



DeWitt Carter Public School

Dragon's Digest

March 2017 "Perseverance"



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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

"Spring is Here!"

The time between Winter Break and March Break is a long stretch. A lot of hard work by staff and students has been undertaken during this time. We have all been extremely engaged in improving our reading comprehension and deeper understanding of mathematics. I love going into the classes when the students are working on mathematics. I enjoy listening to them explain to their classmates how they are using tools to help them figure out the problem. The discussions are amazing and the content understanding is so much more permanent.

We will continue to work hard in these areas for the rest of the year. There is still so much to learn - it is very exciting. Please help us with this by following up at home. Talk about the math that your child learned that day and have them explain it to you. A good discussion about one or two problems is far better than speeding through several questions. There is a lot of math in the world around us. Use it as a vehicle to start a math discussion. When you read with your child, ask them questions about what they think will happen and why they think that... or ask them what they think about a character in a story. Questions that make them think about the text allow the reader to engage in that text more deeply and then pull away a better understanding. As always, we encourage every child to be working on Dreambox at home a couple times a week for 20 to 30 minutes. In two weeks we will be on our March Break. If the last couple of days are any indication, we should have some nice weather to enjoy time with our family and friends outside. The lengthening days are also making it more accessible to spend time outdoors. We are off starting on March 11th and return on the 20th. Take advantage of the time. Be safe and have fun. Time spent laughing together is the best thing for families and friends!! Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Reminders:

Friday, March 3rd is the last day to get your free entry on School Cash Online for the draw for a Lenovo tablet.
 (one entry per student)

March Break is Monday, March 13th to Friday, March 17th.
 Students return to school on Monday, March 20th.

On Friday, March 24th the Chocolate Fundraiser ends. All leftover chocolate bars and money is due back to the school. Please take advantage of paying for full cases of chocolate bars (\$90) on DSBN School Cash Online.

Kindergarten Registration

It isn't too late to register for 2017-2018 Kindergarten. If you have a child or you know of a child who turns 4 or 5 before December 31st, 2017 (who has not yet registered for Kindergarten) it's not too late! Please come in or contact the school at 905-834-7440.



Hot Lunch Dates

Wednesday, March 1st Pizza
 Wednesday, March 8th Pizza
 Wednesday, March 22nd Pizza
 Wednesday, March 29th Archie's

Hot Lunch order forms are no longer being sent home. We encourage all parents to order Hot Lunches on DSBN School Cash Online. If you have still not registered to use School Cash Online and need help getting set up, please contact Ms. Sager. If you require an order form, they are available in the office.



The next DeWitt Carter School Advisory Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28th at 6 p.m.

Chocolate Bar Sales

DeWitt Carter is presently holding our Chocolate Bar Fundraiser. This fundraiser started on Monday, February 27th and will end on Friday, March 24th. Students must have a permission form signed by a parent for permission to participate in this fundraiser. Students will only be allowed to sign out one case of chocolate bars at a time and will not be given another case until the payment for the first case is received.

Payment for full cases of chocolate bars (\$90) sold can be made on School Cash Online.

Each complete box sold will earn the seller a 10" chocolate bunny.

Each complete box sold will also qualify the seller for a chance to win some great prizes!!



Keep Bringing in your batteries!

Keep up the great work everyone! As you know our school is competing with other schools in the province to see who can collect the most batteries. Ask your family and friends if they have batteries you can recycle for them and bring them into the school! Remember only single use batteries will count towards the school's point score! In April, the top 3 schools in the province will be awarded CASH prizes!!



Students can also register online to complete Battery Recycling Missions! By completing the missions, students will help the school collect even more batteries and have a chance to win \$50 Visa Gift Cards


Help preserve our natural resources and help our school win! RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES!

Please remember it is the top 3 schools that will receive a cash prize.

GO DRAGONS GO!!!!

Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Friday, March 3rd. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - Optimism.

	Character Trait "Optimism"	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Austin Shiver	Elliza Duquette-Hartsell	Willow Young
Mrs. Piazza	Austin Moore	Aiden Lee	Ethan Hartsell
Mrs. Nicholls	Jayde Audit	Zoe Reber	Payton Sherk
Mrs. Meinzinger	Anabelle Bunz-Paxton	Ethan Fleming	T J Jacques
Mr. Fraipont	Joshua Lowry	MacKenzie Stewart	Madison Lawrence
Ms. Forand	Jessie Kish	Zachary Robichaud	Blake McIver-Rodgers
Mrs. Froude	Sophia Pirson	Briar Tilman	William Murray
Mr. Deiter	Anestin Yim	Olivia Smith	Kolby Kulak
Mrs. Garcia	Jocelyn Prowse	Rosemary Morin	Ethen Molnar
Mr. Curran	Myli McCulligh	Payton Dickie	Avi Sider
Office Award	Gabrielle Barbosa		
French Award	Jesse Miniou, Rheyane Ryerse, Bailey Hill, Gabrielle Barbosa, Emily Klonowski		

Attendance

Reminder: Please remember to call the school office to report any student absences at (905)834-7440. We have an answering machine that is available 24 hours a day. Feel free to leave a message.

Student's attendance and arriving to school on time is important for a student to be successful. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Grad Photos

If a picture is worth a thousand words, can you just imagine what our graduation pictures could say! It is time for our Grade Eight students to begin rehearsing those million dollar smiles! The Grade 8 graduation photos will be taken on Thursday, April 6th in the morning. There will be a short information notice sent home closer to this date as a reminder.



Fun Fair

The process of planning our annual Fun Fair has begun! This year the Fun Fair will be held on **Thursday, May 25th**.

A form will be sent home at the end of April asking for volunteers to help work a shift during this busy day. We will also be looking for donations towards our Cake Walk and Bake Sale (all items must be nut free).

We greatly appreciate our parent involvement!

The first Fun Fair meeting will be held on Monday, March 6th at 6 p.m.



EQAO Testing

The Grade 3 and 6 classes will be participating in the Ministry EQAO testing from May 23rd to June 5th.

Please try not to book any appointments, trips, etc. during this block of time if your child is writing the EQAO test.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

INFO FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

Immunizations

Immunization begins in early infancy and continues throughout life. Your child will receive the majority of his or her immunizations between the ages of two months and six years of age.

Please take a moment to check your child's Immunization Record (yellow card) to be sure his or her immunizations are up-to-date.

Immunizations work best when given on time.

For more information on childhood immunization, including the immunization schedule, speak with your doctor or visit www.health.gov.on.ca.

If you have further questions, please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 extn#7425 to speak to a public health nurse.



Make Change for Children 2017

You are invited to join the Make Change for Children Campaign!

Do a collection and encourage your community to donate to the Education Foundation of Niagara's Student Financial Need Fund!

All funds raised stay in Niagara and go directly to help our DSBN students in need.

Our Week of Change kicks off February 2017 but schools are encouraged to run a campaign anytime until the end of June 2017!

Get involved by contacting: efn@dsbn.org
efnniagara.ca
905-641-2929 x 37712



Reach out and help DSBN students!

All funds stay in Niagara and directly help our DSBN students in need with shoes, warm winter clothes, food, field trip support & basic necessities!

Prom Project Niagara 2017 – Free Formal Wear Opportunity

Prom Project Niagara is a one-day fun free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys!

Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or graduation for FREE!

This year, we are offering Prom Project Niagara at:

- St. Catharines Collegiate ***NEW MAIN LOCATION***
- Beamsville Secondary School
- Fort Erie Secondary School

If you know of a student who could use this program, please join us on Saturday, April 8th, from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at one of our locations.

Inviting all students who are in need of formal wear for their special day!

For more information on Prom Project Niagara please call 905-641-2929 ext. 37712, email efn@dsbn.org or visit www.efnniagara.ca

*Note: for Welland and Niagara Falls schools: bus transportation is available to the St. Catharines site! Contact the Foundation to book your spot on the bus!

March is Nutrition Month

Fruits and veggies are not only absolutely delicious but they are nature's fast food! Ready to eat and most come in their own "to-go" packages, produce makes the perfect snack for kids to grab and go. They need minimal to no preparation and buying ones in season means you can save some money and shop smarter.

Think you can't get much produce on a tight budget? Here are some tips to make shopping for produce more easy and affordable:

- Don't shop when you're hungry and carry a list. You'll be more likely to stick to your budget and nutritious food choices.
- Look for washed and bagged salads, baby carrots, celery hearts, broccoli and cauliflower crowns, cherry tomatoes, and shredded cabbage in your grocery store
- Buy fresh produce, like peaches or bananas, in varying degrees of ripeness to allow for some ripening towards the end of the week
- Canned and frozen vegetables can be convenient choices
- Spend most of your time in the produce, bread, meat and dairy sections
- Use store flyers to help you find specials
- See more at: <http://www.halfyourplate.ca/produce-is-affordable>



Get inspired with recipe ideas from **Cookspiration** and serve up a nutrition tip a day with **eaTipster!**

