



DeWitt Carter Public School

Dragon's Digest

January 2018 "Caring"



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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

Have a Fantastic Holiday

In a few short days, 2018 will be here. I love the New Year and all the promise of new resolutions. I am also looking forward to the slowly increasing length of daylight with each passing week. Looking back, we certainly enjoyed one of the best autumns that I can recall, for weather. Along the way, each of you have all been working very hard at meeting the goals that you had set in September. Our Term 1 will soon be at an end and that means it is a great time to review how far you have come with your goals and to celebrate your successes.

As always, December is a wonderful time to be a part of a school community. The buzz is contagious and the smiles on the children just melt away any stress or sad feelings we might be carrying. The month went past us in a blink, like Santa's sleigh. No doubt, this was a result of all the excitement that surrounded the extra-curricular distractions we held for our students, parents and staff members. I just received an article that discussed why some children are stressed around the holidays. One of the suggestions it gave was to be of a service in some way, to your community. Looking back at the past couple of weeks, it is evident that this spirit is plentiful at DeWitt Carter.

On behalf of our staff, we would like to tell everyone how good we feel to be part of your lives, especially at this time of the year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.

French Immersion

The French Immersion program is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten going into Grade 1. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages then French Immersion has a great deal to offer. French Immersion information night will be held on **Wednesday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. at McKay Public School.**

Registration will be available online at www.dsbn.org/fi on January 8, 2018.



DSBN Academy Open House

The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6-12 public school that focuses on supporting and empowering students to attend and graduate not just from high school, but from college or university as well.

An information session will be held for parents on Tuesday, January 23rd starting at 6:30 p.m. at DeWitt Carter Public School.

You can learn more about the DSBN Academy and what it has to offer. academy.dsbn.org



P.D. Day January 19th

Reminder that on Friday, January 19th there is a Professional Development Day for teachers. There is no school for students on this day.

Attendance

Reminder: With winter and flu season upon us, please remember to call the school office to report any student absences at (905) 834-7440.



Health Update

We are asking all parents for their help in keeping DeWitt Carter Public School a healthy place to be. If you suspect that your child is not feeling well (sore tummy, sore head, coughing or sneezing), please consider keeping them at home so they can rest and get better. If we all work together we can minimize the number of bad germs that are shared at our school which will also decrease our absenteeism rate.

A reminder to keep long hair tied back to help minimize the potential spread of head lice in our school.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Dressing for the Cold Weather

Winter is here and with it brings cold weather! It is important that you make sure your child dresses



appropriately. Students will be going outside twice a day for the fitness breaks unless it is wet or extremely cold. Hats, mittens, proper footwear and a warm coat are essential in the cold weather.

Canteen

The Canteen is open every day at second nutrition break. All items are \$1 each. The Canteen offers white milk, chocolate milk, ice cream snacks, popcorn and baked chips.

Hot Lunch Dates

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Pizza
 Wednesday, Jan. 17 - Archie's
 Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Pizza
 Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Pizza

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. This includes suspension for repeat offenders who endanger the safety of others.



Please remind your children of these rules!

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 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
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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.

