



# DeWitt Carter Public School

## Dragon's Digest

### October 2021 "Responsibility"



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School #905-834-7440

## 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

#### **"Welcome Back Dragons!"**

Once again, it has been so long since we have been together. Just like the previous September, we are looking over our shoulders at a combined summer vacation and on-line learning term that has kept us apart for many months. I can assure you that there are huge smiles on the faces of staff and student alike; they are just coming right through the sides of the masks we have to wear. Like last year, I want to assure you that we have worked diligently in August and will continue to do so, to make school feel safe and inviting while maintaining the Public Health protocols. Even though this has been going on for a while, we will continue to welcome your questions and input. Please call us at any time with your thoughts.

Already the incredible, sunny, hot summer seems to be far behind us. I hope you made the most of your long days and warm evenings and had many opportunities to laugh, rest and re-energize. On behalf of all of us here at DeWitt Carter, I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new families and, to those returning from the Virtual School, or from our own on-line learning, we are so happy to see you back with us. We know that you will be excited to be part of the 2021 Dragon Den. I am really looking forward to a terrific year with parents, students and staff. Please join me in welcoming some new staff members to our school. Mrs. S. Robins is joining our Educational Assistant Team this year, Mrs. E. Maddison is returning from the virtual school, Mrs. S. Waytena is joining our Kindergarten team and Mrs. R. Harrington is our new teacher-librarian. Welcome, new Dragons!

Boys and girls, I am so proud of how you have handled our start to this school year; your positive attitude, cooperative manner, and dedication to learning are some of the things that make this school such a wonderful place in which to be an educator.

#### **Volunteers**

Although we are always so appreciative of the wonderful parent help that we receive, we are not able to accept it at the present time. We are very hopeful that there will be opportunities for our community members and families to volunteer, later in the year. As soon as we are permitted to do so, we will be reaching out to you with a volunteer form. As you are probably aware, all these decisions are made through the cooperation of DSBN, Public Health and the Ministry of Education.

#### **Reminder:**

**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> is**

**Thanksgiving and there is no school.**



#### **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.

All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the Plan of Care and submit it to the school.

You can download the forms here:

[dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions](https://dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions).

For more information, please contact the school.


#### **School Cash Online**

While you are checking out our school website, take the time to sign up for School Cash Online.

Go to: [dsbn.org/schoolcash](https://dsbn.org/schoolcash) and register.

## Student of the Month

The following students were recognized by their teachers. These students were recognized for their hard work, class participation, school spirit and/or demonstrating our monthly character trait - Respect.

 STUDENT OF THE MONTH	Character Trait "Respect"	Literacy	Numeracy
Mrs. Laur	Benny Clow	Cooper Parsons	Carlee Scott
Mrs. Churchill	Phillip Owen	Evelyn Pitul	Sophie O'Neill
Mrs. Lubeck	Logan Rodriguez	Killian Misner	Lauren Fredrich
Mrs. Cooper	Larkyn Haywood	Scarlett Beckett	Kieran Geerdink
Mrs. Boyer	Zoe Ozog	Sophia Schaeffer	Caiden Maglicic
Mr. Turonski	Kyle Schoenhals	Jaymie-Lynn Reece	Shyla Warner
Ms. Marling	Sophie Taylor	Laura Buzila	Briar Thususka
Mrs. Froude	Aleeah Moes	Abigail Lumbers	Trenton Jacques
Mr. Fraipont	Nathan Peets	Nevaeh Dempsey William Geerdink	Drake Schoenhals
Mrs. Minor	Sage Daratha	Bannon Sexton William Laur	Jessica Collins
Office Award	Jackson Walker		
French Award	Emma Kennedy, Sophie Taylor, Alexis Fredrich, Sergio Fernandez, William Laur		

## DeWitt Carter's Website

DeWitt Carter's web page has lots of significant material and up-to-date information. The monthly newsletter and calendar are posted on this site. Please take a minute to visit our website and feel free to contact the school with any comments.

[dewittcarter.dsbns.org](http://dewittcarter.dsbns.org)

## A Message from Public Health

### **Don't be scared by cavities this Halloween!**

Here are some helpful tips to keep your child's teeth healthy during Halloween:

- Limit the amount of sticky and sugary treats and drinks
- Choose candy smartly. Hard candies like lollipops and jawbreakers can chip teeth.
- If your child has braces, have them avoid eating any popcorn, hard candy, and chewy treats
- Brush and floss teeth after eating tasty sweets

Book your child a **FREE** dental appointment at one of Public Health's dental clinics by calling 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399

To learn more on how to keep your family's teeth healthy, visit [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health) search "dental."



## 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 to sign in to avoid an unnecessary call home.**

In the interest of the safety of our students, your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

## DeWitt Carter School Council

The executive for our council this school year is as follows:

- Chair L. Chambers
- Secretary J. Moore
- Treasurer J. Eden



Our School Council has met once this year already. We meet several times throughout the year to discuss opportunities to bring our families, students, staff and community partners together. We plan after-school, evening and during school events.

Additionally, we look at opportunities to fundraise so that we can augment the experiences our students have at school. If you are interested in joining school council, please call the school and we will add you to our group to receive updates.

## Terry Fox Walk

Every year, thousands of boys and girls across Canada and abroad, take part in a celebration and continuation of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. This year we will be remembering Terry's amazing courage and determination with a short walk of our own, On Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, our boys and girls will be walking together (socially distanced) to show our support of Terry's dream to find a cure for cancer. If you are able to help with donations, please visit the Terry Fox website at <https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/> and click on the "Donate to a School" tab to make an on-line contribution.

## DeWitt Carter Student Council 2021-2022

Mrs. Boyer's Gr. 3	Zoe Ozog
	Caiden Maglicic
Mr. Turonski's Gr. 4	Kyle Schoenhals
	Peyton Thususka
Mrs. Marling's Gr. 5/6	Sabian Bloomfield-Kuch
	Kylee Simpson
Mrs. Froude's Gr. 5/6	Cooper Chambers
	Alexis Fredrich
Mr. Fraipont's Gr. 7/8	Sergio Fernandez
	Jaxon Conrad
Ms. Minor's Gr. 7/8	William Laur
	Bannon Sexton