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From the Office

January 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that your children are all rested and ready to learn! With the new year upon us, it is a good time to set some goals. These may include working on study habits, using the agenda regularly or reading every night at home. Learning Skills and Work Habits are an important indicator of immediate and future academic success.

We would like to encourage punctuality and regular attendance. In order for students to fully benefit from the instructional day, they need to be at school and on time. Your support in ensuring this is critical to your child's learning. Remember to contact the office if your child will be absent or late. The only safe arrival method is through the office as classroom teachers may be absent or not check a message until later in the day. Students must report to the office if they are late or signing into the school. Thank you for helping us to ensure all students are safe.

With the winter months come colder weather. Please send your children to school with appropriate clothing to play outside at recess. Children are at their best when they are well rested and getting regular exercise. This includes being outside at recess playing, running and having fun.

There are many exciting activities for our students and families coming up in the next few months that will be sponsored by the School Council. There is a Bingo Night and Movie Nights among others. We will have many school teams starting up in the new year and our CarneGlee Club and Student Council will continue. Also, the annual Dance-a-thon is being planned along with two Math Nights.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our students, staff and parents for a wonderful 2015! We had many demonstrations of our Future Aces Spirit as illustrated by our involvement in the Senior Girls Regional Volleyball tournament and the Holiday Food Drive. Our CarneGlee Club performed at the CTV Toy Mountain Event and also for the senior residents of Richview Manor. We also had a very successful Winter Wonderland Concert with students performing brilliantly. Way to go Herbert H. Carnegie Public School!

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COMING SOON!

Bingo Night

January 14, 2016



School Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

7:00-9:00 p.m. in the school library.

All are welcome to join and participate.

School Council Meeting Dates

- * Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016
- * Thursday, Apr. 7, 2016
- * Thursday, May 5, 2016
- * Thursday, June 2, 2016



Important Dates



January

- 4 — School resumes after Winter Break
- 6 — School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 — Bingo Night
- 14 — Swan Lake Outdoor Ed. Centre (Greaves/Hardy)
- 15 — P.A. Day (no school)
- 18 — Swan Lake Outdoor Ed. Centre (Robinson/Hardy)
- 19 — Swan Lake Outdoor Ed. Centre (Faraldo/Cooper Gr. 4's)
- 19 — Vaughan City Hall (grade 5's)
- 20 — Swan Lake Outdoor Ed. Centre (Sawyer)
- 21 — Swan Lake Outdoor Ed. Centre (Colussi)
- 22 — Swan Lake Outdoor Ed. Centre (Arnold/Krinsky Gr. 2's)
- 25 — Swan Lake Outdoor Ed. Centre (Gold)
- 26 — Swan Lake Outdoor Ed. Centre (Priyadarshee/Suppa)

February

- 1 — P.A. Day (no school)
- 2 — Ontario Legislature Buildings (grade 5's)
- 4 — School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 — V.I.P. for grade 8's
- 10, 17, 24 — V.I.P. for grade 6's
- 11 — Dance-a-Thon
- 11 — Math Night
- 12 — Chef Suzanne (grade 7's)
- 15 — Family Day (no school)
- 26 — French Day (grades 1-8)

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 not to send to school food 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.

School Cash Online

Herbert H. Carnegie P.S. is now accepting online payments through School Cash Online. School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

All students brought home information on how to register and get started. Please pay attention to your child's student number posted on the letter, as you will need this unique number to register each student.

Hot Lunches

New Order Forms for the next cycle of the Hot Lunch program will be coming home January 5th.



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ASTORIA
shish kebab house

For fast and easy payments, don't forget to register for School Cash Online!

Visit Carnegie's BLOG at 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.

Inclement Weather / Bus Cancellations

If conditions of the roads force cancellation of school bus service, parents are asked to access the following radio and television 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.

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, he/she is 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.



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.



Dressing For Winter

New to Canada?

10°
5°
0°



Hat



Jacket



Boots



Mittens

-10°
-15°
-20°



Snowsuit



Boots



Scarf



Hat



Sweater



Mittens

www.settlement.org/dressingforwinter



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada



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Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration will commence on January 15, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2016, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring.

French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2016 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location. FI registration will begin January 15, 2016. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2016, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between January 15 and February 12, 2016. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.



YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

A Message From Our Trustee-Linda Aversa

It is that time of year when our schools brim with energy and excitement for the many diverse celebrations taking place across our region. I am always happy to join the festivities happening in our schools and appreciate the efforts of our students, staff and community members to bring the holiday season alive.

As we wind down 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for their support of our students and staff over the past few months. A school community is only as strong and welcoming as the people who make up that community. Our students, staff and community members have continued to demonstrate respect, character and commitment in their work and interactions over the last few months. As a trustee, I consider myself very fortunate to work with such supportive community and staff members.

On behalf of all of the trustees and staff of the York Region District School Board, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.

All the best for 2016!