



# DeWitt Carter Public School Dragon's Digest



## June 2018



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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."

**Well - Here we are in the last stretch of the school year!**

My, how time has flown this year. There is so much that has gone into this year that it seems incomprehensible that it is drawing to a close already. We are just finishing up EQAO and the last of our many clubs and teams are underway. Year-end trips are all planned - some have already taken place! The time goes so quickly because of all the wonderful things that happen every day. There are so many stories we have... so many that we couldn't possibly keep up with them. I read somewhere that we should remember the little things because some day we will look back and remember them as the big things! That couldn't be truer here. I hope that each of you had at least one of those little things happen this year.

At this time of the year, I like to acknowledge the hard work and accomplishments of our school community. People always ask me about working at DeWitt Carter and I proudly tell them about how much I enjoy my time here. No matter the day, we can always seem to count on each other. On top of that, the effort I see people put into things is admirable.

First, I do not know how to put into words to express the appreciation we have for the many hours that Mrs. Sager dedicates into organizing so many things here at the school. The list is endless but her patience is bountiful. We thank her for this... We simply could not do what we do, without her.

Our School Council Fun Fair parents once again have done a fantastic job organizing and running our annual Fun Fair. They start the planning all the way back in the fall months to make sure it is an enjoyable evening for our students and families. We know that this is a greatly anticipated event each and every year. We cannot thank each of you enough for this. Your work before, during and after the event is truly appreciated. Of course, this extends to all of our parents. We thank you for the things you do each and every day to help us with the education of our future citizens.

Of course, I cannot go without thanking our staff members. You all work so hard every day. I see you pour yourself into this job for our students. I know that this is a very involved job yet each of you approach it with a smile. You are caring, flexible and empathetic - every day, I am proud to say I work with you.

### Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our assembly on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - Co-operation.

	Character Trait	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Olivia Pearson	Devilyn Adams-Swain	Sage Zarb
Mrs. DiCostanzo	Zoe Ozog	Laike Holmes	Nevada Jolivet
Mrs. Nicholls	Austin Shiver	Marijka Clare	Makenna Rogers
Mrs. Meinzinger	Zoe Reber	Danni Lynn Smith	Oceana Young
Miss Baldinelli	Isaac McQuiggan	Jillian Prowse	Carson Frommelt
Mr. Fraipont	Jaxon Conrad	Madison Lawrence	Soren Erdei
Mrs. Froude	Damien Reece	Desiree Young	Drake Schoenhals
Miss Ghouljalou	Kamren Rothernel	Zach Brown	Landon Clattenburg
Mrs. Wood	Savannah Kovach	Brandon Donnelly	Braeden Kish
Mrs. McBride	Trinity Davis	Evelyn Brant	Hayden Krick
Office Award	Shiloh Slater		
French Award	Matthew Peets, Gage Benner, Max Latham Wood, Brandon Donnelly, Myli McCulligh		

### Reminder

Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Professional Development Day  
No School  
Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> - Grade 8 Graduation  
Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School  
Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - First Day of School  
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### Library Inventory

We will be taking inventory of our library/resource materials in June. All materials on loan to students are due back to the library no later than Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Hot Lunch Orders

Since June is such a busy month there will be no Hot Lunches after the Archie's Subs on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Canteen

The Canteen will remain open during the second nutrition break until it runs out of merchandise. All items sold at the Canteen are \$1 each.

## Local Author Comes to

### DeWitt Carter!

We are very pleased and excited that on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> Niagara's own Kari-Lynn Winters will be coming to our school for a live reading of one of her books to the Primary classes. The story telling will be enhanced by the lyrical sounds from the music of members of the Suzuki Niagara String Ensemble. After the performance there will be an opportunity to ask Ms. Winters about her stories, and a chance to try out some instruments brought in by the string ensemble. The special price for this unique event is only \$1.00/per student! Ms. Winters is also offering a discounted price on three of her stories for anyone who would like to make a purchase. If you are interested in making a purchase, please circle the book(s) you would like on the attached flyer and send it with your payment into the school no later than Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. That way your child can pick up his/her book(s) on the day of the performance.

Happy reading - and listening!

### Report Cards

DeWitt Carter's Term Two report cards will be going home on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

These reports, outlining your child's progress, also contain a page 3, which is to be signed and returned to the school. We encourage all parents and guardians to discuss their report with your son/daughter. Praise them for their great efforts and help them to improve in the necessary areas over the summer.

### Track and Field

On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, approximately 50 students from grades 3 to 8 participated in the Regional Track and Field Meet at Centennial High School in Welland. We had many students win ribbons in their events. Additionally, six of our students will be moving on to the DSBN Track and Field



Meet at Centennial High School on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all students who participated and a special thank you to all the coaches who helped the kids get ready.

### Kindergarten Trip

On Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, our Kindergarten classes will be travelling by bus to the Ridge Film House in Ridgeway. There, the students will enjoy popcorn and the movie "Paddington 2". After the movie, the students will travel by bus to Ferndale Park for a pizza lunch and special activities. Students will be returning to DeWitt Carter in time for regular dismissal and busses.

### Primary Trip

On Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Meininger, Miss Baldinelli and Mr. Fraipont's classes will be going to The Greg Frewin Theatre to see the performance "Wild Magic".

After the show, staff and students will be bussed to Queenston Heights. There they will have a BBQ Hot Dog Lunch and participate in teacher organized games and activities.

Students will be returning to DeWitt Carter in time for regular dismissal and busses.



### Mrs. McBride's Class Trip to The Shaw Festival

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 8 students and Mrs. McBride will be going to The Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake. There, they will be seeing "The Magician's Nephew".

- 10 to 11 a.m. Backstage Tour (Festival Theatre)
- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Magician's Nephew Workshop (Court House)
- 12 p.m. lunch on own
- 2 p.m. The Magician's Nephew (Festival Theatre)
- Post Show Chat with actors (Festival Theatre)
- 4:30 p.m. Bus returning to DeWitt Carter

This trip will include Mrs. McBride's grade 7/8 class. Students will not return to DeWitt Carter in time for regular dismissal and arrangements need to be made for pick up at the school.



## Fun Fair

Fun Fair will be held on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. This event brings together families, students and staff for an evening of community fun and fundraising. Our Fun Fair features a barbeque, raffles, penny sale, bake sale and games for all ages.

We hope to see everyone there!!!



## Yearbooks on sale now!

DeWitt Carter will be selling yearbooks to capture the 2017-2018 school year. The yearbooks cost \$11 each and can be ordered online or by completing the order form provided. Orders are due to the school by Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> or online by midnight on June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. McBride.



## Instrumental Music for DSBN Students

The Niagara Elementary Instrumental Music (NEIM) program offers a unique opportunity for students in grades 3 to 8 to choose from a variety of musical instruments and learn how to play them. Amongst the choices are different strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments. The student orchestra will be around to visit our school and an information and registration form will be given to the students. Look for it, coming home shortly. Additionally, we have attached a link to the NEIM website where there is more complete information about the kinds of instruments available, the costs and the operating of the lessons and rehearsals. There is also complete contact information available on the website, if you have any further questions. Don't miss out on this distinctive and rewarding opportunity!

Check us out at [www.neimusic.com](http://www.neimusic.com)



## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

On Monday, **August 20, 2018** Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) will post specific back to school transportation arrangements for each student enrolled, including bus route numbers, stop locations and times.

Please visit [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child's student transportation information. To sign-in to the portal you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card. While signed-in, please subscribe to the delay and cancellation module for direct and timely emails regarding student transportation that impacts your child's bus route.

Eligibility information is also available through the portal including walking directions if your child lives within the walk zone of the school and is not eligible for transportation service.

Changes to home, pick-up or drop-off addresses must be made through your child's school. During the summer you may notify NSTS of address changes so we can make sure a bus stop is available for your child to start the school year, however, NSTS is not authorized to change student address information. With the availability of the secure parent portal, *NSTS will not mail student transportation notices with the exception of Kindergarten students or new students to the system who do not have an OEN to sign-in to the portal.* Please contact your school or NSTS if you have questions regarding your child's transportation arrangements.

