



DeWitt Carter Public School Dragon's Digest

June 2017



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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."

Nine Months Down - One to Go!

As we get this newsletter ready, it honestly feels like it was just a short time ago that we were greeting smiling faces as they entered the school, fresh from last summer's end. Here we are with only a few busy weeks left in the school year before we let out to another fine Summer Holiday. Let's just hope that June holds a lot more sunshine than April or May had for us.

As our year winds to a close, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and accomplishments of our school community. I am always so happy to tell people about the great things that happen at DeWitt Carter throughout the school year. It seems like everyone here does so many things to help each other - it would be hard not to be proud of that! On top of that, the effort I see people put into things makes me admire the dedication.

First, we greatly appreciate all the time and energy that Ms. Sager put into organizing the Wednesday hot lunches. We thank her for getting the forms out, counting the money and getting the food to the rooms every week. We all enjoy the tasty lunches (especially Archie's!!).

Our School Council Fun Fair Parents once again have done a fantastic job organizing and running our annual Fun Fair. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes to make the evening a success. We know that this is a greatly anticipated event every year. Our School Council works hard all year long to plan things that help enhance the school experience for our students. We cannot thank each of you enough for this. We simply couldn't do it without you.

I would lastly like to thank each of our staff members who have worked so hard this year with our students. I know that this is a very busy job yet each of you put your heart and soul into it. You are open, flexible and altruistic - the efforts you put into improving our student experiences is admirable.

Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Friday, June 2nd. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - Co-operation.

	Character Trait Co-operation	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Leo Dosa	Makenna Rogers	Mila Nimmo
Mrs. Piazza	Avery Erdei	Isaiah Parker	Aubree Queffelec
Mrs. Gabel	Hunter Smith	Channing Haywood	Sabian Bloomfield-Kuck
Mrs. Meinzinger	Jillian Prowse	Everleigh Gregotski	Skylar Lilley
Mr. Fraipont	Cylus Eaton Turner	Matthew Peets	Carson Frommelt
Ms. Forand	Jacob Nie	Lilly Comeau	Dreadin Haywood
Mrs. Froude	Desiree Young	Kamron Moss	Zachary Brown Brianna VanderVeen
Mrs. McBride	Eve Fyfe	Brior Viozzi	Logan Dickie
Mrs. Garcia	Megan Murray	Jacqueline Woehl	Jacob Shave
Mr. Curran	Ethan Moss	Logan Ollikainen	Zack Kenney
Office Award	Payton Dickie, Emily Klonowski, Maxinia Poulsen and Emma Dunlop		
French Award	Abbie Kish, Ethan Millar, Jacob Shave, Rosemary Morin, and Angelina Channon-Fougere.		

Reminder

Friday, June 9th - Professional Development Day
 No School

Monday, June 26th - Grade 8 Graduation

Thursday, June 29th - Last Day of School

Tuesday, September 5th - First Day of School
 2017-2018

Library Inventory

We will be taking inventory of our library/resource materials in June. All materials on loan to students are due back to the library no later than June 2nd.

Hot Lunch Orders

Since June is such a busy month there will be no Hot Lunches.

Canteen

The Canteen will remain open during the second nutrition until it runs out of merchandise. All items sold at the Canteen are \$1 each.

Report Cards

DeWitt Carter's Term Two report cards will be going home on Wednesday, June 28th.

These reports, outlining your child's progress, also contain a page 3, which is to be signed and returned to the school. We encourage all parents and guardians to discuss their report with your son/daughter. Praise them for their great efforts and help them to improve in the necessary areas over the summer.

Summer HEAT 2017

We are pleased to offer SUMMER HEAT, a primary Summer Learning Program, again this year. The program will run from Monday, July 10th to Friday, July 28th for students entering JK to grade 4 in the fall of 2017. Kindergarten Kick Start is for students entering junior and senior Kindergarten in the fall, while Funshine Kids is for students entering grades 1, 2, 3 and 4. This three week program is entirely FREE, but space is limited so please be sure to register early. Registration can be done online and will open shortly. The program will begin at 8:15 a.m. with breakfast provided, and it will end at 12:15 p.m. Students will be involved in a variety of learning opportunities throughout the morning, with a focus on literacy, numeracy and active living. We are excited about being able to offer this amazing program to our families. Check it out on the DSBN website at www.dsbn.org/summerheat

Summer HEAT will be offered at the following sites:

- St. Catharines - Edith Cavell, Connaught, Lincoln Centennial, Harriet Tubman
- Thorold - Prince of Wales
- Welland - Diamond Trial, Princess Elizabeth
- Niagara Falls - Simcoe Street, Valley Way
- Port Colborne - De Witt Carter
- Fort Erie - Peace Bridge
- Ridgeway - John Brant
- Beamsville - Senator Gibson

Track and Field

On Tuesday, May 16th, approximately 40 students from grades 3 to 8 participated in the Regional Track and Field Meet at Niagara Olympic Club in St. Catharines. We had many students win ribbons in their events. Additionally, four of our students will be moving on to the DSBN Track and Field Meet at NOC on June 7th. Congratulations to all students who participated and a special thank you to all the coaches and Mrs. Garcia for convening this sport.



Primary Trip

The Primary Division will be heading to Safari Niagara on **Thursday, June 29th** for their year-end trip. The students will be heading on their trip rain or shine, so please dress your child appropriately for the weather and make sure they have comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, a sun hat and a plastic bag in their backpack. Students are required to bring a packed lunch with drinks and snacks. We are looking forward to a fun last day as a culmination for a year of great effort and hard work!



Junior Trip



On Thursday, June 22nd our Grade 5's and 6's will be heading to Old Fort George in Niagara-On-The-Lake. This is an overnight trip. The students will enjoy historical re-enactments and spend the night in the soldiers' barracks. Our grade 4 students will be joining this group on Friday as a day trip.

Students attending this trip must be at school before 9:00 a.m. as the bus will be leaving right after morning announcements, in the morning. They will be departing from Fort George the following day at approximately 1:00 p.m. and should be back at DeWitt Carter by 2:00 p.m. A packing list and medical forms will be coming home soon.

Intermediate Trip

Our grade 7/8 class has two special trips planned in June. Both are full day events. The class is going to Niagara-on-the-Lake on June 1st to watch a play in the Shaw Festival. They will see the play and get behind the scenes glimpses into what it is like to put on a production. On June 14th the class is going to Niagara Falls to take in the IMAX Theatre, Journey behind the Falls and the Spanish Aero Car. Because they will be walking, students should bring proper footwear and dress for the weather of the day.

