On this night families have the opportunity of a preskate at 5 p.m. before the game start at 7 p.m. Families must bring their own skates and anyone 12 and under must wear a helmet. Tickets are \$14.00 each and the order form is attached to this newsletter. All orders must be received by Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be sent home on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are also available on Schoolcash Online

This is a great opportunity for a family night out with the DeWitt Carter community.

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.

**Reminder that Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development Day and there are no classes for students.**  
**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is Family Day and the school is closed.**

## Mad Science

Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to Dewitt Carter Public School! They will be getting kids excited about science with fun, entertaining and exciting activities and demonstrations.

Students and teachers will be thrilled on February 9<sup>th</sup> when Mad Science comes to the school to do a Spectacular Science show. The assembly will be educational, entertaining and also the kick off to the Mad Science Club. The Club is a 6-week science enrichment program offered to the students. Students who join the Science Club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. The topics will be different this year than when Mad Science was last at the school. The Club will take place on Tuesday, Mar 20, 27, Apr 3, 10, 17, 24 from 10:40 AM - 11:20 AM. Mad Science also performs Birthday Parties, Camps and Special Events. Give them a call at 905-937-1878 and watch out for them in Malls, at Fairs, Festivals and Scouts and Guides.

### **TRY AT HOME ACTIVITY - ZOOM BALL**

Materials:

- Two 1 litre plastic pop bottles
- Scissors
- Optional: Coloured construction paper
- Masking tape
- Ribbons
- Two plastic ring six pack holders
- Two 2.4 metre strings • An adult helper

1. Ask your adult helper to cut the bottoms off of the two plastic pop bottles.
2. Fit the bottles together so there is a neck on either end. Tape the bottles together to form a football shape.
3. Cover the bottles with construction paper and ribbon if you want to decorate your zoom ball.
5. Take the six-pack holders and cut the rings apart to make four two-loop handles.
4. Thread the two strings through the bottles. 6. Tie a set of handles to the ends of each string.
7. Get a friend and you are ready to play. Each player holds onto two handles and pulls on the strings until they are tight. Slide the zoom ball to one end. When it is at your end snap your hands apart to send the zoom ball back to your friend. To catch the zoom ball, keep your hands together.

### **EXPLANATION:**

The pushing action of the strings sets the zoom ball in motion. When the zoom ball reaches the other end of the strings, an opposite pushing action, your friend snapping the strings, stops the ball for a moment and then sends it in the reverse direction.



## Hot Lunch Dates

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Wed. Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>  | - Pizza Lunch   |
| Wed. Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> | - Archie's Subs |
| Wed. Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> | - NO HOT LUNCH  |
| Wed. Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup> | - Pizza Lunch   |

[www.dsbn.org/schoolcash](http://www.dsbn.org/schoolcash)

We thank everyone for their input and new ideas for our Hot Lunches. You will notice on the February Hot Lunch Order Form, we have added the option of "cheese pizza" as well as the "cheese & pepperoni pizza". That's right! Now you have the option of selecting cheese pizza or cheese & pepperoni pizza for your child. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions for Hot Lunches. Please bring your ideas to Ms. Sager in the Office and thank you for your continued support.

## Term One Report Cards

On Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> all students will bring home their elementary report card. The Progress Report in November provided you with information about how your child was learning in the classroom and gave an indication of progress towards achieving the curriculum expectations for all subjects.



Learning Skills and Work Habits are an important focus of the report card. These are critical life skills that students will work on from Grades 1 to Grade 12. Teachers evaluate how well students are achieving these skills for their grade level and include a comment about each student's strengths and some next steps for continued growth.

For each subject being taught this term, your child will receive either a letter grade (Gr. 1 to 6) or a percentage grade (Gr. 7 & 8). If a subject is only being taught in Term 2, then the teacher will check NA (not applicable) for that subject on the report card.

Communication between teachers and parents/guardians is an important support for student success. All parents/guardians are invited to contact the school if you would like to schedule an opportunity to discuss your child's achievement and next steps for learning with is/her teacher. We encourage you to take advantage of this.

## 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 your child's school to inform them 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 followed 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](http://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  
City TV Breakfast Television

## The 10th Annual Bilingual Family Literacy Event:

# LITERACY ROCKS!

A free literacy event where families can...

Enjoy Interactive Activities \* Eat Scrumptious Snacks  
Create with Playdough \* Explore Literacy Through Drumming  
Read a Book \* Take a New Book Home

## Saturday February 3, 2018

Vale Health & Wellness Centre

550 Elizabeth Street, Port Colborne

For more  
information  
call 905-834-9071

## 12pm to 3pm



## Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - "Caring".

|                 | Character<br>"Caring" | Literacy           | Numeracy        |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Mrs. Laur       | Peyton Thususka       | Eddie Bankert      | Thalia Reber    |
| Mrs. DiCostanzo | Aubree Queffelec      | Aiden Lee          | Zoe Ozog        |
| Mrs. Calberry   | Kenneth Eaton-Turner  | Lyra Reid          | Kalvin Ozog     |
| Mrs. Meinzinger | Blake Tilman          | Brooklyn Bergsma   | Talon Biggs     |
| Miss Baldinelli | Logan Marges          | Abigail Lumbers    | Lucas Reid      |
| Mr. Fraipont    | Madelyn Shannon-Blum  | Rori Benner        | Dreadin Haywood |
| Mrs. Froude     | Katelyn Bogar         | William Laur       | Gage Benner     |
| Miss Ghoujalou  | Aryonna Forney        | Fantessa Swartz    | Damien Reid     |
| Miss Audibert   | Andrea Martinez       | Mason Gravelle     | Ethan Millar    |
| Mrs. McBride    | Taylor Hill           | Gabrielle Barbosa  | Zack Kenney     |
| Office          | Max Latham-Wood       |                    |                 |
| French          | Jessica Estey         | Brianna VanderVeen | Peyton Elliott  |
|                 | Jacqueline Westover   | Gabrielle Barbosa  |                 |