



DeWitt Carter Public School

Dragon's Digest

November 2017 "Integrity"



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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

If you can remember a September and October that had such splendid weather, you go back farther than I do. It was simply a fantastic autumn. November is upon us and that means that the weather will certainly change. Please remember to have coats, mitts and hats ready to go. One day may be nice but we will certainly have chilly and windy days in our near future. We are already 1/5th of the way through yet another school year and our Progress Report Cards will be coming home next week. Yes, it has gone by that quickly! Look for the report cards to come home on November 9th. Please take the time to look through them with your child and return the last page. Our interview night will be on November 16th – the same night as School Council's Pasta take out! Remember to sign up for the interviews. A note will be coming soon to explain this. Interview night is an important opportunity to meet with teachers, with your child present, to go over areas of strength and areas to set goals. What a great time to celebrate their successes, as well.

Our first major fund-raiser is underway. Our cookie dough kick off was last week and closes on November 8th. We have others on the horizon and we want to make sure we thank everyone who participates. The money goes a long way to helping us enhance the educational experience for our children here. Funds from last year have gone to help purchase more reading materials, buy two new generation SMART boards and 15 Chromebook. As well, we have put money towards sports equipment and offsetting the costs of school trips.

As always, if you ever have a question, please let us know. Have a great November, Dragons and Happy Hallowe'en!

Reminder:

- **Nov. 7th - Picture Retakes
- **Nov. 8th - Cookie Dough Orders Due
- **Nov. 9th - Gr. 7 Vaccinations
- **Nov. 9th - Progress Reports go home
- **Nov. 10th - Remembrance Day Assembly
- **Nov. 11th - Remembrance Day
- **Nov. 16th - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Nov. 17th - PD Day (No School)
- **Nov. 27th - Port High Open House
- **Nov. 30th - Dental Screening
- **Dec. 1st - Character Assembly 2 p.m.
- **Dec. 2nd - Breakfast with Santa

Dress for the Weather as well as the Season

As much as it is wonderful to see the days go by, we have to prepare ourselves for the upcoming weather changes that we will be experiencing as winter nears. Please make sure that your child has warm clothes and outside footwear, as well as an indoor pair of shoes that can be worn each day at school. Students will be going outside at all fitness breaks unless the weather is either extremely cold or miserably wet.



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. After each meeting, the minutes are posted on our school website. The November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Friday, October 27th. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - "Responsibility".

	Character "Responsibility"	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Willow Young	Calum High	Thalia Reber
Mrs. DiCostanzo	Kyle Schoenhals	Khloe Duquette-Hartsell	Laike Holmes
Mrs. Calberry	Briar Thususka	Makenna Rogers	Blair Winger
Mrs. Meinzingar	Laura Buzila	Sabian Bloomfield-Kuck	Channing Haywood
Mrs. Forand	Chloe Bankert	T J Jacques	Daniel Allen
Mr. Fraipont	Sergio Fernandez	Jayda-Lynn Brauweiler	Anna Nuxoll
Mrs. Froude	Teagan Chambers	Sophie Held	Brianna VanderVeen
Mrs. Lafleur	Ashleigh Reczynski	Olivia Smith	Kolby Kulak
Miss Audibert	Mary-Jane Reece	Rheyanne Ryerse	Matthew Lee
Mrs. McBride	Emma Laur	Logan Ollikainen	Myli McCulligh
Office Award	Logan Biggs		
French Award	Madelyn Shannon-Blum, Ashleigh Reczynski, Matthew Lee, Alyssa Young and Logan Ollikainen		

A Notice from Public Health

Please help stop the spread of infection.

- Stay at home if you are sick and return when you are well.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or in your sleeve.
- Keep your distance.
- Get a flu shot.

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Rash
- Frequent coughing or sneezing
- Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes
- Sore throat



DeWitt Carter's Website

DeWitt Carter's web page has lots of significant material and up-to-date information. The monthly newsletter and calendar are posted on this site. Please take a minute and visit our website and feel free to contact the school with any comments.
dewittcarter.dsbns.org



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.

Port Colborne High School Grade 8 Open House



On Monday, November 27th, Port Colborne High School is hosting their Grade 8 Open House. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity to visit Port Colborne High School and meet the teachers. There will be tours available showing the many programs available.



Attendance

Flu season is here! Please remember to call the school office to report any student's absence at (905)834-7440. The school has 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, teacher and reason for the absence.

School starts at 9:00 a.m. and the lunch break is over at 1:40 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 co-operation is appreciated.

Niagara Region Public Health

Dental Screening Program

Free Dental Screening Coming to your school!

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school November 30th and December 1st to provide dental screening to students in JK, SK, grades 2, 4, 6 and 8 as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a quick visual inspection of each child's teeth to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program if:

- You wish to exclude your child from dental screening.
- Your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

In addition to dental screening, Kindergarten students have an opportunity to receive an optional free fluoride varnish application if they have returned a signed consent form.

Call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext.7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca

DeWitt Carter Parent Council



On Thursday, November 16th, the DeWitt Carter Parent Council will once again be preparing a **Pasta Dinner**. For \$10 you can purchase a pasta dinner that consists of

penne pasta with meatballs and two buns. **All orders must be pre-ordered and it is take-out only!** Order forms will go home at the end of October and ordering will be available on Schoolcash Online.

The deadline for orders are:

Schoolcash Online: Thursday, November 9th at Midnight.

Forms with cash: Friday, November 10th by 9:30 a.m.

DeWitt Carter Breakfast with Santa

On Saturday, December 2nd, Santa will be at DeWitt Carter for a pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. Santa will be reading to the children and there will be time available for parents to take photos.

A form will be going home later in November for families to complete, indicating what time preference (9 a.m. or 10 a.m.) they would prefer to come. It is important that this form is returned so that we have an idea of how many pancakes will need to be made.

