



DeWitt Carter Public School

Dragon's Digest

October 2017 "Responsibility"



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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

September Flies Past!

I know we often have good weather in September but this was simply amazing. The last days were more like July! I think there were more people at the beaches in these past weeks than in the summer months. It was very difficult to be inside and working when the temperatures were so high. It speaks volumes to the perseverance of the boys and girls that they handled it so well. It looks like the weather has changed to become more seasonable now but I hope it doesn't go too far the other way. Let's hope that we have a long, beautiful autumn before we experience frost and snow. That can hold off for December and January. With October already around the corner, I wanted to share with you how proud we are of how the students have rolled up their sleeves and dug into the work. All of the classes have been working on extending their understanding in patterning, in mathematics. I love the conversations they have as they use tiles to make different kinds of patterns. Ask them about this and have them show you what they have been doing - some of the patterns are pretty tough! We will continue to work with students on what we call Growth Mindset and perseverance. Ask your child about this at home. These are the character traits where the person believes that they will do better if they try; it is where we believe we can get better and that mistakes are a way our brain learns things. It allows us to handle defeats and recognize that they are temporary things that we will overcome. Have a chat with them about this and look it up on the WEB. There are great videos out there about this.

I would like to congratulate our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students on their hard work last May on EQAO. They really stuck with it!!! Our primary scores in order of Reading, Writing and Mathematics were 81, 85 and 65 and our corresponding junior scores were 73, 77 and 35. Way to go Dragons!!

I know I say it often, but I want to remind our boys and girls that school goes quickly and it is really important to be involved. It's the involvement that makes the impact. Get out and try something new - stretch yourself. If you ever need anything, please come talk to me at the office. The door is always open.

Reminder:

Friday, October 6th is a Professional Day and there is no school for students.

Monday, October 9th is Thanksgiving and there is no school.

Tuesday, October 17th is Picture Day.

Attendance Matters

Reminder: Please remember to call the school office to report any student absences at (905)834-7440.

The school office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and there is an answering machine available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

When leaving a message, please leave your child's name, grade, teacher and the reason for their absence.

Please note that school starts at 9:00 a.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 in this matter is appreciated.



Canteen

Our Canteen is open every day during the second nutrition break.

We sell milk, chocolate milk, ice cream, popcorn and baked chips for \$1 each.

(Canteen items are nut free)

Any profit from the Canteen is used for student activities and trips.



Breakfast Club

DeWitt Carter is very fortunate to have such an amazing Breakfast Club for our students providing them with healthy, nutritional food to start their day. It takes a lot of time and preparation to organize the daily breakfast meal plans and this requires many volunteers. If you are able to volunteer to help with the Breakfast Club, please contact the school at 905-834-7440.

We are also asking for donations of healthy cereals (Shreddies, Cheerios, Bran Flakes, Rice Krispies). Please send these items into the school and hand them in at the main office.

Grade 7 School Vaccination Clinics

In the fall, Niagara Region Public Health nurses will be providing all grade 7 students free vaccinations for hepatitis B, meningitis and human papillomavirus (HPV).

Getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect your child's health.

For more information, please refer to the Grade 7 Vaccination flyer and consent form provided by the school health nurse or visit:

www.niagararegion.ca/health

Hot Lunches for October

(these items are available on School Cash Online)

Item	Date of Lunch	Due date "online"
Pizza Lunch	October 4 th	October 2 nd
No Hot Lunch	October 11th	
Pizza Lunch	October 18 th	October 16 th
Archie's Subs	October 25 th	October 19 th
Pizza Lunch	November 1 st	October 30 th

Late orders will not be accepted.

Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Friday, September 30th. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - Respect.

	Character Trait "Respect"	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Jaymie-Lynn Reece	Dyson Haywood	Shyla Warner
Mrs. DiCostanzo	Junior Morin	Nevada Jolivet	Kyle Schoenhals
Mrs. Calberry	Chase Cavers-Nagel	Kylee Simpson	Ryan Gorrie
Mrs. Meinzinger	Drake Robilliard	Bella Gretzinger	Cooper Chambers
Ms. Forand	Lucas Reid	Madelyn Goulding	Anabelle Bunz-Paxton
Mr. Fraipont	Madison Lee	Soren Erdei	Joshua Lowry
Mrs. Froude	Chantell Kovach	Sawyer Viozzi	Drake Schoenhals
Mrs. Lafleur	Max Latham Wood	Julia Lacharity	Zach Brown
Audibert	Michael Gauthier	Makenna Marsh	Brianna Buchanan
Mrs. McBride	William Prowse	Shiloh Slater	Dylan Graham
Office Award	Brianna VanderVeen		
French Award	Sawyer Viozzi, Olivia Smith, Brianna Buchanan, Emma Laur and Shiloh Slater		

DeWitt Carter's Website

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

dewittcarter.dsbns.org



School Cash Online

While you are checking out our school website, take the time to sign up for School Cash Online. Instead of trying to find the right change to pay for Hot Lunches or a Class Trip, take advantage of paying for these things on School Cash Online. Go to: dsbn.org/schoolcash and register.

Maliya's Birthday Wish

Maliya is a kindergarten student at DeWitt Carter who is currently battling cancer. She spends a lot of her time at



the McMaster Children's Hospital. Maliya's birthday is coming up in October and she would like to give back to the hospital. Instead of gifts, Maliya is gathering small Dollarstore toys to fill a Treasure Chest to donate to the hospital for children undergoing tests and treatments. Our Student Council has taken on this special "Birthday Wish" and are asking our community to donate small items such as yoyos, play doh, silly putty, puzzles, small books, small stuffed animals, balls, or cards.

If you are able to donate to this cause, please send **new** items to the school during the week of Monday, October 2nd. All items are due in by Thursday, October 5th.

Thank you for your support in making Maliya's Birthday Wish come true.

DeWitt Carter Student Council

DeWitt Carter Parent Council

DeWitt Carter Parent Council had their first meeting on Tuesday, September 26th. The executive for our council this school year is as follows:

Cherie Buchanan - Chair
Christina Ryerse - Co-Chair
Tricia Dickie - Treasurer/Secretary

The council is busy preparing events and activities for the DeWitt Carter families as well as setting up fundraising opportunities to help offset costs for the 2017-2018 school year.

Cookie Dough will be the first fundraiser starting on October 25th and it will be due back to the school by November 8th. This is a perfect opportunity to prepare for holiday baking. The cookie dough will arrive on December 5th for pick up. More information about this fundraiser will be coming home soon.



The Parent Council will be holding a **Halloween Party** on Monday, October 30th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a dance, snacks and prizes in the DeWitt Carter Gymnasium.



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.



Other items that Parent Council are working on are: Breakfast with Santa, a float in the Port Colborne Santa Claus Parade, an Ice Dog family game in February and the annual Fun Fair.

If you are interested in being a part of the Parent Council, please come out and join us at our next meeting. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.



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