

## **Dear DeWitt Carter Families,**

*On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our students and families for working together over the past 3 months to make learning from home successful. We are so grateful for your support as we moved into the online learning format. The events of this Spring provided us a period of tests and obstacles like we have never seen before. I am so proud of the learning that took place in spite of these challenges.*

*I know that you have many questions about school and September. I have attached a DSBN communication that has some important year-end updates and communication. Please be assured that we will continue to update you through the summer via a link on our school website. The evolution of the plan to return to school is fluid, based on the information available, and with everyone's health and safety at the forefront of the considerations. Much of the information we are accustomed to sharing with you at this time, we have to hold, until we know more about what September can look like. Stay tuned and Stay positive!*

## **Parent Survey**

*We want to hear your thoughts and opinions to support our planning for the opening of schools in September 2020. We invite you to take our 'Opening of Schools- Parent/Guardian Survey' by clicking on <https://forms.gle/EXCLrBuFJorUfa17>*

*We value your input. We are committed to working with you to ensure that the transition back to school in September is successful. Thank you for sharing your ideas.*

## **From Mr. A.**

*After this long spring, and despite the continued Public Health Guidelines, I know that we all are very excited about the approaching summer holidays. In some way, we will all be enjoying sun-filled days where we can sleep in a little and enjoy the hopes of getting life back to normal. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. I hope you stay safe and still get to enjoy as many moments of laughter as you can cram into your holidays. I hope that you get to run and play. Thank you to all our wonderful families for your support and understanding in this unique school year. Have a long, relaxing summer. Whatever you do, make sure you stay safe and have fun.*

*Staff, you cannot know how much I was in awe of your professional and dedicated efforts through this year. There will never be another year like this, we can be sure. When I think back to all that you have been through and held your head up and smiled. No matter the task, you handled it with grace and dignity and a love for teaching children. Your attitude and perseverance are a model for others to follow. The effort to switch to on-line learning in less than a week was amazing. I will continue to boast about how wonderful this team is. I hope you know what a great difference you make in the lives of our students and families.*

## **Welcome to our New Dragons**

*I would like to welcome new staff members to our Dragon's Den and wish our departing Dragons a fond farewell. First, we would like to welcome Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Minor to our teaching team. We cannot wait to get to work with them! Sadly, we have to bid farewell to a few members of our staff. Mrs. Climenhage will be headed off to Gordon School in Welland. Mrs. Grano will be joining the E.A. team at Steele Street and McKay schools. Miss Audibert, we have lost again... I know her heart is sad to leave us and we will miss her here at DeWitt Carter. She will be heading to Cherrywood Acres in Niagara Falls. Finally, Mrs. Meinzinger has decided to enter the next chapter of her learning adventure. She will be retiring at the end of this school year.*

*I know we will all miss her greatly. She has been a member of this teaching team for many years and, in that time, she has helped so many children with their ABC's, their 1,2,3's and their yes please's. Have a wonderful retirement Mrs. M!!*

*To every Dragon - have a safe and happy summer. We are looking forward to September!*

*Sincerely,*

*All of your DeWitt Carter School Staff*