



# Herbert H. Carnegie Public School

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## From the Office

June, 2014

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to thank students, staff, families and community members for helping make the year so successful. We have lots to celebrate and to be thankful for. Herbert H. Carnegie is a great school that provides many opportunities to engage students in different activities (i.e. Track and Field, Badminton, announcement leaders, bus leaders, lunch monitors, musical productions (Mamma Mia, Glee Club, Band), International Club, Chess Club, Battle of the Books, etc.). All these opportunities give our students a greater sense of responsibility to the Herbert H. Carnegie community and are available to our students thanks to the commitment of our dedicated and hardworking staff.

Thank you to our School Council who support our staff and students in so many ways. Not only do they provide pizza, Greek and sub lunches, but through their fundraising activities like our annual Dance-a-thon, they have also been able to support our students by the purchases of iPads and technology for classrooms and financial support for presentations, playground and gym equipment and books for our bookroom, Graduation, field trips, movie and sports nights and many other events.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. MacRae

Ms. McInnis

Principal

Vice Principal



Save the date!

**School Barbecue**

**Tuesday,**

**June 17th, 2014**

**5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**



## Construction Update

We are eagerly anticipating our Second Floor fill in which will give us 6 more classrooms. The Board and the contractors have indicated that they are hoping that the exterior work will be completed before school opening in September with the interior finish work being completed over the months of September, October and November. One of the daycare rooms will be converted into a Kindergarten room and this will happen during the summer. The construction will begin as soon as the students leave for the summer. As part of the building permit requirements we will be increasing the size of the parking lot and this will begin the day after our BBQ and Fun Fair. The staff has a very positive attitude going forward and understand that in the end we will have a school that can accommodate our growth. We will be supplying you with regular communications throughout construction. As many of you have lived through the construction of new homes you know we are hoping for good weather and minimal delays. Thank you for your continued support.

We continue to overflow to Silver Pines and now are on overflow for JK and SK students who registered after May 26th. This means any student who registers will be overflowed to Silver Pines. Fortunately we have been able to recall several students as students move out. It would be extremely helpful to the school and those families on the wait list if you would let us know if you are moving for the next school year.

## Early Dismissal June 26th, 2014

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.



As has been our practice over the past four years, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:05 am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

## GRADUATION



Herbert H. Carnegie School will be bidding farewell to our grade eight students at the annual graduation ceremonies at the end of June. The ceremony and reception will take place at 5 p.m. in the gym at Herbert H. Carnegie Public School with a dinner and dance for the students at Eagles Nest on Monday, June 23, 2014.

We extend to our students our very best wishes for success, as they embark on the next phase of their educational journey at high school and in the community.



## STUDENT MEDICATIONS

Please ensure that your child's medication or epi-pen is picked up from the office before June 27<sup>th</sup>. We cannot store this medication over the summer months.



Thank you to our School Assistants who come in every lunch hour to supervise students. They do a great job and we really appreciate their commitment to our school!

## CHARACTER CORNER OPTIMISM

We maintain a positive attitude. We look on the brighter side of situations. We are able to see opportunities even in the face of adversity. We have hope for the future.

## LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is overflowing! Students and parents are encouraged to visit the lost and found in order to claim any lost items. Please note that items that have not been claimed at the end of the school year will be donated to a local charity.

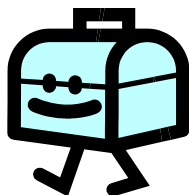
## TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL ITEMS



At this time of year we ask that students and parents search around the home for school text books, reading books and other school owned items. These resources are expensive to replace. We ask that if any items are found around the home they be returned to the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

## 20 Minute Make-Over

Our school participated in an ECO initiative with the Town of Vaughan. Mayor Bevilaqua and many Councillors visited Herbert H. Carnegie P.S. on Friday, April 25, 2014 to help us clean up our grounds and neighbouring areas. Our students demonstrated the Future Ace Traits of Service and Example as they cleaned our yard. We have many exciting ECO initiatives happening at Herbert H. Carnegie P.S., including the addition of a water bottle filling station to help increase the use of reusable water bottles. We are looking forward to more of these stations next year.



### BOOMERANG PROGRAM and REFILLABLE WATER STATION

By Priyanshi P., Grade 7

Our Boomerang Program is one of the initiatives our school has been continuously part of. This program basically means that we take all uneaten food home and use reusable containers and water bottles. By taking all of our uneaten food home or as we call it "Boomeranging our lunch", we learn the proper way to separate garbage from organic waste. So instead of putting food waste in the garbage bin, our students are learning to put organic waste in the green bin. In addition, by encouraging our students to use reusable containers and water bottles, we are reducing the amount of plastic that makes its way into our oceans and landfills. We all know that plastic is very harmful for the environment. Plastic products ruin the land and oceans because they take a long time to decompose. Seeing so much plastic waste in our Carnegie community, we decided to encourage our students to bring food in reusable containers and water in reusable water bottles. We even installed our first refillable water bottle station this month, which tells us how many water bottles we saved!! So remember, take home any uneaten food or waste and use reusable containers and water bottles!

### ENERGY CONSUMPTION

By Miri F., Grade 5

At Herbert H. Carnegie Public School, we conserve energy. One thing we do is a light check for each classroom. Our kindergarten classes went from classroom to classroom checking to see if the lights were on while the rest of the school was doing the 20 Minute Makeover. For Earth Hour, we turn off all lights and electronic equipment and use as much natural light as possible. In the front foyer, we have a bulletin board that monitors how much energy we used during each hour of the day every week. Our staff and students can see the usage of energy and refer to the graph to reduce energy consumption. We put "Monitor Off" stickers on our computer screens to remind our students to fully shutdown the computers when they are not in use. At Carnegie, we also have the RET program. R stands for recycling, E stands for energy and T stands for tidiness. Every week the caretakers go to each classroom to check for each of these three categories. Carnegie continues to make positive decisions on how to help the environment!



### Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:



All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com).

### Music at Herbert H. Carnegie

Congratulations to our very talented Grades 6 to 8 students in the GLEE CLUB and BAND who received GOLD standings at the York Region Music Alive festival this spring. The Glee Club performed an Olympic-inspired set of songs with two powerful ballads "I Believe" and "Coming Home" followed by two uplifting choreographed numbers "Waka Waka" and "We're All In This Together". Moreover, our school band performed a pair of contrasting ensemble pieces "Danny Boy" and "Bohemian Rhapsody", which completely captivated the audience. FURTHER GREAT MUSIC NEWS : Our band's interpretation of "Bohemian Rhapsody" was recorded and submitted for a music contest and....we WON a \$1,000 gift certificate to Long & McQuade!!! Job well done to all of our talented musicians and singers who demonstrated perseverance, a positive attitude and performance etiquette throughout the music season! Carnegie is truly united in the ARTS!

### Are You Moving?

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



### Herbert H. Carnegie Public School

### Community Barbecue

Tuesday, June 17th, 2014

The BBQ takes place from 5:30-8:30pm. It is open to the community. Please come prepared to purchase hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza and more at the event. We will again be offering free ice cream. We will be dancing with Bounce Entertainment, enjoying a bouncy slide and obstacle course and lots of

**School Climate Survey for Parent/Guardians: Deadline has been extended to June 6, 2014.**

Parents/guardians can complete the survey:

- **Online:** through <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SchoolClimateParent2014>.

- **On paper** by contacting the school for a copy.



At the beginning of April our Running Club took form and began training twice a week around our community. The club was made up of 25 Grade 7 & 8 students and 7 teachers. Despite our varying ability, some avid joggers, others new to the world of running, we were united in our goal of achieving a healthy and active lifestyle. The culmination of the training for many of us took place on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 as we ran through the streets of downtown Toronto in the Sporting Life 10km Run. We ran as a part of the York Region Runners, a team consisting of teachers and grade 7 & 8 students from various schools across our school board. The purpose of the race was to raise money and awareness for Camp Oochigeas; a camp dedicated to providing children suffering from cancer with the opportunity to enjoy a real camp experience. First formed in 2010, the York Region Runners was developed out of a desire to get students involved in a good cause and provide them with an opportunity to build their physical endurance. This event achieves that goal, but also provides a tremendous sense of accomplishment and lasting memory for those who take part. As each year passes, our numbers continue to grow and with it, so does the enthusiasm to get involved and get active.



Important Dates	
June 2-5	EQAO—Grade 3
June 2-4	Grade 2's at Outdoor Ed. Centre
June 2	Gr. 7 Visit to Alexander McKenzie HS
June 3	School Council Meeting at 7 pm
June 3-4	Gr. 8 Year End Trip
June 6	PA Day
June 10	Grade 7's to Tree Top Eco Adventures Junior Track & Field Areas
June 11	Intermediate Track & Field Areas Spring Concert 6:30 pm (grades 1-4)
June 12	Gr. 4's to Medieval Times, Gr. 3's to Brooks Farm
June 12-13	Kindergarten Reptilia Trips
June 13	Presentation to 7's & 8's by MADD Canada
June 16	M/W Kindergarten Concert 1:15 pm
June 17	Barbecue 5:30 pm—8:30 pm
June 18	Mamma Mia 7:00 pm
June 20	T/T Kindergarten Concert 1:15 pm
June 23	Grade 8 Graduation 5:00 pm
June 26	Early Dismissal—11:05 am
June 27	PA Day

So on Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, come to support our Arts program at Carnegie! Show begins at 7:00PM.

Congratulations to our Junior Girls Basketball Team on winning the Area finals in April. The team practiced three times a week, learning important skills and developing teamwork. The girls defeated 4 teams in their first tournament at our school and then moved on to the Area tournament at Charlton Public School. The girls played with determination and skill to defeat all the other teams, to win the pennant! We are so proud of their efforts! Go Aces Go!

From your coaches, Mrs. Chusid and Ms. Kearns



June 2014

**\*\*\*New- IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO DATE-** A one session workshops for both men and women, over the age of 50 years, that will explore some of the common myths around dating after midlife and the differences in the ways men and women typically approach dating relationships. There will be a chance to mingle as a group following the workshop and refreshments will be served. Sunday June 1/14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lebovic Jewish Community Campus- Schwartz/Reisman Centre- 9600 Bathurst St. Registration at 905-303-1821 X3025.

**WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEPARATE: WHAT TO TELL THE KIDS-** A workshop for parents about to separate or in the early stages of separation. How and when to tell the children as well as ideas and strategies to best meet your child's needs will be discussed. Thursday June 12/14 at Lipa Green Ctre.- 4600 Bathurst St. from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**\*\*\*NEW-STOP THE ROLLERCOASTER-** A workshop for parents and/or professionals who want to learn more about why there are so many changes in behavior, attitude and communication happen in the teenage/adolescent years and how to deal with these changes. Wednesday June 18/14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at 4600 Bathurst St. -Lipa Green Ctre.

**HIGH CONFLICT DIVORCE-** A workshop for parents wanting to develop strategies and techniques to deal with a High Conflict situation and help to lessen the impact of that conflict on their children. This workshop requires active participation and is not for individuals in an abusive situation. Wednesday June 18/14 at from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 4600 Bathurst St. -Lipa Green Ctre.

**DATING IN MID-LIFE-** a one session workshop for men and women in midlife ( 40+) who have been single for 2 or more years and are looking for information on how to nurture a lasting relationship. Topics include: dating myths and facts, the 5 stages of dating, the difference between the dating behaviours of men and women. Tuesday June 24/14 4600 Bathurst St.- Lipa Green Ctre from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

As with all of our programs, registration is required. Our groups and workshops are open to all members of the community regardless of cultural, religious and/or racial background and are available on a sliding scale. For more information or to register please call Shawna Sidney at 416-638-7800 Ext # 6215 or go to our website at [www.ifandcs.com](http://www.ifandcs.com).