



DeWitt Carter Public School

Dragon's Digest

December 2020



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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

May your holiday be filled with happiness and our new year be a look at something brighter!

Our bright, warm, sunny days seem to be well behind us now. We can look forward to these cooler temperatures and cloudy days with mixed snow and rain in its place. Whatever the weatherman brings us, I am continually impressed with the positive outlook of our students. They cherish the beautiful days we get and throw their coats off like it was the middle of summer. When the temperatures dip, they still hit the playground and field with equal abandon. Some even try to sneak their coats off, saying they are "way to hot!" I am sure that a large snow fall is on our horizon; with it the never-ending desire to build the biggest snow forts and protect them feverishly from the other students. When we get rain, the students are inevitably drawn to the standing puddles like bees to honey. I can never understand the desire to have wet feet for the rest of the day, but there is something about this, if you are 4-12 years old. It is the constant energy and positive outlook of our students that makes coming to school a gift for me, every day.

Although we only have 3 weeks left before we break for the holidays, and although many of our traditional celebrations have had to be put on hold, it is going to be very busy around here. Our classes are still moving along in Mathematics with our new curriculum. I know it probably won't look much different to the students and even for our parents, when you look at the work coming home, but there are many subtleties that our teachers are learning with the 2020 Mathematics curriculum. If you have the chance, please visit the Ministry of Education website and look through the curriculum to see the expectations for the grade of your child. One major difference you will notice on the Term 1 report card in February is that now there will only be one mark for Mathematics, not 4-5 marks divided amongst each of the strands. As of 2020, the teachers will assess and evaluate each students' level of understanding with a single mark or grade. Regardless, this is a great time for you to chat with your child about the goals that they have set or would like to set for school and for personal growth. Sit with them and ask them to articulate what they would like to accomplish and/or improve upon. Draw up a little plan and keep it front and center for the weeks ahead. Reaching a goal is very satisfying and the idea of working on it together is equally rewarding. Boys and girls, if you need help along the way, remember to ask... we love to share in your challenges and your successes!

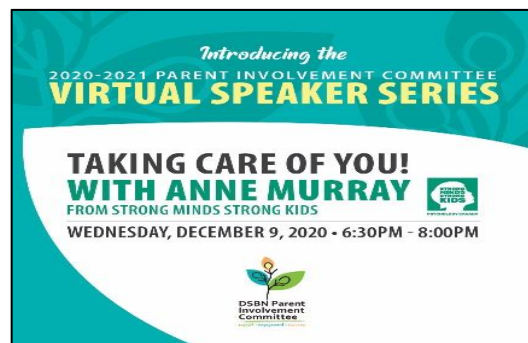
Virtual Speaker Series

The DSNB is excited to introduce the 2020-21 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Virtual Speaker Series! Parents and families can join these free and interactive presentations over the school year and hear from influential speakers about a variety of topics that are helpful to families

The first virtual event of the series will focus on mental health and well-being with Anne Murray from Strong Minds Strong Kids Psychology Canada, presenting, *Taking Care of You!* Anne works with families, educators, and youth to coach and facilitate ways to recognize, reduce, and develop strategies for managing stress.

Anne's presentation will support you to:

- Learn more about stress and tools for how to cope
- Learn how to better understand and support your child cope with their own stress



Virtual Speaker Series: Topic 1 – Mental Health and Well-Being

- Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020
- Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
- Registration link: <https://www.dsnb.org/pic/speakerseries.html>

Dress for the Weather as well as the Season

- As the cold weather is now upon us, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Students are expected to go outside twice a day unless it is extremely cold or wet. Hats, mittens, proper footwear and warm coats are essential in the cold weather. Remember that students should have separate indoor footwear.
- 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.



Snow/Snowballs

To ensure the safety of students on our playground during the winter months, it is necessary for us to ban the throwing and kicking of snow and ice. The students are constantly reminded of this rule during in-class discussions, assemblies and over the morning announcements. Should it be found that a student has violated this rule, his/her name is recorded in the office and the appropriate consequences will be given. This includes suspension for repeat offenders who endanger the safety of others.

Please remind your children of these rules!



INCLEMENT WEATHER



There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian. Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call us at the school to inform us of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

<http://www.dsbno.org/inclementweather/>
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services
905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton
Y-108 (107.9) Hamilton
CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Television Stations:

CHCH - Hamilton
CityTV Breakfast Television
CTV Toronto
Cogeco Channel 10
(Jack.Custers@cogeco.com)



Student of the Month

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

	Character "Integrity"	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Evan Bath	Charlotte Lumbers	Elijah Tran
Mrs. Churchill	Lexi Green	Logan Rodriguez	Evalynn Duquette
Mrs. Lubeck	Rosie Erdei	Deklin Brant	Rhys Simpson
Mrs. Cooper	Scarlett Beckett	John Bacso	Nevada Jolivet
Mrs. Boyer	Eddie Bankert	Maliya Lafayette	Jackson Walker
Ms. Marling	Krista Nuxoll	Lillian Green	Emma Kennedy
Mr. Turonski	Sabian Bloomfield-Kuck	Alexis Fredrich	Trenton Jacques
Mrs. Froude	Anabelle Bunz-Paxton	Macy Melinko	Teagan Arsenault
Mr. Fraipont	Aryonna Forney	Gage Benner	Zachary Brown
Ms. Minor	William Laur Ava Morin	May Koren	Abbie Kish
Office	Jacob Milton		
French Award	Emma Kennedy	Trenton Jacques	Annabelle Bunz-Paxton
	Owen Robins	Kamron Moss	



December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 W	22 I	23 N	24 T	25 E	26 R
27	28 B	29 R	30 E	31 A	1 K	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
WINTER BREAK (December 19 th to January 3 rd) First Day back is January 4 th						

DECEMBER 7-10, 2020!

DSBN Virtual
SECONDARY 20
SNEAK PEEK 20


DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

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At the DSBN, French Immersion starts in Grade 1

Save the Date | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th 2020

6:30-7:00PM

Please join us for our Virtual Information Night for families considering French Immersion!

Go to dsbn.org/fi to register!