

Carleton

Public School

Achieving Success Together



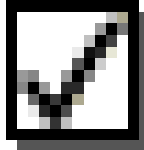
Working Together
Growing Together

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Back to School - Sept. 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 6 – First day of School
 Sept. 20th - School Photos
 Sept. 21st – Meet the Teacher 6:00 - 7:00
 Sept. 27th – School Council Elections



FROM the PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back! Carleton staff extends a warm welcome to all of our returning students, as well as to our new students and their parents. We hope that all of you enjoyed a fun filled, healthy and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you. We are also excited to meet our new kindergarten families as well as those who are new to Cobra Country. The students at Carleton public School are fortunate to have wonderful teachers and support staff who provide encouragement, compassion, concern and opportunities for student learning. A special thank you goes out to Ms. Sommerfield and her team for all their effort in helping to prepare our school for the new school year. Together, we are committed to Achieving Success Together. We wish everyone a wonderful year and look forward to seeing all of you at our Open House!
 Mrs. Rocco

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Welcome to our new and returning students and families, we look forward to seeing you again. In addition to welcoming new students this fall, we are also pleased to introduce some new faces or teaching assignments to staff at Carleton. The following lists staff and their current grade assignments;

Secretary	Mrs. Taylor
ELP	Mrs. Abfal & Mr Theal
ECE	Ms. Bauer & Mrs. Pepin
Grade 1	Ms. Bezotosny (LTO)
Grade 2	Ms. Martinello
Grade 2/3	Mr. Dorin
Grade 4	Mrs. Jessome
Grade 5/6	Mr. Honsinger
Grade 7	Mr. Vasko
Grade 7/8	Ms. Pennington am/Mr. Blanchard pm
Grade 8	Mr. Bellamy
Librarian	Mr. Hall/Ms. Martinello
French	Mme. Roe

Social Skills
 Special Needs
 LRT
 EA's

Child Care Worker
 Youth Worker
 Caretaker
 Evening Caretaker
 Principal

Ms. Adam
 Mr. Smelle
 Ms. Kleniewski
 Mrs. Grosvenor
 Mrs. Uhrynuke
 Mrs. Priddle
 Mrs. Cunningham
 Mrs. Newton
 Mr. Anderson
 Ms. Crummey
 Mrs. Ladouceur
 Ms. Sommerfield
 Mrs. Rocco



WELCOME BACK - MEET The TEACHERS

How quickly summer has flown by. We hope that everyone has taken the time to rest, relax and spend some well-deserved time with their loved ones. We are looking forward to the many exciting programs and activities at Carleton this upcoming school year. We hope that this fall kicks off to an outstanding school year for each individual student. A special welcome to all of the new families to the Carleton community. You are all cordially invited to our annual "Meet the Teacher" on **Wednesday, Sept. 21st from 6:00-7:00 pm.**

This evening is an excellent opportunity to establish home & school partnerships. As we embark on a year filled with academic, social-emotional and physical goals, it is important that all stakeholders are present to begin this important journey together. Please try to attend!



BELLS (ENTRANCE/DISMISSAL)

8:25 - Morning Supervision begins
 8:40 - Morning entry Bell
 8:45 - Morning Announcements/Instruction begins
 10:25- 11:05 - 1st Nutrition Break— all students stay
 12:45-1:25 - 2nd Nutrition Break—students may go home
 3:05 - Dismissal

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL GUIDELINES

Our school bell rings at 8:40 a.m. Students should arrive and go to the playground between 8:25 and prior to 8:40. **NEW** this year is the fencing at our primary playground entrance. This is for the safety of the children in our full day Early Learning Program. This gate is now the designated primary & kindergarten student drop off site. Parents are not permitted beyond this gate into the kindergarten play area. For those parents wishing to escort their children onto the playground where they can then wait by the primary doors, they are asked to enter/exit from the intermediate side of the playground where they will not interfere with primary supervision.



Students will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. Please note that all students must leave school property immediately after school unless staying for a school-sponsored event, e.g. homework club, or participating in a sporting event. Students watching an after school sporting event must be supervised by their parents. If parents are picking up their children and remaining on school property (beyond the school day), they must supervise their children at all times.

LATES

It is very important that your child arrives at school on time. When your children arrive late, they miss the introduction to a lesson and therefore may lack some understanding as to the lesson content. Also, by arriving late into a classroom, a child disrupts the presentation of the lesson which is unfair to the rest of the class. When a student is late, he/she must report to the office prior to going to his/her classroom to obtain a late slip, which must then be presented to his/her teacher.

Punctuality is a life skill! If you know your child is going to be late or absent please contact the office. This will save a phone call from us & ensure your child's safety.



VISITOR SIGN IN PROCEDURE

ALL visitors **MUST SIGN IN** the **VISITOR'S LOG** at the office and obtain a visitor's badge to wear in the halls and classrooms at all times. **WEAR A VISITOR'S BADGE** and **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN!** If you are dropping off items for your child (ren) please leave them at the office—a visitor's tag is not a permit to walk the halls. Parents are being reminded that 'talking' with teachers, regardless of how brief, must take place outside of teaching time. (We **do** understand that telling the teacher your child has a dentist appointment in the afternoon is faster than a note, but it disrupts the teaching of an entire class to do so!) **THANK YOU** for your understanding and courtesy in this regard. Remember that all of these measures are in place for the safety and academic best interests of all our students.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Just a gentle reminder to keep the school informed of any

changes to your children's emergency contact information. Telephone numbers, contact names, and student medical information does change and we'd like our records to be accurate at all times. With your help we can keep better informed. Thank you!

OUR PARKING LOT

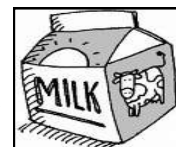
Unfortunately, we have limited parking space. If you are dropping off or picking up children, we recommend you park on the distant side streets or park in the **FRONT** parking lot only. With almost 60 kindergarten students requiring 'face-to-face' drop offs, please remember to **PARK ONLY** in marked parking spaces, or car-pool when ever possible. We do **NOT** have a 'kiss and go lane' at Carleton, cars pulling into the parking lot are expected to park before they drop students off to keep traffic moving and students safe. Please Note that the rear parking lot is for staff only.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS AND PARK ONLY IN AREAS DESIGNATED FOR PARKING.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT is present throughout the week, especially during Break #2 and at 3:05 pm dismissal.

MILK PROGRAM

We will continue to distribute milk during each lunch hour this coming year. Milk (250mL) will still be available for \$.75 each payable at the time of purchase or by buying a book of 14 milk tickets for \$10. Please purchase milk cards at the office.



LUNCH PROGRAM

It is important for the school to know what arrangements you have made for your child during the noon-hour. Please complete the Carleton lunch form and return it to the school as soon as possible. Please note that our 'official lunch' during which students are permitted to leave school property with crossing guard support is only during the 2nd nutrition break. This will also be the break during which any specialty lunches will be offered to students.

CHARACTER In ACTION

The goal for the month of September will be "Respect". We demonstrate respectful behavior when we show positive regard for the acceptance of other's thoughts, opinions and feelings. We are respectful when we are inclusive and fair in our treatment of others.

We thank the Mandarin Restaurant for their continued support of our student of the month assemblies through the awarding of gift certificates for our monthly winners!



CAUGHT YOU DOING SOMETHING GOOD

Students will be given 'caught you doing something good'

ballots to reward random acts of kindness demonstrated in our school community. Monthly draws are held and students can win Ice Dogs tickets!



AGENDAS

A reminder that all students from grades 1-8 will receive their agendas this week. Without a doubt this simple tool will assist students in becoming more organized. We also recognize the home-school communication component of the agenda and value this resource as a means of sharing important information. We strongly recommend the use of the agenda to communicate early dismissal requests (ie. Doctor's appointments) or other issues. This way both the teacher and the office can stay informed. This year's agenda also contains a copy of the Board calendar, the Carleton Code of Conduct and the DSBN internet use policy—please sign these forms in the front of your child's agenda and send \$7.00 to cover the cost of the agenda to your child's home room teacher as soon as possible. Thank You!

CARLETON COLOUR TEAMS

A reminder that all students at Carleton will be participating on a Colour Team. Various intramurals and team competitions will be held throughout the entire school year. Students will be given a 'Colour Team' shirt for \$3. Please send this in as soon as possible as our first team challenges will take place with the Terry Fox Run!

DRESS CODE

We are pleased to start the school year by recognizing the respect for school and each other that parents and students have shown when choosing their school attire. As school resumes, we would like to remind parents and their children about the basics of our dress code which are designed to create an educational atmosphere in the school. As students purchase their wardrobes, we ask for parental guidance in the selection of school attire.

Students are asked not to wear:

- **Tattered cut offs, short shorts, too short mini-skirts (finger tip rule)
- **Tank tops with thin shoulder straps
- **Tube tops, halter tops, or see through tops
- **Tops too short to tuck into pants (top must touch the bottom, bottom must touch the top - even when sitting)
- ** Clothing that reveals undergarments
- **Hip huggers that reveal the midriff
- **Basketball jerseys or muscle shirts without a T-shirt underneath, or shirts with inappropriate logos. Thank you parents for continuing to support a dress code which allows school to be serious place for learning,



SAFE SCHOOLS

Currently, schools in the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) conduct six fire drills each school year. In addition, we also have plans in place if we should ever need to evacuate our buildings, for a wide variety of reasons including extended power outages, inclement weather, etc. All schools across the DSBN, will continue to hold school-wide practices for Lock-Down procedures. Notices will go home before Lock-Down drills are held.

PEANUT & LATEX SAFE SCHOOL

We ask for your continued co-operation in avoiding lunch snacks which contain peanut products. Also please do not send latex balloons or latex products to school. There are children and staff members at who have life threatening allergies. For their continued safety we are asking for your support in this sensitive yet serious issue.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To benefit fully from the education program students must come to class prepared and participate regularly. It is our expectation that all students participate in physical education classes unless exempted for short-term medical reasons. Please send a doctor's note if your child is unable to participate on a long term basis. Appropriate gym clothing must be worn during gym class. For older students, this includes a change of clothing with shorts or track pants, T-shirts, running shoes (non-marking soles) and socks. Please note that gym clothing may not contain zippers as they are considered dangerous, as are certain pieces of jewellery that may need to be removed during class.



INDOOR SHOES

With cold and wet weather on its way, we are asking parents to send an indoor pair of shoes for all children. Students will not be permitted to wear their wet/ muddy outdoor shoes within the building. Please send your children's shoes in quickly, if you have not done so already.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

A request to our neighbours. Please look after our school gardens and grounds. If you need to report incidents, please call the Niagara Regional Police. Should you observe unusual activity at the school call the following emergency number 905-682-8065. Your co-operation is appreciated.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Make sure you check out the community bulletin board in our front foyer, which has information about community events, brochures from local community agencies and newsletters. Stop in to see what's going on!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome back Cobra's. The School Council would like to welcome back all students and staff for an exciting 2011/2012 school year. Now that we've rested for the summer, time to get back to work. The School Council has some new and some not so new events and fundraisers planned for the school year. There will be more information on up and coming events to follow later this year.

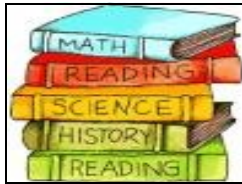


Our first meeting will take place on September 27th @ 7pm in the library. As always anyone is welcome to attend. The School Council appreciates any new ideas or suggestions that come their way. Taking place at the September meeting will be the elections for School Council chairs. If your interested in running for a chair position, or just being a member at large, there will be nomination forms coming out shortly. Being a council member does not mean you need to commit hours on end, we just need a small amount of your time occasionally to run events to benefit the school community. If you have any other questions, or comments for the School Council please feel free to contact at carletonschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

MISSING & DAMAGED BOOKS

Due to the ever increasing cost of maintaining our textbook supplies, each student will be assigned a specific book for a variety of their classes. Students textbooks are recorded and tracked by their teachers. If at the end of the year these classroom or library materials are missing or severely damaged, students will be expected to pay a repair or replacement fee. Please take care of your books!

Students with library books that are overdue or missing will also be charged for their replacement. A charge of \$5.00 for a paperback, \$15.00 for a hardcover book, and the replacement value for all books or magazines less than three years old will be recouped before borrowing privileges will be re-instated. Thank you for your understanding.



COMPUTERS & PRINTING PRIVILEGES

Students who have completed their 'DSBN user agreement' in their agendas with their parents will be permitted access to the internet when supervised by a classroom teacher. All students are able to print appropriate classroom materials with the direction and support of their classroom teacher. Students, are however, given a cap of 100 print pages in order to limit wasteful printing and to limit the cost of maintaining both paper and printer cartridges. Students who need to exceed their cap will be asked to pay \$10 before they are able to access an additional 100 pages of printed material.

LOST AND FOUND

Parents are welcome to come in and search through the un-

claimed items throughout the year. We will put items in the lost & found by the primary doors all year. Lost and found items will be donated to Community Care at Christmas, March Break and the end of the school year.

TERRY FOX & TEAM SPORTS

For September, dust off those runners as it is soccer and cross country season. Our school Terry Fox Run will take place on the morning of Sept. 23rd. We are asking all students to donate a \$toonie for the cancer research center!

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

It is important that all cell phones and electronic devices are turned off and in students lockers/bags during the school day. We encourage students leaving valuables at home as the school can not be responsible for loss or theft. Students having phones with them in class will have them confiscated by staff, and parents will be notified

NO SMOKING

A reminder that smoking is not permitted on school property. This is a law that is regularly enforced through by-law officers being present in school zones during key entry and dismissal times.



SCHOOL SPIRITWEAR

We have limited quantities and sizes of the forest green Carleton T-shirts. These are available at the office on a first come first serve basis. They will also be available on the Meet the Teacher night later this month. The cost of the shirts is only \$10.

MEDS

When parents request the school to assume the responsibility of administering medications to their children, a few things must be ensured. A DSBN parental consent form must be signed, which also requires a physician's signature before the school is able to administer any medication. Medication must be sent to school in the original labeled container. In the case of prescription medications, the name of the child and that of the medicine on the bottle label must also match those listed on the signed form.



MEDIC ALERT

MedicAlert's No Child Without Program is at Our School The *No Child Without* program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program. Your child's voice in an emergency, MedicAlert membership; Gives emer-

gency first responders immediate access to your child's medical information on their MedicAlert bracelet or necklet enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline**. Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline** allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or visit www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

SCHOOL BASED IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Did you know that every year in Canada, 1,400 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and more then 400 will die from it? Almost all cervical cancers are caused by a Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection.

The HPV vaccine is an important medical advancement that makes cervical cancer a preventable disease.

Once again this year, the HPV vaccine called Gardasil® will be offered free to **all female Grade 8 students** through Niagara Region Public Health's school-based immunization clinics. In addition, the Hepatitis B vaccine and the Meningococcal vaccine called Menactra® will be offered free to **all Grade 7 students**.

Parent/student information packages will be coming home with your child in September. Clinic dates and times will be announced through your child's school.

For more information, speak to your school nurse or call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.



ATTACHMENTS

(Will arrive during the 1st week of classes)

1. Student Accident Insurance Form
2. School Council Elections—Nomination Form
3. Individualized DSBN - Student Data Verification Form (please complete and return)
4. Carleton School Agendas -please send \$7
5. Carleton Colour Teams Shirt—please send \$3
6. DSBN School Year Calendar
7. Lunch Forms (complete & return)
8. Parent Involvement Conference Flyer
9. Aboriginal Self-Identification form

Please sign and return to be eligible for the draw.

Our Family has read this month's newsletter.

Parent's Signature _____

Students' Name(s) _____

