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From the Office

March/April 2014

March is here and hopefully the warm weather will soon follow. At Herbert H. Carnegie, we have been dancing and cheering throughout the past month. We celebrated the "Spirit of the Olympics" with students creating cheers and flags for over 30 different countries and sharing them at our official opening ceremonies. The students had the opportunity to work with children from various grades and demonstrate their Future Ace attitudes! We followed our Olympic celebrations with an energetic Dance-a-thon. Thank you for the generous donations! The money raised through this School Council Fundraiser will be used to support the Literacy and Technology needs of the students at Herbert H. Carnegie. We raised over \$11,000 which gives students an extra recess, a night without homework, and a donation of \$1,000 to Hospital for Sick Children on behalf of our school. As a reward for raising over \$11,000, we will be duct taping Mr. Derakshande and Mr. Hardy to the wall. 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 critical thinking tasks and demonstrating their learning in creative ways. We have enjoyed many events such as Bingo Night, Movie Night and a Black History Month presentation for our intermediate students. Students have participated in many celebrations and sports, Junior Co-Ed Volleyball, Intermediate Basketball and a Dragon Dance Celebration. New this year, some of our intermediate students participated in a Spoken Word Club and represented our school at a competition. Thank you to all of the staff who made these events possible.

On behalf of the staff, we wish our students and families an enjoyable March Break. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office.

Mrs. S. MacRae
Principal

Ms P. McInnis
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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. Thank you.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for children born in 2010 is now happening.

Please come in to register as soon as possible! See inside

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.



Junior/Senior Kindergarten Registration for September 2014

Children born in 2010 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September, 2014. Children born in 2009 and not currently attending public school, are eligible for senior kindergarten in September.

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

Registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.



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". 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.

No vehicles should enter the bus loop at the front of the school between 8:00 and 8:15. For obvious safety reasons, the bus loop is only for the buses at this time. 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 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 on-coming traffic.

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

Board Launches New Mission, Vision, Values and Slogan

Mission: To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

The York Region District School Board is celebrating the launch of its new Mission, Vision and Values statements and slogan

Inspire Learning!

The Board last reviewed these statements in the late 1990s. Since that time, education in York Region has been influenced by a number of significant changes, including changes in technology, in our communities and in our learning environments.

Community members, parents/guardians, staff members and students had the opportunity to provide input and share ideas about the ideal future of public education in York Region. Thank you to everyone who participated in the process.

For more information, visit the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca.

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Grade 8 Graduation

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



CHARACTER CORNER

INTEGRITY

We are truthful and sincere. We ensure consistency between what we say and what we do as well as between what we believe and how we behave.



EQAO Dates for Grade 3 and Grade 6 Students

Primary and Junior Division Assessments
May 26—June 5, 2014

Please avoid scheduling medical appointments, vacations, etc which would take your children away from school during this time period. We are expected to have all of our Grade 3 and 6 students complete the EQAO assessments.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Upcoming Events

March 10 to 17	March Break
March 18	Grade 8 art workshop (at Carnegie)
March 19	Grade 6's to Ontario Science Centre
March 20	Band at "Music Alive" - Newmarket
March 21	Mad Science Lunch Program
March 28	Mad Science Lunch Program
April 9	Ten Ten Sports Lunch Program
April 11	Lego Lunch Program
April 16	Ten Ten Sports Lunch Program
April 18	Lego Lunch Program
April 22	Glee Club at "Music Alive"
April 23	Career Day
April 23	Ten Ten Sports Lunch Program
April 25	Lego Club Lunch Program
April 30	Ten Ten Sports Lunch Program
April 30	Battle of the Books (4:30 to 6:30 pm)

The 6th Annual Dance-a-Thon A Record Breaker! Over \$11,000 Raised

Our Valentines Dance-a-thon was a huge success! We raised just over \$11,000 for our school!!!!!! GO CARNEGIE! A huge thank you to the office staff for collecting and counting the money, preparing the info for tax receipts and distributing ballots to all the students for the prize giveaway. Many staff members contributed prizes for the students and also participated in The Kick Off Assembly with a Bollywood dance presentation. It was evidence of the Great Carnegie Spirit! The kids loved it! Many children went home with a prize they won. All students can look forward to a homework free night and extended recess. Congratulations!



Herbert H. Carnegie Public School Students want to hear about your job at their 2014 CARNEGIE CAREER DAY

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 (8:30 AM to 10:05 AM)

Tuesday / Thursday Kindergarten class presentations will be on Thursday, April 24th

Volunteers are needed to speak with Grades JK - 8 students in their classrooms, to learn about your job, career or life experiences. How to participate: Sign up for one, two or three classes for 20 minutes each. Come dressed in your work gear (lab coat, suit, safety glasses, tool belt, hard hat, stethoscope etc). Use your own presentation style, or the following format: Challenges....."Some challenges in my job are....."

This will be a satisfying experience for you and the students. Leave an impression on a young student as he/she contemplates the many job/career choices that lie ahead. To participate in the Carnegie Career Day event at Herbert H. Carnegie Public School, please fill out the information and drop off in the office, or e-mail herbert.h.carnegie.ps@yrdsb.edu.on.ca.



Announcing Resources Around Me

Kids Help Phone is pleased to introduce our newest innovation for youth – and we wanted you to know about it! Please help us spread the word about **Resources Around Me**, a tool that helps young people get help for themselves, right in their own communities.

→ See it now at <http://kidshelpphone.ca/ResourcesAroundMe>

Developed in collaboration with youth, **Resources Around Me** is an interactive map-based tool that puts the power of Kids Help Phone's community resource database in the hands of youth themselves.

Available online or through Kids Help Phone's free Always There app, **Resources Around Me** allows young people to independently search for trusted local programs and services in their communities, such as counselling and mental health centres, distress services, addictions programs, shelters, housing help, legal help, LGBTQ services, and sexual health clinics.

Kids Help Phone maintains Canada's largest database of youth-serving programs and services – which our professional counsellors use to help young people connect to more support in their communities every day. Resources Around Me makes this information available to young people for the first time, providing access to a portion of this database – 11,000 local resources that offer services to kids directly (even more will be added in the years ahead as funding becomes available).

Resources Around Me was made possible thanks to The Jack Project, the Ontario Ministry of Education, Staples Canada, a generous anonymous donor, and lead donor Bell Canada. For more information about Kids Help Phone's services, visit our [Kids](#) or [Teens](#) websites.

February 21, 2014

Dear Members of the York Region District School Board Community:

As you may be aware, our current director of education will be retiring as of July 31, 2014. The important responsibility of selecting his successor now becomes the task of the Board of Trustees.

We have engaged the services of Laverne Smith & Associates, a leading Canadian firm that has worked extensively with school boards and other public sector organizations across the country. Dr. Laverne Smith, our consultant, will be assisting us by gathering input from you, the educational community.

Your input into the qualities and characteristics that you would like to see in the new director of education is critical. Please take a few minutes to complete the [linked](#) online survey which comprises four questions. The survey results will be submitted electronically directly to Laverne Smith & Associates. All responses will be held in strict confidence by the consultant.

Please submit your response by **Tuesday March 18, 2014**. If you require more time to complete the survey, responses will continue to be accepted after this deadline.

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

Yours truly,

Anna DeBartolo
Diane Giangrande

Co-Chairs of the Search Committee for Director of Education
York Region District School Board

Grade 6 Visual Arts

