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Dewitt Carter Public School

# Dragon's Digest

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## February 2012 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.



### From the Desk of Mr. Mac

As we move into the dog days of winter, I would like to take some time to thank the community and staff for a great first half of the year. We all know that a school year can be busy and that we need all people working together to be as successful as can be. Adding the changes to staff ( me included), our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming up on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and new students arriving, our DeWitt Carter community is truly working hard at not letting this affect the main reason we all work together: to educate our children and make them solid citizens for the future. I am proud of our "team" and this is shown prevalently with our community nights, our breakfast program, and play performances.

Thank you to the staff for all the extra time they put into planning, volunteering, and/or caring for the students at DeWitt Carter.

In closing, we are asking for some support in planning for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration that will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a big event that will involve the mayor's office, school dignitaries, a live band, and our annual fun fair! We need help! Please come to our meeting this Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to get involved. Have a great month!

Happy Valentine's Day!





## 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, February 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Kindergarten Open House

*Do you know a child who is turning 4 or 5 in 2012? Help them get ready for their big first day of school with the DSBN's Kindergarten Countdown.*

Parents and children are invited to a **KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE** at our school on **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Attending an open house is a great way for children and their families to see the school, meet teachers and staff, and register for the coming school year.

To find out all of the information you need to prepare your child for kindergarten, go to: [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org) and click on "Kindergarten Countdown".



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### HOLIDAYS

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

May 18  
June 8

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday, June 28, 2011



## **CLUBS AND TEAMS**

### *Basketball*

Congratulations to the following students who successfully made the intermediate basketball teams. The season is well underway and the teams have shown signs of improvement!

Girls	Boys
Mae L.	Dezmin S.
Maddy M.	Davis D.
Meghan K.	Connor M.
Elissa D.	Kyle R.
Brooklyn P.	Dane S.
Moriah R.	Wil F.
Ashley F.	Tye M.
Emily G.	Jarod T.
Kendra P.	Nick E.
Corajeanne S.	
Kaitlyn B.	

## **MATH PROBLEM FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY**

To help support our numeracy goal, all students who answer the attached Math Problem for February will be given a free item from the canteen in March. 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

January. The answer was 513315. The following students will receive a free canteen item on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>!

Mara A.            Saffire S.  
 Khendra A.        Vanilla M.

## **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

## **Grad Committee Meeting**

All parents involved in the Grade 8 Graduation, please remember that there will be a meeting on **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**, at



**7:30 p.m.**

## Facebook of Dewitt Carter - 100years

If you are interested in keeping up with the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 !



## Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**! Please come and get involved. We need help!

## Dragon Lair Days



This month's Dragon Lair Days will take place on

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** - Wear your Lair Colour!

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** - Twin Day - Inside Out day.....wear all of your clothes inside out!!

## Office Stuff

**Lates** - Parents, please have your child ready and at school for 9:00 am. Simply getting up 5 minutes earlier might be the trick. It makes for a busy office when we have almost 30 lates a day! Also, it disrupts the classes as they are well into instruction when your child arrives! Thanks for your attention to this matter!



## **Bus Loading Zone -**

When picking up your child at the end of the day, please stay away from the bus loading zone. This is located immediately in front of the school and extends to the Fire Station. This is all about child safety. We are trying hard to make our routines structured. Thanks in advance for your patience as we do this!



## **Students of the Month**

The following students were celebrated at our end of the month recognition assembly. They were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or following our monthly character trait!



**Mrs. Keus:** Hunter M., Tyrin A., Connor K.

**Mrs. Laur:** Julia L., Tyler F., Sophia P.

**Mrs. Winn / Longval:** Rheyenne R., Maddison H., Ethan S.

**Mrs. Brennan:** Jaqueline W., Gracie W., Emma L.

**Mrs. Froude:** Taylor H., Jade A., Hannah L.

**Mrs. Meinzinger :** Emma D., Amelia O., Payton D.

**Mrs. Forand:** Vanilla M., Audrey B., Alex L.

**Mrs. Churchill:** Jasmine H., Joe Joe B., Taryn S.

**Mr. De Waard:** Mila V., Jen K., Mychal L.

**Mrs. Garner:** Victoria H., Gary B., Rebekah R.

**Mr. Turonski:** Amber B., Mara A., Megan K.

**Mr. Curran:** Paisley B., Bobby K., Moriah R.

## Recognition Assembly

Parents, our monthly Recognition Assembly will be held on **Tuesday,**

**February 28<sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m..** Don't forget to come!



## Early Release Day

Parents, please remember that Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> is an Early Release Day. The students will be dismissed at 12:10 pm and if, by chance, your student is not attending that day, please call the school to report the absence. Thank you in advance.

## Family Day

Don't forget that Family Day will be held on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. As a result, there will be no school that day!

## **Selecting Books for Your Child: Finding 'Just Right' Books**

By: Kathleen Rogers

How can parents help their children find books that are not "too hard" and not "too easy" but instead are "just right"? Here's some advice.

### **Five finger rule**

1. Choose a book that you think you will enjoy.
2. Read the second page.
3. Hold up a finger for each word you are not sure of, or do not know.
4. If there are five or more words you did not know, you should choose an easier book.

Still think it may not be too difficult? Use the five finger rule on two more pages.

### **Choose a book that is a good fit for you!**

Read two or three pages and ask yourself these questions:

#### **Will it be an easy, fun book to read?**

Do I understand what I am reading?

Do I know almost every word?

When I read it aloud, can I read it smoothly?

Do I think the topic will interest me?

If most of your answers were "yes", this will be an easy book to read independently by yourself.

#### **Will this book be too hard for me?**

Are there five or more words on a page that I don't know, or am unsure of?

Is this book confusing and hard to understand by myself?

When I read it aloud, does it sound choppy and slow?

If most of your answers were "yes," this book is too hard. You should wait awhile before you read this book. Give the book another try later, or ask an adult to read the book to you.

### **DSBN ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT**

Please join us for the DSBN Academy Information Session. The information session is being held at DeWitt Carter on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:00pm for families of grade 5, 6 and 7 students interested in learning more about the DSBN Academy program.

The DSBN Academy is a school that focuses on supporting and empowering student to be the first in their families to graduate from a post secondary institution. Students and Faculty will be here with a small presentation and to answer any questions you may have See you there!

### **WELCOME MR. HAHN!**

As of Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, DeWitt Carter and the Area 2 schools of The District School Board of Niagara will have a new Superintendent. Mr. Wes Hahn will be joining our family and team. Welcome, Mr. Hahn!

**PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER  
THOROUGHLY - A GREAT DEAL OF  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS  
CONTAINED WITHIN!**





