



DeWitt Carter Public School Dragon's Digest November 2021 "Integrity"



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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



Here's to a Frosty November

We have gone through two months of school already and it has felt like it passed quickly. Despite the continued regulations from Public Health, we have had a very smooth start to our year and that is a compliment to our students and to our parents for helping us to make the most out of a really unique, but long-lasting social situation. Thank you for working with us to "follow the rules". We know it has added a layer of strain on you (masks, screening, additional sick days, etc.), but you have shown a remarkable community spirit! At school, our staff continue to strive to make sure the learning experiences are meaningful and that the students are actively engaged, while still adhering to our PH guidelines.

We have 2 months to go before the Christmas/winter break. We have many things going on between now and then and as we hear more things are opening up, it permits us to offer more experiences. There is a plan for intermediate volleyball coming up, we will be heading to PCHS for a grade orientation, our picture day is fast approaching, and we are just starting to do pizza days – stay tuned! We have had frost on the rooftops two nights already. The weather is going to get chillier. Please remember to have your children dress for the conditions. We are outside twice a day unless it is really raining or there is lightning (or bitter cold in January & February).

You should have received a letter asking you to request timeslots for parent-teacher interviews; yes, it is already that time of year. Please get these back to your child's teacher soon so the staff can schedule the interviews. This year we will be once again, doing virtual/phone interviews, like last November. Our report cards will be coming home to you on November 18th. The interview night will take place on November 25th.

Have a great month, Dragons and Happy Hallowe'en!



Reminder:

- **Nov. 11th - Remembrance Day
- **Nov. 18th - Picture Day/retakes Dec. 17th
- **Nov. 18th - Progress Report go home
- **Nov. 19th - P.D. Day/no school for students
- **Nov. 25th - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Battery Recycling

Do you have dead, used, household batteries that are piling up somewhere? Are you looking for an easy way to recycle them properly AND help the school out? If so, please send the batteries in a ziplock baggie, with your child and we will take them off your hands and make sure they are recycled properly. We are a part of the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge again this year. We will safely store the batteries and have them properly collected for recycling. If you would like to learn more visit the website at:

<https://www.rawmaterials.com/ontario-school-recycling-challenge/>

Helping Us Keep Safe

We need your assistance with maintaining COVID guidelines. As you know, our grades 1 to 8 "must" wear a mask at school. More and more students are showing up without masks in recent weeks. Please continue your vigilance in making sure your children are coming to school with a mask each morning.

A second issue that you may not be aware of is that although we have 3 hydration stations, they are only open for refillable water bottles right now. Please send a refillable bottle with your child so they can access this and keep hydrated.

Thank you for your support.



Student of the Month

The following students received recognition during our virtual assembly on Friday, October 29th. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - **"Responsibility"**.

	Character "Responsibility"	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Harlow Chesniak	Paisley Beckett	Hudson Thompson
Mrs. Churchill	Ciara King	Gwen Duquette	Seth Schoenhals
Mrs. Lubeck	Emilia High	Harper Blake	Keaton McKee
Mrs. Cooper	Khloe Davis	Serenity Villella Rhys Simpson	David Moore John Bacso
Mrs. Boyer	Chase Currie	Olivia Pearson	Nevada Jolivet
Mr. Turonski	Willow Young	Aiden Lee	Emma Kennedy
Ms. Marling	Jayde Audit	Makenna Rogers	Channing Haywood
Mrs. Froude	Justin Fedoriw	Alexis Frederich	Isaiah Parker
Mr. Fraipont	Madelyn Goulding	Sergio Fernandez	Nathan Russell
Ms. Minor	Logan Marges	Jersey Warner	Jillian Prowse
Office Award	Lilly Grabovac		
French Award	Dyson Haywood, Trenton Jacques, Sabian Bloomfield-Kuck, Madelyn Goulding, Jersey Warner		

DeWitt Carter Parent Council

Our School Council meets regularly (usually once per month) during the school year. This is a great opportunity to hear about the things that we are planning, to share ideas on how to expand the experiences of our students, and to look for ways to more closely connect our school-home relationship. With COVID guidelines, many things were off-limits to us, but as we open up more, we can begin to offer things to our students and families. We are looking for parents and guardians to become involved. If you are interested in joining us, please let us know. We would love the extra participation.

School Cash On-line

We are on the brink of being able to start more things at school. Soon we will be hearing about trip possibilities expanding, hot lunches and fund-raising programs for our students and families to take part in. When we need permission forms and monies to change hands, School Cash Online is the avenue for it to take place. This is a much easier way to manage permission/order forms and sending money to school. We need you to register for School Cash Online. If you have already done so - great. Just go online and check that your account is still active. If you haven't registered, please visit dsbn.org/schoolcash and follow the steps in completing your registration. If you have any issues, call us at the school and we will assist you.

Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations and The Elementary Progress Report for students in Grades 1 - 8

On November 18, students in Kindergarten will bring home the Communication of Learning Initial Observations report. This provides parents/guardians with an overview of the initial observations of their child's learning and early evidence of growth in learning related to the overall expectations in the Kindergarten Program. It also provides information about appropriate next steps to further your child's learning. It serves as the basis for discussion with parents/guardians and as a support for parents'/guardians' ongoing participation in their child's learning.

Also, on November 18, parents of students in Grades 1-8 will receive their Elementary Progress Reports. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead.

Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is 'Progressing with Difficulty', the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. Progress reports are intended to be part of discussions, interviews, or conferences with students and their and are part of ongoing communication with parents and students about student achievement throughout the year. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

