



DeWitt Carter Public School



Dragon's Digest

May 2017 "Cooperation"

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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

I am so happy with these longer, warmer days that we are experiencing. I do think that we have had enough rain for the time being though. I suppose our lawns will be begging for a little bit of rain in July but this is more than enough for April (unless you are a duck, I guess). I am sure that within the next couple of weeks, we will be having much warmer and dryer weather and be looking towards the beach!

Because our outside temperatures are cooler in the morning and much warmer in the evening, we have a large number of clothing items left behind. Our Lost and Found box is overflowing. Please remind your child to check out our lost and found regularly.

Remember that Fun Fair is at the end of the month. All of the profits we earn go right back to the students to enhance their experience here at school. Please mark it on your calendar. A huge thank you to the Fun Fair committee, School Council and Mrs. Sager for all of the behind the scenes work that is involved in this.

Can you believe that we only have 9 weeks of school before the summer holidays commence? Yikes! This is the time of the school year that flies right by so quickly - and there is still so much to do. It is important for the students to be involved and do their best with schoolwork and extra-curriculars. We want our students to know that we believe in them. We want them to know that there is almost nothing that they cannot do if they put their minds into it and believe in themselves like we do. We will keep working on Growth Mindset with them here and we hope that you do the same at home (effort and commitment are worth more than talent in the long run). As I visit classrooms I am so proud of the hard work I see - everyone is working so diligently. Nine weeks but we still have a way to go. Keep up the great work, dragons!

Reminder:

Friday, May 19th is a PD Day and there is no school on this day for students.

Monday, May 22nd is Victoria Day and there is no school.

Please have a safe and happy weekend.



Hot Lunch Dates

Wednesday, May 3rd - Pizza

(Order Due: Monday, May 1st)

Wednesday, May 10th - Pizza

(Orders Due: Monday, May 8th)

Wednesday, May 17th - Archie's

(Orders Due: Friday, May 12th)

Wednesday, May 24th - NO LUNCH

Wednesday, May 31st - Pizza

(Order Due: Monday, May 29th)

Code of Conduct/Dress Code

With the warmer weather on the way, it may be tempting for students to wear clothes that are not suitable for the school environment. Please review the Code of Conduct in your child's organizer. Some clothes that we wear after school, on the weekend and during the summer may not be appropriate at school.

Of particular note:

- "Tops which have 'spaghetti straps' or expose undergarments or midriff sections and/or 'low cut' necklines are not to be worn."
- "Shorts and skirts should be of respectable length (at least mid-thigh)."

It is also important for our older students to be sure they have a change of clothes for Physical Education.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Track and Field Day

On Monday, May 8th students in grades 3 to 8 will be participating in our school Track and Field Day. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and for the events. This means proper shoes and gym attire, hats, sunscreen and water bottles. The rain date is on Tuesday, May 9th.

Hot dogs will be available for \$1.50 each.

Order forms are being sent home to pre-order.

A Message From Public Health

Sun Safety

The Canadian Dermatology Association's National Sun Awareness Week happens on the second week of June. Spring is when the outdoor baseball and soccer leagues often begin. It is also a great time to remind your budding Olympians to play sun safe. Teach your athletes to be sun safe by:

Dressing for the Sun

Wear a hat with a wide brim or a flap that covers the back of the neck. Wear loose clothing to protect as much of your skin as



possible. Do not forget your UVA and UVB sunglasses!

Using sunscreen

Use a broad-spectrum (UVA and UVB) sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or higher.

Shade

Look for shade or create shade and limit the time spent in the sun.

If possible, try to schedule activities when the sun is not at its strongest (i.e. arrange your practices in the early morning or late afternoon).



Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Friday, April 28th. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - *Courage*.

	Character Trait "Courage"	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Darren Clark-Dolle	Bryson Bowx	Sage Zarb
Mrs. Piazza	Kylee Simpson	Krista Nuxoll	Evie Fry
Mrs. Gabel	Laura-Maria Buzila	Hunter Smith	Liam McQuiggan
Mrs. Meinzinger	Liam Neveau	Chloe Bankert	Phoenix Snook
Mr. Fraipont	Tyler Gretzinger	Madison Lee	Anna Nuxoll
Ms. Forand	Cora Duncan	Soren Erdei	Katelyn Bogar
Mrs. Froude	C. J. Fleming	Julia Lacharity	Zander Haywood
Mrs. McBride	Landon Clattenburg	Aiden Rogers	Matthew Lee
Mrs. Garcia	Bianca Buzila	Bailey Hill	Adam Channon-Fougere
Mr. Curran	Avi Sider	Shiloh Slater	Ethan Moss
Office Award	Olivia Smith		
French Award	Logan Arsenault, Maya Fernandez, Gracie Winger, Myli McCulligh, Michael Myke		

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 the second week of June. Late notices and fines will sent home.



Jump Rope

Each year, we try to do our part and raise money on the behalf of different organizations. Our hope is that we make a difference to someone and that we instill the importance of community spirit by helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Our student Jump Rope day will happen on May 18th at 2:00 pm. We would encourage all of our students to participate this year. Our goal is to surpass \$2,000 in pledges. Let's give it a whirl, Dragons!

Fun Fair

Our School Council is working hard planning and organizing the annual Fun Fair. This year the Fun Fair will be held on Thursday, May 25th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There is going to be something for everyone at this year's Fun Fair.

- Bouncy House
- Penny Raffle
- Games
 - o Plinko
 - o Mini Putt
 - o Fishing
 - o Ring Toss
 - o Bean Bag Toss
 - o Pick a Duck
 - o Sucker Tree
- Raffles \$2 each or 3 for \$5
 - o Bike
 - o Niagara Parks Passes
 - o Ice Dogs Signed Hockey Stick
 - o Greg Frewin Tickets
 - o Safari Niagara Season Passes
- Food
 - o Sausage
 - o Hot Dogs
 - o Pizza
 - o Water
- 50/50
- Cakewalk
- Bake Sale
- Train Ride
- Fire Truck Visit
- Face Painting

Please mark **Thursday, May 25th** on your calendar. We hope to see you there!
(rain or shine)



A Message From Public Health

Fight the bite!

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals have no boundaries and can be a risk to you and your family when walking to and from school or work, waiting at the bus stop, family trips, and while playing in the yard at home or at the park.

Protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus:

- Reduce standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Cover up, wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, hats socks and shoes
- Repair any damaged window screens
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)

Reduce the risk of Lyme disease:

- Wear light coloured clothing to help spot ticks
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)
- Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being outdoors
- Cut your grass and dispose of leaf litter where ticks can live

Prevent rabies:

- Vaccinate your pets
- Do not feed or approach any wild, stray or strange animals
- Do not trap, transport, keep or pet any wild animals
- Do not try and nurse sick animals back to health

Presently, all of these diseases exist in Niagara. For more information, contact Niagara Region Public Health. 905-688-8248 ext. 7767 or 1-888-505-6074

