



DeWitt Carter Public School

September 2022

"Respect"



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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 Mrs. Beck

Welcome back to our returning Dragons and families and a big welcome to DeWitt Carter to our newest Dragons and families,

I hope you had a summer filled with rest, sunshine and great adventures. I am really looking forward to a year of learning, fun and growth for all students. We have a new motto this year -

"Make a great day for yourself and someone else." This motto is centred around being your best self and extending kindness to others. I can't think of two more important goals for us to have for our students this year.

I would like to welcome some new staff to DeWitt Carter. Mr. de Waard is joining us full time this year as our grade 4/5 teacher. Mrs. Zanutto is returning to DeWitt Carter as Learning Resource teacher after serving the entire board as a special education consultant. Ms. Simpson, Miss. Wells and Mrs. Cunningham are bringing their skills and expertise as education assistants to support many of our students. Mrs. Crowe is returning to our team as a lunchroom supervisor. Finally, we are lucky to have Mrs. Baur joining our kindergarten team as an Early Childhood Educator partnered with Mrs. Churchill. We are so lucky to have these wonderful educators on our team!

As always, I am only a phone call away if you have any questions or concerns. You can call the school or e-mail me directly at terri.beck@dpsbn.org.



Student Verification Forms

The Student Verification forms will be sent home at the end of this week. It is mandatory to review the information and make changes, sign, and return the Student Verification Form to the homeroom teacher "as soon as possible".

It is extremely important that we have a local emergency contact telephone number for your child at all times. If your contact information changes through the course of the year, you must contact the school and update us with the new information.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will be starting on Monday, September 12th. Students will be allowed into the Breakfast Club at 8:35 a.m. and asked to enter at the back door of the school by the gym.

Open House BBQ

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4:30 - 6:00pm

Thursday, September 22nd.

This will be an opportunity for families to tour the school's renovations!

Character Matters!

At DeWitt Carter, we will always work hard to continue to assist our students in developing a positive value system. We will continue to emphasize positive character traits in class and through our Monthly Student Awards certificates.

"Our character is the way we act when nobody is watching over us."

The Character Trait for the month of September is "Respect".

Anaphylaxis and other Medical Concerns

All parents should be aware that there are children in our school with life threatening food allergies to peanut butter which can cause an anaphylaxis reaction. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and is potentially life threatening.

If your child has any allergy or requires medication, please tell us. With your help, we can complete the appropriate forms and do our very best to make sure all our students are safe, healthy, and able to concentrate on learning. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Please make sure that you are sending foods to our school that are free from peanuts, nut oils or nut products.

Days of Significance

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and/or religious beliefs and practices. The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members.

As we start our school year, I invite you to share with me your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as DeWitt Carter Public School recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices.

The DSBN has created a [Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity](#) to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into the following languages: Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the [DSBN Equity webpage](#). For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the [Days of Significance Calendar](#).

DeWitt Carter School Council

Our School Council is always looking for more interested caregivers. 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 the school council (or attending a meeting or two) you are always welcome to attend meetings advertised on our monthly calendar. Our first meeting this year will be **Tuesday, September 27th at 6pm.**

Thank you to our council for organizing the first fundraiser this year - Little Caesar's Pizza.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be held on Wednesday, October 19th.

More information will be sent home to families as we get closer to this event.



Hot Lunches



Once again, we will continue to offer Hot Lunches for students. This gives parents an opportunity to provide their child with a yummy lunch and not have to pack it!

Hot Lunches will be available to purchase on School Cash Online. We do not accept cash for Hot Lunches, and they **must** be ordered and purchased through the School Cash Online.

Freezies

On Friday, September 16th, our School Council will be selling the big freezies during the Nutrition Breaks. If you would like your child to be able to purchase a freezie, please send a \$1 with them on that day.

