

# Carleton

## Public School

*Achieving Success Together*



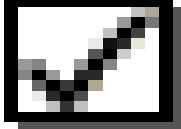
Working Together  
Growing Together

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### October Wrap Up—2011

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 4—Photo re-takes  
Nov. 15—Progress Reports home  
Nov. 17—Parent Teacher Interviews



#### CHARACTER EDUCATION — Responsibility

The goal for this past month has been "responsibility". Students recognized at the month end awards assembly for successfully demonstrating this goal are:

ELP A - Teodora, Riley M., Reisa M.

ELP T - Jordyn S., Mya L.

Gr. 1— Denice P., Aidan M.,

Gr. 2 - Sophie H., Erin T.

Gr. 3 - Arnold A., Meaghan J.

Gr. 4— Angela P., Abbott A.

Gr. 5/6— Erin A., Jacob B.

Gr. 7B - Hasan A.

Gr. 7V—Kimi P., Mackenzie B.

Gr. 8A—Mikayla S., Zoe K.,

Gr. 8B - Faizan S., Carly S.

Sp.Needs - E.J. P.,

Rotary Award— Carson S., Grace D.

#### IMPORTANT PLAYGROUND NOTICE

Our large climber has re-opened! Thank you for your patience! All play structures are now open until the pea-gravel base freezes with the winter cold making the structures unsafe again. A **huge thank-you** to our School Council for removing the rust, priming and re-painting our kindergarten climber. It looks fabulous. We thank you for your time and commitment to our students!

#### PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION—IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK-UP

At our school council meeting this month, we discussed student safety and supervision on the playground at great length. We discussed kindergarten drop off, gr. 1-8 drop off and our ongoing parking lot issues.

As a group we felt it was important to enforce similar expectations for all students at Carleton and eliminate confusion caused by different rules for different age groups (ie. Kin-

dergarten kids must be dropped off at the gate, but older kids could be accompanied by parents—this didn't make a lot of sense). Therefore, due to 'Stranger Danger' and primary student anxiety over seeing unfamiliar parents/adults in our playground before and after school, and our best attempts at fairness and consistency, the following changes will take effect Monday Oct. 31st.

- Before School, ALL STUDENTS will be dropped off at their grade appropriate gate to the playground.
- LUNCH students will depart for home through the front doors, but re-enter the playground at recess
- ALL STUDENTS will walk around the school to meet parents at the front of the building at dismissal.
- The parking lot is out of bounds to those who walk home
- PRIMARY students will still line up and enter at the primary doors, but will dismiss after school through the junior doors where staff will now be supervising.
- Intermediate colour team volunteers will be utilized to walk students around the building who are initially nervous with this change.

PLEASE NOTE—There will be a few individuals who, due to varying special circumstances will follow a different entry or dismissal routine. The school has contacted these families directly. If you have not been contacted by Mrs. Rocco, you will enter and dismiss following the guidelines listed above.

Thank you parents, for your immediate support of these changes. Special thank you to our School Council who are ever vigilant and eager to work with the school to make Carleton the best school in the DSBN!

#### CARLETON'S COLOUR HOUSE UPDATE...

This month's Colour House Challenge was paired with the Cookie Dough sales. Each student was challenged to sell as many units as they could, and would receive 1 pt for their house for each unit sold. We had a fantastic response to this challenge, as 519 units in total were sold by Carleton students! Total profit going back to our school was over \$1000...Way to Go! The results from this month's challenge were: Orange = 118 pts, Blue = 114 pts, Purple = 108 pts, Red = 95 pts and Green = 89 pts.

Overall, the standings have changed:

- 1st place...Purple (254 pts)
- 2nd place...Red & Blue (242 pts)
- 4th place...Green (226 pts)
- 5th place...Orange (220 pts)

Our next challenge will occur near the end of November and will be entitled "Carleton Shares With Community Care"...stay tuned!

### MILK

A reminder to families that Carleton has milk available to students every noon hour for only .75 cent. Tokens or cards for these products are sold at the office daily between the morning entry bell and the start of the instructional day. Milk can not be purchased without a token or milk card so please remind students to come to the office in the morning!

### PIZZA

Please encourage your children to order in advance, as we don't order extras—students sent without lunches anticipating the purchase of extra slices, may be left hungry. Thank You!

### RAINY DAY GAMES & CLASSROOM BOOKS

What a fall... it hasn't been too cold, but it has been wet! We are still gladly accepting donations of gently used books, toys and board games for our in-door recess days. Our primary classrooms need students to be exposed to numerous

### MESSAGES & PHONE CALLS FOR STUDENTS

Elementary school offices are very busy places. In this regard we are asking that **parents please plan ahead and inform your children of their after-school plans, appointments and messages BEFORE they leave home each day or communicate changes to the regular routine via the student agenda.** As we are trying to limit classroom interruptions, only EMERGENCY student messages will be passed on during scheduled breaks. Understand that this may not happen as quickly as requested based on office priorities, thus our need for you to use the agendas! Please Note - To protect our students, we are unable to make changes to pick up arrangements over the telephone as we are unable to validate a caller's identity and only legal caregivers may provide such directions to the school. Also, as our telephones are for emergencies, verifying attendance and general office use. Students **will not be permitted to receive individual phone calls, and they will only be permitted to make phone calls** unless it is an emergency and with their teacher's permission. Thank You.



### REPORT CARDS

A reminder that students in Grades 1 to 8 will bring home a fall progress report card and two revised provincial report cards, one in February and one in June.

#### The progress report card:

- encourages early and ongoing communication between you and your child's teacher
- tells you how well your child is developing the learning skills and work habits we know are essential for success
- continues to report on all academic subjects - but instead of assigning a grade or mark, it will tell you how well your child is progressing: "very well", "well" or "with difficulty". (for the Progress report, all subjects boxes must be checked if they will be taught during Term I, even those not yet taught to students (ie. Drama), therefore, there may be checkmarks on your child's report even though they will not study that particular curriculum until later in the 1st term).

#### Essential Learning Skills and Work Habits

There are 6 learning skills and work habits:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent Work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self regulation

#### The improved report card:

- includes comments from your child's teacher that are personalized, clear and meaningful.
- also emphasizes and gives examples of the learning skills and work habits required
- has ample space for teachers to add meaningful and personalized comments so you can understand how your child is progressing & provides suggestions on how you can support your child's learning at home.

#### What does an "R" mean on my child's report card?

An "R" means extensive remediation is needed since the required skills and knowledge of the subject have not been met. It is important to work with your child's teacher to develop strategies to support your child in gaining the required knowledge and skills.

#### What does an "I" mean on my child's report card?

An "I" means there was not have enough information to assign a grade or mark. This may happen, for example, if your child recently moved schools or has had an extended illness.



books for students to improve their reading levels, so any reading materials in good shape are greatly appreciated!

## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations go out to the Carleton Cross Country team who trained during the months of September and October in preparation for the Region 4 Cross Country meets which were held at Burgoyne Woods on September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>. The runners trained on a daily basis before school and all runners improved their times and placings during the season. A total of 9 runners advanced to the DSBN final race which was held October 12<sup>th</sup> in Niagara Falls. Our runners represented our school admirably and their hard work and determination were appreciated by their coaches, Mr. Smelle and Mr. Bellamy. Great work!!!!

Listed below are the team members and the bolded runners are those who advanced to the DSBN final race.

### *Cross Country Team:*

#### **Atom:**

Gr. 3 **Isaac Siemens**  
Gr. 4 Carter Coman  
Gr. 4 Patrick Doucette  
Gr. 4 **Elly Anderson**  
Gr. 4 **Paige Smith**

#### **Peewee**

Gr. 5 William Siemens  
Gr. 5 **Madison Small**  
Gr. 6 Sean Novak

#### **Bantam**

Gr. 7 **Claire Terrio**  
Gr. 7 **Julia Postma**

#### **Midget**

Gr. 8 **Braedan Siemens**  
Gr. 8 **Mikayla Sonnenberg**  
Gr. 8 **Yahia Liban**



## JUNIOR SOCCER

Mr. Dorin and Mrs. Jessome would like to thank Carleton's junior soccer team for a season of hard work and excellent sportsmanship. Unfortunately, after playing 5 season games, we did not qualify for the playoffs. Despite this disappointment, we would like to congratulate the players on a solid effort during every game. We're proud of you!

## HALLOWEEN REMINDERS

Please help us keep Halloween fun and safe for everyone. A few updates to help keep parents in the loop for Monday's activities;

- Students will dress for Halloween at 2nd Nutrition Break if they choose to (12:45-1:25), all Halloween activities take place during our third literacy block
- Please send costumes that children can put on independently. PLEASE DON'T SEND CHILDREN TO



## DSBN STUDENT FAMILIES IN ST. CATHARINES AND SMITHVILLE ARE INVITED TO PROVIDE A ONE-MONTH HOMESTAY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

International students are participating in  
The District School Board of Niagara's  
**KOREAN WORLD CLASSROOM PROGRAM**

International students in participating schools  
in St. Catharines are in Grades 7 & 8  
International students in participating schools  
in Smithville are in Grades 4-6

The home-stay timeframe is Jan 11–Feb 7, 2012

## PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION BEING HELD

Wednesday, November 9 @ 6:30 – 7:30 .pm.  
at the DSBN Education Centre  
191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines

- open to families in St. Catharines who ideally have a Grade 7 or 8 child themselves (other ages may be considered)
- open to families in Smithville who ideally have a Grade 4-6 child themselves (other ages may be considered)  
your child will build intercultural awareness and leadership skills as a host buddy

Registration for the information session is not required

\*\*Please direct inquiries to:

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**Canadian English Scholar Program**

**ligia\_tobon@hotmail.com**

**905-354-6916**

**www.cespica.com**

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS - PRIMARY READING

The primary classes are looking for volunteers to help students read. This school reading program is designed to increase confidence in primary children through the teaching and guided practice of reading strategies. The program matches the children with an adult mentor. These volunteers then read with the children on a weekly basis. A new strategy is focussed on each week. Training is brief and will be provided for all volunteers. Hours are very flexible. Parents can come any morning or afternoon they choose. The time of day can vary if that is more convenient. Please contact the office or Ms. Martinello if you are interested. Thank-you!



### SCHOOL IN THEIR COSTUMES!

- If you are sending treats to your child's classroom, please remember that we are 'peanut free'
- Costumes must comply with the school dress code
- Please don't send weapons
- Don't send costume accessories that may be forgotten at school, they don't need them & they get misplaced!
- Masks are not encouraged, if your child is wearing one, please ensure that they can see and breath easily.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School council would like to send out a big thank you to all Cobras for their help with the cookie dough fundraiser. With everyone's help we were able to raise over \$1800. The money will help the council make Carleton a better place for all students.

Campbells soup labels are being collected by colour house in the lobby of the school. Any labels brought in by students are being put into the students corresponding colour house bin.

Our next specialty lunch day will be held on Nov 16<sup>th</sup> (food choice to be determined) and we'll have bags, and information coming home soon in regards to our Christmas friendship bag program in the next few weeks.

The next M&M day will be held on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, Lake street location only. Just go in on that day, tell them you support Carleton and 10% of your order will come back to the school. As well our Mabels Label program runs all year round. Put in an order on our schools link [www.carletonpublic.mabel.ca](http://www.carletonpublic.mabel.ca) and 20% of any order comes back to the school. The labels aren't just for kids, they offer allergy bracelets, kid safe info bracelets, as well as home organizational labels. Labels make great stocking stuffer or gifts. Great idea for out of town friends/ family to give of get since anyone can use our link and you can have them mailed directly to anyone anywhere.

Our next meeting will be held on Nov 22 at 7pm in the library and as always everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any other questions for the council we can always be reached by email at [carletonschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:carletonschoolcouncil@gmail.com) .

### HALLOWEEN TREATS IN A PEANUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder to students and their parents that Halloween treats **MUST** be checked before sending them to school. We are peanut free, and for the safety of students and staff this must be strongly enforced, especially at this time of year. We strongly recommend sorting Halloween treats into two piles; 1) Safe for School, & 2) At home treats only. PLEASE limit the amount of sugary treats sent in lunches after Halloween. As teachers, we notice a definite relationship between the amount of candy/sugar students consume and their ability to perform successfully in the classroom. Thank you!



The following are some treats known to be peanut safe (this is not a full list, but some of the popular Halloween items) Twizzlers, Skittles, Mike & Ike, Jelly Beans, Junior Mints (not safe for all allergies, but safe for nut allergies), Pez, Tootsie Pops, Carmel Apple Pops (made from the Tootsie Roll company, a completely nut-free facility!), Life Savers, Starburst, Smarties, Sweet Tarts, Dots (including "Candy Corn" Dots and "Bat" Dots), Ring Pops, Aero, Coffee Crisp and Kit Kat chocolate bars.

### ATTACHMENT: PROGRESS REPORT—INTERVIEW SHEET

### LUNCH SUPERVISOR NEEDED

Carleton School—Daily from 12:45-1:25

Please contact the office if you are interested in this position for the remainder of the school year. (Please note a school funded, police check must be completed for eligibility)



Please sign and return to be eligible for the draw.

Our Family has read this month's newsletter.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Students' Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations to the Doran family! They are the lucky winners of a \$15 Chapters gift card!