



DeWitt Carter Public School

Dragon's Digest

October 2018 "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

Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

The month of September has passed us by in the blink of an eye. If this is any indication of how quickly the year is going to fly by, June will be here in no time at all. It was a very busy month for us here at the school and I cannot over-emphasize how excited I am about this school year. Our start up was caught with a reorganization but with the gift of significantly dropping the sizes of our junior and intermediate classes. Additionally, we hired a second DECE to increase the adult to student ratio in the two Kindergarten classes. Welcome to Karim Nahli, our Grade 7 teacher and Amelia Groszeibl, our new DECE.

We have already had cross country off and running and the junior and intermediate soccer teams had their tournaments. Congratulations to our intermediate team, who won it all in their division - You can't beat a dragon!

Terry Fox donations amounted to \$1100 and we had excellent weather for the walk. Our Scholastic Book Fair just wrapped up - Thank you, Mrs. Rogers. This wouldn't happen without you.

Folks, we appreciate all that you do by volunteering and meeting with us to help our students strive to be the best they can be.

Reminder:

Friday, October 5th is a Professional Day and there is no school for students.

Monday, October 8th is Thanksgiving and there is no school.

Thursday, October 4th is Picture Day.

Keeping our School Safe and Healthy

If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

The Plan of Care form is a new document that replaces the Emergency Action Plan. All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school.

You can download the forms here dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions.

For more information, please contact the school.



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.

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

Free Dental Screening Coming to Our School

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit your school Mon. & Tues., Nov. 19 & 20, 2018 to provide dental screening to all students 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

In addition to dental screening, ELKP 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

Hot Lunches for October

(these items are available on School Cash Online)

Item	Date of Lunch	Due date "online"
Pizza Lunch	October 3 rd	October 1 st
No Hot Lunch	October 10th	
Pizza Lunch	October 17 th	October 15 th
Archie's Subs	October 24 th	October 18 th
Pizza Lunch	October 31 st	October 29 th


Late orders will not be accepted.



**I Matter
At DSBN**

Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Monday, October 1st. 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	Savannah Day	James Rutter	Owen Newton
Mrs. Churchill	Khloe Ozog	Raeya Beauchamp	Zoe Ozog
Mrs. Feduck	Eddie Bankert	Peyton Thususka	Preston Hitchcock
Mrs. Meinzinger	Jaymie-Lynn Reece	Kylee Simpson	Blair Winger
Mrs. Boyer	Briar Thususka	Lolla Holmes	Blake Tilman
Mr. Fraipont	Dylan Haywood	Abigail Lumbers	Malcolm Rottier
Mrs. Froude	Mackenzie Stewart	Madelyn Goulding	Colin Rogers
Mrs. Dixon	Eve Fyfe	Blake McIver-Rodgers	Katelyn Bogar
Mr. de Waard	Julia Lacharity	Olivia Smith	William Murray
Mr. Nehlin	Maya Fernandez	Brandon Donnelly	Brianna Buchanan
Mrs. Slat	Chelsey Eaton-Turner	Gracie Winger	Jocelyn Prowse
Office Award	Lincoln Walker		
French Award	Logan Marges, Sergio Fernandez, Jade Laybolt, Olivia Smith, Alyssa Young		

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.dsbm.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.

DeWitt Carter Parent Council

DeWitt Carter Parent Council had their first meeting on Tuesday, September 25th. The executive for our council this school year is as follows:

Christina Ryerse - Chair
 Leigh Chambers - Co-Chair
 Jennie Eden - Secretary
 Jennifer Moore - Treasurer

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 2018-2019 school year.

Paddle Auction and Vendor Fair

On Saturday, October 13th there will be a Paddle Auction held at DeWitt Carter School.

First auction starts at 10 a.m.

Paddles are \$2 each.

Bring your quarters, loonies and toonies for the auction.

Vendors will be set up in the gym for your shopping pleasure.

Pizza, snacks and beverages will be for sale.

Bring your friends and get started on your Holiday shopping.

All proceeds from this event will help offset the cost of the Grade 7/8 trip to Montreal, Quebec.

If you are interested in being a vendor and would like to see if there are any spots still available, please contact Tricia Dickie at tdickie1972@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The students of DWC school are going to be running a food drive for Thanksgiving. All food will be going to Port Cares to help families at a very busy time of the year.



We will start the food drive on Wednesday, Sept. 26 and end on Thursday, Oct 4. We are asking students to donate non-perishable food items and bring them to school starting September 26th. Examples of food to bring includes canned soup, canned veggies/fruits, rice, etc.

Thank you for your consideration,
 The students of DWC.