

Carleton

Public School

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September Wrap Up—2011

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct.7 — PD Day
Oct. 10 - Thanksgiving



CHARACTER EDUCATION — Respect

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

ELP A - Tyrell, Anna, Paige
ELP T - Emma, Daniel
Gr. 1— Gwen, Jackson
Gr. 2 - Sophie, Daniel
Gr. 3 - Takunda, Isaak
Gr. 4— Aidan, Hillary
Gr. 5/6— Emily, Hillary
Gr. 7B - Julia
Gr. 7V—Akshay
Gr. 8A—Meagan, Naj
Gr. 8B - Marissa, Pavan
Sp.Needs - Hunter
Soc. Sk. - Keith
Rotary Award—Molly, Jack



for their understanding during this frantic and highly emotional time.

Congratulations to Mr. Hall, who, as a result of re-organization, has accepted a quarter permanent contract with the DSBN. He will fulfill this position at Carleton during this academic year!

Thank you for supporting and using the student agendas. We are currently updating our school web-site which will open the lines of communication with families. We would also like to thank you for quickly returning all of the forms that are associated with the first few weeks of school. As always please stop by the school to chat or share your questions and concerns. Your input is valuable to us. If Mrs. Rocco is not available to meet with you on a drop in visit, please feel free to call or schedule an appointment. We're looking forward to working with you during another great year in Cobra Country!



WELCOME BACK

We are very excited to see how quickly everyone has gotten back into routine this fall. Welcome back to what will be another busy and exciting year. Many things are already happening this fall. We've had a tremendously successful book fair, participated in the national Terry Fox Fun Run/Walk with our colour teams and also held our annual Meet the Teacher Open House.

As communicated in the mini-newsletter given out earlier this month, we re-opened one of our intermediate classrooms due to an increase in student population from the enrollment projected by the Board. Mrs. Bragg, who was teaching in Wainfleet was thus given the new teaching position at Carleton, while Ms. Agnew returned to grade 8. As Ms. Bezotosny is covering Ms. Agnew's maternity leave, she is currently teaching the new grade 8 homeroom. Thus, only the intermediate class organizations have changed, moving from three homerooms to four (2 grade 7's, and 2 grade 8's). Thank you to all the parents and students involved in the classroom changes

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 absolute emergency and with their teacher's permission.

Thank You.



DRESSING DOWN For CHARITY

The staff are continuing to support various charities again this year. Staff donate money for each Friday that they dress down. The money is then given to various charities in the Niagara region.

CARLETON'S COLOUR HOUSES.... TERRY FOX UPDATE

A High Five to each of Carleton's Colour Houses on their Terry Fox Walk for Cancer Challenge. Staff and students demonstrated the spirit of giving in raising money for this cause. Overall, the staff and students raised over \$550, and were quite the sight to see walking down Bunting Rd. in their Colour House t-shirts cheering and shouting in support of Terry Fox. Congratulations Cobras!

The Red House came away winning the challenge, narrowly beating the Purple House by \$1.00...Current Standings are as follows:

- 1st PLACE - Red
- 2nd PLACE - Purple
- 3rd PLACE - Blue
- 4th PLACE - Green
- 5th PLACE - Orange

Our next challenge will begin shortly...stay tuned for details! A note regarding the Colour House t-shirts...**students are free to wear these shirts whenever they wish, but especially for Colour House assemblies and school spirit days, which will be on the school calendar.** Students do not have to wear them for intramural games, but can if they wish.

CARLETON SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to our first school council meeting and election on Sept. 27th. The following people have stepped forward to assume executive positions:

- School Council Chair - Heather Twining
- School Council Treasurer - Stephanie Laing
- School Council Secretary - Susan Tanya Pinelli

Thank you to the many 'Parent Reps' who have also joined our Council. For those who have left council this year, thank you for your years of service on behalf of the Carleton parent community. For our new members, we'd like to thank you in advance for your commitment to the students at Carleton and look forward to a great year. To reach School Council their e-mail is Carletonschoolcouncil@gmail.com

EQAO

We are very pleased with our EQAO results again this year. These results are used to identify strengths and weaknesses within our school and also to note trends in achievement re-



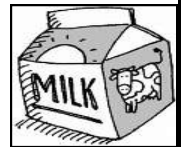
sults. They are then used to plan for interventions to secure future academic improvements. Based on the EQAO results as well as information from other assessment materials, the focus for student improvement at Carleton will continue to be on 'Reading for Meaning'.

The following chart demonstrates the percentage of grade 3 and 6 students that achieved at level 3 or 4 in the provincial testing last spring. The 'All' score is the score shared by EQAO with the public and includes **all** student results in each grade, while the 2nd and 3rd scores down are gender specific.

3 reading	3 writing	3 math	6 reading	6 writing	6 math
All 76%	All 90%	All 90%	All 79%	All 79%	All 75%
Girls 85%	Girls 100%	Girls 92%	Girls 88%	Girls 81%	Girls 88%
Boys 62%	Boys 75%	Boys 88%	Boys 62%	Boys 75%	Boys 50%

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.



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderfully generous families who contributed to our breakfast/Brown-bag lunch program during our Open House earlier this month. The items that were received will help our stores significantly. The school regularly applies for grants which help fund the breakfast program. Continuing this valuable program is a priority for us and donations of non-perishable food items, juice, bread, snacks & jams are always appreciated.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Carleton is pleased to announce that they have been selected as an Ice Dogs School again this year. Our school has been given two tickets to each home game for the regular season. Students who have been 'caught doing something good' are given Golden Ballots which allow them the opportunity to win these tickets. **The Golden Ballots will also be part of the Colour House competitions.** Students who accept tickets to the games are requested to write thank-you cards to the Ice Dogs for this generous community support.



IMPORTANT PLAYGROUND NOTICE

Based on a recent playground inspection, we have had to close our large climbing structure (with slides and fireman's pole)

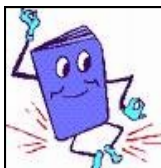


until necessary repairs are made. Please do not permit your children to play on this climber as it is dangerous until repaired. Thank you for your understanding. We will have it repaired as quickly as we possibly can.

RAINY DAY GAMES & CLASSROOM BOOKS

Do you remember that rainy when your children complained to you that they were bored.... Try to imagine up to 30 of them in one classroom during an indoor recess. The school is always looking for indoor activities for these inclement weather types of days. Decks of Cards, Uno, checkers, chess & many other Board games or building toys are always popular items. When you start cleaning out your toy shelves, think of donating your gently used games, books or puzzles to the school - we can always make good use of them!

The same can also be said of books that your children have outgrown that are still in good condition. A school can never have enough reading material and we will take what you no longer need off your hands!



GARDISIL: THE HPV VACCINE

HPV, or Human Papillomavirus, is a common virus that affects both females and males. There are more than 100 types of HPV. Some HPV infections do not have any symptoms and go away on their own but there are a few types that can cause serious health problems.

Gardasil vaccine helps protect against the common types of HPV that can cause cervical cancer and genital warts. It works best when given before exposure to the virus during skin to skin sexual contact. The vaccine has been approved in Canada for females and males 9 - 26 years of age. It is available free to grade 8 girls through school based clinics. Alternately, for boys and girls, it is available by prescription at your doctor's office or through direct purchase at Niagara Region Public Health immunization clinics.



CROSS COUNTRY

We would like to congratulate the following individuals for persevering and displaying a healthy attitude towards running. They did extremely well at their first race on Wednesday, September 28th and we wish them luck on their second race on Monday, October 3rd. The team consists of : Isaac S., Elly A., Paige S. William S., Madison S., Sean N., Claire T., Julia P., Braedan S., Mikayla S., Yahia L., Carter C. and Patrick D. Go Cobras Go!

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES LIVING WITH ADHD

Niagara Region Public Health continues to provide ongoing support to families who are living with the challenges of ADHD. How are we doing this?

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 and the time of day can vary if that is more convenient. Please contact the office or Ms. Martinello if you are interested. Thank-you !



This year Niagara's four HOPE groups have been combined into one group facilitated by a public health nurse. The entire fall schedule is available on the website listed below. All adults are welcome. Support is also available by calling 905-688-8248 ext. 7400, or 1-888-5055-6074. Contact us via email at hope@niagararegion.ca or find us online by searching ADHD at www.niagararegion.ca

JUNIOR SOCCER

Carleton's junior soccer season is now under way! We are very proud of our players for their great effort and determination which so far has resulted in 1 win, 1 tie and 1 loss. Team members are: Emily, Elly, Paige, Aidan, Alex, Josh, Jade, Erin, Madison, Courtney, Cameron, Sean, Carson, Angus and Lukas. Two games remain in regular season play, Thursday, Sept. 29th and Tuesday, Oct. 4th with both games being played at Carelton. Good luck Cobras!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Some pointers to keep the trick or treaters safe.

Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.

Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again to check for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. It is important they walk on the sidewalk, or walk facing the traffic if there is no sidewalk.

Bright coloured costumes make your child easier to see. You can use reflective tape on a costume to make your child more visible. Face paint instead of a mask helps them to see well. Have your child carry a flashlight.

When they get home, check all of their treats carefully.

Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped, if the wrapping is torn or loose, or if the wrapper has a hole. Remember that small treats can cause your child to choke.

You might want to offer an alternative to sugar based treats. Stickers or multicoloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of, or in addition to, traditional treats.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

With September gone, it's time to focus on October's events. With our first (and only) major fundraiser on its way, it's time to start thinking of new things. Starting October 1st and continuing till March 30th we'll be holding our annual collection of Campbell soup labels. The change this year is that rather than the contest be based by class, we'll be collecting by **colour houses!** There will be 5 bins at the office (one for each colour) that the labels will be deposited into and Mrs. Adams class has agreed to count the labels. We do collect labels all year round, but the majority of them come in during this time.

We also have our ongoing fundraiser with Mabel's labels. For every order put through on our web link www.carletonpublic.mabel.ca/ the school gets back 20%. A great way to keep your child's possessions from getting lost. Our first specialty lunch will be held on Oct 19th, look for sub forms to come home soon. Our next council meeting will be held Oct 25th 7pm in the library. As always everyone is welcome, if you require childcare, please let us know ahead of time so we can arrange something. You can always contact the council by way of email at carletonschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Campbell's soup label contest. - Info and Rules

Starting October 1st, 2011 and running to March 31st, 2012 each **colour house** will be competing against one another to collect as many soup labels as possible.

In order for a label to count we require that the **full front label as well as the barcode (UPC code) are included.** Products such as Goldfish crackers, and the cartons for broths and soups only require the UPC, if in doubt bring it all in and we (the school council) will take care of getting the part we need.

Eligible products are:

- Condensed soup 10oz / 284mL, 28oz / 796mL, 48oz / 1.36L
- Chunky soups and chili or Ready to Serve soup 375 mL, 425mL, 540mL, 675mL
- V8 / V8 Splash Beverage -354 mL / 474 mL / 950 mL 1.89L
- Pace Salsa - 428 mL / 642 mL
- Habitant soups- 227 mL /398 mL / 796 mL
- Broths and Garden of Eatin' soups - 500 mL , 900mL and 1 L
- Prego - 375mL, 675mL 1.75 L
- Soup at Hand - 284 mL
- Healthy request or Chunky to Go Bowls - 420 mL
- Soup or chili 10 oz / 284 mL, 19oz / 540mL and 14oz / 425g
- Goldfish crackers 1.36 kg, 28g, 168g, 180g, 190g and 200g

The winning colour house will be announced the first Week of April, and they will be awarded a prize of a movie party day. (date of event, and movie selection to be determined at a later date with assistance of Mrs. Rocco)

If you have any questions in regards to the contest please feel free to ask a council member, or email the council at carletonschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Please remember to have fun, and bring in those labels.

Thank you for your support, School council

If you wish more information on the program visit www.labelsforeducation.ca



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 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) _____

Who will be the lucky winners of a \$10 Chapters gift card?