



# Herbert H. Carnegie Public School

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## From the Office

April 2016

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## EQAO

### Administration Schedule

#### Dates for Grade 3 and Grade 6 Students

May 25 - June 8,  
2015

Please avoid scheduling medical appointments, vacations, etc., which would take your child away from school during this time period.

We are expected to have all of our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students complete the EQAO assessments.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

April is here and hopefully the warm weather will soon follow. At Herbert H. Carnegie P.S., we have been very busy with a number of activities. We had an energetic Dance-a-Thon that concluded at the end of February. We'd like to thank everyone for the generous donations! We raised over \$15,000, which gives students a night without homework, and a donation of \$1,000 to The Hospital for Sick Children on behalf of our school. Many students earned the special collector's edition t-shirt with Dr. Carnegie's silhouette on the front, for raising at least \$50. With the funds, we have already purchased 20 new Chrome Book computers and books for the library. Congratulations to all for an extremely successful fundraiser!

The school continues to be a busy and productive environment. Our staff and students continue to make learning a priority by engaging in authentic learning tasks and by demonstrating their learning in creative ways. Our school foci mirror the Board's priority areas of Mathematics, Modern Learning and Mental Health and Well-Being. Teachers of our grade 3 and 4 students are working collaboratively with teams of teachers from Michael Cranny P.S. and Dr. Roberta Bondar P.S. to deepen their understanding of the Comprehensive Math Program and facilitate learning through shared practice and reflection.

We have enjoyed many events such as Bingo, Movie and Math Nights, French Day, Lights Out Earth Hour and many others. Students have participated in many celebrations and sports, like Junior Co-Ed Volleyball, Junior and Senior Basketball; our school choir sang O'Canada at the Toronto Marlies game and our students performed a Dragon Dance for Lunar New Year. What a great feeling to be a part of this school!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Mrs. MacRae  
Principal

Mr. Yao  
Vice-Principal



## Are You Moving?

Please let us know if you are planning a move. This information helps us when planning for next year. Please notify the school office or send a note in with your child as soon as possible.

Visit Carnegie's BLOG at [hhcarnegieps.com](http://hhcarnegieps.com), where you can sign up to receive new blog posts directly to your email. Enter your email address and click the "FOLLOW" button at the top-right corner at [hhcarnegieps.com](http://hhcarnegieps.com). As an EcoSchool, we would like to limit our ecological footprint wherever we can.

### School Council Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 2016

7:00-9:00 p.m. in the school library.  
All are welcome to join and participate.

### Remaining School Council Meeting Dates

- \* Thursday, May 5, 2016
- \* Thursday, June 2, 2016



### Upcoming Important Dates

#### April

- 1 — Future Aces Assembly (grades 6-7), 9:00-10:00am
- 1 — Future Aces Assembly (grades 4-5), 10:20-11:20am
- 4 — Immunizations (grade 7's and grade 8 girls)
- 5 — Willowgrove Farm (Davies/Hildebrandt)
- 6 — Willowgrove Farm (Elia/Pimentel)
- 7 — Willowgrove Farm (Sidana/Mancia)
- 7 — Junior Choir - Music Alive
- 7 — School Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- 8 — Glee Club - Music Alive
- 22 — Grade 4's to Medieval Times
- 28 — Math Night (grades 4-8)
- 29 — Primary Future Aces Assembly, 10:15am

#### May

- 4 — Band - Music Alive
- 5 — School Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- 12 — Welcome to Kindergarten Night, 6:30pm
- 20 — Grade 8's to Treetop Trekking
- 24 — Primary Future Aces Assembly, 10:15am
- 30 — Grade 5's to Crawford Lake

### Grade 8 Graduation

We are planning our Grade 8 graduation. It will be held at Herbert H. Carnegie Public School on **Thursday, June 23rd, 2016**. More details will be sent home with the Grade 8 students in late May, early June.



### 2016 Dance-a-thon

Our 2016 Dance-A-Thon wrapped up with a fantastic celebration party on Thursday, February 25, 2016. This party was a great opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of our students as they worked through the month of February to gain sponsors, participate in the dance event on February 11 and then collect money. We are grateful for the work of our students and staff. Thank you as well to our many prize donations from staff and student families, including the framed José Bautista Bat Flip poster from Mr. Mazzaferro and Toronto Raptors tickets from Mr. and Mrs. Wright. With the fundraiser now concluded, we can proudly say our school has raised \$15,600.



### Kindergarten Registration Has Begun

Kindergarten registration commenced on January 15, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who were born in 2012, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A "Welcome to Kindergarten" session for parents is being planned for this spring (May). For more information, please visit the [YRDSB website](http://www.yrdsb.ca) or contact the school. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.



#### Documents required for registration include:

- \* Proof of child's age (birth certificate/passport)
- \* Proof of residency (for child and parent/guardian)
- \* Citizenship and immigration status (where applicable)
- \* Direction of school support form

## The Future Aces Creed is Thriving at Herbert H. Carnegie Public School

On Monday, March 21st, twenty Grades 4 to 7 students participated in a full-day workshop organized by the Future Aces Foundation. With the guidance and expertise of Dr. Carnegie's youngest daughter, Ms. Rochelle, and educational consultant, Ms. Gail, our students developed the early stages of planning several Future Aces initiatives which will be implemented at Carnegie over the next few months.

On Wednesday, March 23rd, twelve students attended the Future Aces Symposium which focused on building leadership skills, developing character-building initiatives for our school, and being part of presentations by motivational speakers. The students shared the Future Aces song that was composed by our then-Grade 4, now-Grade 7 students, which was accompanied by a rice animation video created by Ms. Gold's class.

Congrats to all the students in our ever-growing Future Aces Team!

Wise Words from our students:

Service is...

S - Showing integrity.

E - Expressing your feelings with honesty.

R - Respecting everyone from our peers, parents, teachers and community members.

V - Visualizing greatness.

I - Influencing others to be Future Aces.

C - Confidence in our actions.

E - Excelling to your highest limits!

Stay tuned for more exciting news on our Future Aces initiatives!

## Board Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures govern the operation of the Board and our school. To ensure they remain current, the Board reviews policies and procedures on a regular cycle. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process.

All policies available for comment are sent to school council chairs, and are posted on the [Board website](#) along with information about how to provide feedback. The policies currently available for comment include:

- \* Student Accommodation Review (comments due by April 25)
- \* Anaphylactic Reactions (comments due by August 25)
- \* Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment (comments due by August 25)
- \* Environmental Responsibility (comments due by January 2, 2017)
- \* Appointment of Community Members to Board Committees (comments due by January 2, 2017)

To learn more, visit [www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/](http://www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/).

### Warning: Fire Route

Please be aware that the curb lanes in front of the school are designated as fire route lanes. We have posted signs indicating this with the by-law number from the City of Vaughan. This means the by-law enforcement officers can come around at any time and issue tickets to anyone who is parked or stopped in the fire route lane. This is a major safety concern for us. These lanes need to remain clear in the event that emergency vehicles are called to the school. Please keep the fire route lanes clear at all times.



### Safe and Efficient "Drop Off" of Children at School

In order to ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of all of our students, we ask that families work with us as they follow the safety routines during these times.

The safest location for letting students out of your car is in the "Kiss and Ride" in our parking lot. It is important that the students exit the vehicle to the sidewalk side and not the road side. It is helpful if your children already have their backpacks with them in the car as this will speed up the drop off routines. To keep the flow of cars moving in the morning, it is essential that we do not have anyone parking, even for a short time, in the "drop off zone". Please do not leave your car unattended in the "Kiss and Ride" area. If you need to walk a student to the door of the school or come into the school office, please park on the street in front of the school and walk in. Do not drop students off in the middle of the parking lot as they would need to navigate between cars and cannot always be seen. Using the "drop off zone" properly is the safest way to have students arrive at school when they are driven.



There is a fine of over \$100 for parking in the bus loop at any time, as it is a fire route. No vehicles should enter the bus loop at the front of the school between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. For obvious safety reasons, the bus loop is only for the buses at this time. Parents should not be walking their children across the bus loop. If you are bringing a student into the daycare at this time, please park on the street in front of the school and walk in along the sidewalk. Just a reminder that the north end of the bus loop has posted "no entry" signs. The bus loop exit will be cordoned off with pylons and will only be opened up when buses have left the area.



The safest location for walkers to cross Via Romano is at the crossing guard. Please remind your children to cross with the crossing guard as this is the only location that is visible to oncoming traffic.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

### SPRING — Rainy and Wet Weather

With the arrival of spring comes wet and rainy days! Please make sure that you have a conversation with your children about fast flowing creeks and rivers. Sometimes this can become a safety issue for children. For the younger children, please make sure you send a dry change of clothes with your child just in case they get wet during recess.





*The morning of Tuesday, March 8th was a sad one for Ms. Colussi's Grade 4 class. We arrived into our classroom that morning, only to find that our beloved class hamster, Humphrey, was missing. His cage was locked, and there was no evidence as to where he could have gone. "Lost Hamster" signs were quickly put up around the school, but all we could do was wait.*

*While we were waiting, Ms. Colussi challenged us to use our imaginations and think about where Humphrey could have disappeared to. We called our writing task "Humphrey's Adventure". We thought you may like to read our final story, which we wrote together as a class.*

### Humphrey's Adventure

The hallways were dark. I looked left, I looked right...there was no one around. FREEDOM! I scurried down the hallway as fast as my paws could go. Wow! These humans sure were messy. There were scraps of food everywhere! Not that I minded, I have a great appetite. I ate my way down the hallway, but I had to move on. I had a whole school to explore!

As I continued on my way, I found a set of doors. I wasn't sure where I was going, but I followed the trail of delicious crumbs down the stairs until I arrived in a large room. Was this a restaurant? I was in food heaven! Any direction I scurried, there was something for me to nibble on. As I was starting my feast, I heard some loud noises.

I was so scared that I hurried into a large, beige box. It was dark, but quiet. I wasn't thinking about where I was going, but I knew that I was safe. I decided to settle in for the night.

As the days passed, as long as I didn't hear any sounds, I would venture out into my room. Everything seemed so big from my level. The chairs, the tables, and all of the books, blocks and activities. It was exciting, but I missed my wheel and my ball. I missed my Grade 4 friends who would always feed me, give me fresh water and make sure my cage was clean. I missed all of their attention, even when they would poke and chase my ball around their classroom.

Would anyone ever find me? I was starting to get thirsty, and my food supply wasn't as regular as I would have liked. I hoped someone would help me soon. My box wasn't as great as I thought it would be. I was ready for my adventure to come to a close.

*Humphrey's Adventure has a happy ending. Exactly two weeks after he disappeared, Humphrey was found, alive and well. Our school daycare teachers found him in a cabinet in one of our Kindergarten classrooms. It looked like he had been there the whole time and was surviving on crumbs and cardboard. He happily took the water that was offered to him, and our wonderful caretakers quickly put him back into his cage in our classroom where he settled right in.*

*We would like to thank Miss Jessica from Daycare for finding him, our caretakers for never giving up the search, and all the students and staff at our school who helped look for him.*





The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm [Summer Institute Locations Map](#).

[YMCA Before and Aftercare Registration](#); programs available at all locations

### Weekly Sessions July 4, 2016 to August 12, 2016

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and select programs and services.

<a href="#">Aldergrove S.I.</a>	150 Aldergrove Drive, Unionville
<a href="#">Armada S.I.</a>	11 Coppard Ave., Markham
<a href="#">Crosby Heights S.I.</a>	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill
<a href="#">Discovery S.I.</a>	120 Discovery Trail, Maple
<a href="#">Lakeside S.I.</a>	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick
<a href="#">Lake Wilcox S.I.</a>	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill
<a href="#">Maple Leaf S.I.</a>	155 Longford Dr., Newmarket
<a href="#">Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate PS)</a>	35 Highgate Dr., Markham
<a href="#">Oscar Peterson S.I.</a>	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville
<a href="#">Sixteenth Avenue S.I.</a>	400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill
<a href="#">Unionville Meadows S.I.</a>	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham
<a href="#">Woodbridge S.I.</a>	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge

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