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From the Office

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with pleasure that I introduce myself as the new Principal at Herbert H. Carnegie P.S.. Over the past several weeks Mrs. MacRae and I have been meeting to prepare for this transition. It was clear to me from our conversations how much she loved being the principal at Herbert H. Carnegie for the past 6 years.

I come to Herbert H. Carnegie having been an administrator in York Region for 13 years. Over the course of this time I have worked at a number of schools throughout the region. Most recently I was the principal at Vellore Woods P.S. in Woodbridge. I am very honored to be joining the staff at this school and look forward to many years working with students, staff, parents and guardians on student achievement and well-being.

During Mrs. Dunham's absence, Mrs. Greaves will be the acting Vice Principal. Ms. Greaves has been an educator at the school for many years and has a wealth of knowledge about the students and programs. We look forward to working together.

I have also had the opportunity to meet with the two School Council Co-Chairs, Mrs. Pajpani and Mrs. Friel as well as attend the most recent School Council Meeting to hear about the great work being done by Council . I look forward to meeting more parents over the coming months at various events.

February 5th marked the New Year in the Lunar calendar. Many of you would have had the chance to enjoy our display in the front foyer. A big thank you to our parent community who took the time to set it up for us. Many of our students have stopped by to learn more about the celebration.

The month of February is recognized as Black History Month. Over the course of this month, we will be taking the time to inquire into and celebrate the accomplishments, legacies and contributions of many African Canadians. We are honoured to be named after one such individual, who is widely recognized as the first African Canadian Hockey star, Herbert Carnegie! Keep an eye out for our display board in the front entry, and the timeline posted throughout our hallways. Can you find all of the facts?

Way to go Herbert H. Carnegie Public School!

Ms. Gates

Mrs. Greaves

Principal

Vice-Principal (Acting)



Principal

Ms. Shawna Gates

Vice-Principal (Acting)

Ms. Rebecca Greaves

Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Chris Sarellas

(905) 764-6830

Trustee

Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair

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Thank you
School Council
for a great

Family Skate
Night



School Council Meeting

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

School Council Meeting Dates

- * Thursday, April 4, 2019
- * Thursday, May 2, 2019
- * Thursday, June 6, 2019



Important Dates

February

- 11 – Dance-a-Thon Kick Off Assemblies (K–6)
- 11 – Earth Rangers Assembly
- 11 – Course Selection Opens for Gr. 8's
- 12 – Grad Photos
- 12 – 100th Day of School
- 13 – Term 1 Reports go home
- 13 – Global Play Day
- 14 – Spirit Day: Red and White Day
- 14 – Area Robotics Tournament
- 14 – Dance-a-thon (K-6)
- 15 – Dance-a-thon (7 & 8)
- 18 – Family Day
- 19 – STEM Workshops (Gr. 5's)
- 22 – Course Selection Closes for Gr. 8's
- 25 – Boys' Intermediate Basketball Areas
- 26 – Girls' Intermediate Basketball Areas
- 27 – Primary Future Aces Assembly



Dance-a-thon

Our Kick Off Assemblies are underway for the up coming Dance-a-Thon. This week you will receive information outlining the event along with the pledge envelope. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will participate in the Dance-a-Thon on Wednesday, February 14th and the Grade 7 & 8's dance will take place on Thursday, February 15th. We are still seeking prizes for this event. If you would like to donate any prizes please contact Mr. Pamayah, our Teacher-Librarian who is instrumental in this event.



Birthday Celebrations

Please be reminded that in order to ensure the safety of all our students and to support our Healthy Schools initiatives, parents & guardians are asked to not send food to school to share to celebrate your child's birthday. Birthdays will be announced on our P.A. system and students will be given a ribbon to recognize their special day.

Math Learning at Home—Games

Using games to support your child at home to reinforce math concepts they are learning in class can be fun for the whole family! Games provide children with opportunities to explore mathematical concepts such as number concepts, patterns and relationships. It also allows them to use models and strategies they are familiar with (e.g., arrays, ten frames, skip counting). Some math games are commercially available but most can be played with common household objects. In fact, most games that are not considered “math” games have many math concepts already in them. Try highlighting some of those concepts as you are playing.

For some game suggestions, you can go to the math page on the YRDSB website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>. Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)



Inclement Weather / Bus Cancellations

If conditions of the roads force cancellation of school bus service, parents are asked to access the following stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM, 640 AM, 680 AM, 860 AM, 1010 AM, 1050 AM, 1540 AM, 1580 AM

88.5 FM, 89.9 FM, 92.5 FM, 93.1 FM, 94.9 FM, 95.9 FM, 97.3 FM, 98.1 FM, 99.1 FM, 99.9 FM, 101.1 FM, 102.1 FM
104.5 FM, 100.7 FM, 107.1 FM



TELEVISION

CITY TV CFTO Barrie CFTO TV GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.

Parents have the right to keep their children at home in severe weather conditions. The school will remain open for parents that wish to drive their children. Please remember that if you drive in the morning, you will have to make arrangements for your children to be picked up at 2:35 p.m. ***If the buses are cancelled in the morning, they will also be cancelled in the afternoon.***

Cold Weather is Here!



A reminder that ALL students are expected to go outside for recess. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for Canadian winter. If your child is not well

enough to be out at recess, they are too ill to be at school. A change of clothes would be helpful for primary children should they get wet during the day. Please make sure all items are labeled with your child's name. Our "Lost and Found" bin gets filled up quickly and belongings often go unclaimed. Please make sure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for school.

LABEL your CHILD'S CLOTHES PLEASE!

Term 1—Reports Cards

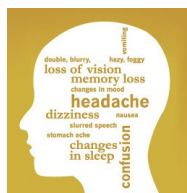
Term 1 Report Cards will be coming home on February 13, 2019.



This is a great opportunity for reflection and to engage in meaningful conversations with your children about their strengths and next steps as we enter Term Two. Please take the time to read through the Report Card together, and complete the reflection slip on the back of Page 4. If you have any questions, or would like to sit down to discuss the Report Card, please contact your child's homeroom teacher to arrange a meeting.

Important Information About Concussions

Please inform the office immediately if your child has been diagnosed with a concussion. Office staff will provide you with a form that **MUST** be completed by a doctor before the student may return to school. Accommodations will be made for the student until the doctor has authorized a full return to regular activities.



FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Family Skate Night was a huge success with over 200 families in attendance!



Kiss 'N Ride Update

Please follow the Parking Authority By-Law

We had a visit from the Vaughan Parking Authority recently with clear reminders about our Kiss 'N Ride. As has been shared previously, it is a Fire Route. New signs were recently posted to reinforce this. ***This means that cars are not permitted to park or stop in this area.*** Only loading and unloading are permitted. Parking Authority shared that this is in reference to By-Law # 1-96. At any time the Fire Department should be able to quickly access this route if needed for the safety of the building occupants. The fine for stopping or parking in this route is \$150.

Please help us follow the standards that have been set. When you pull up to drop off please do so and then exit. When you are coming to pick up, if your child is not there to load you must exit and then circle through again. We appreciate that this may lengthen your pick up time if your child is not there when you are. Please encourage your child to be there in a timely fashion for pick up.

