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Construction Update

Construction of the six additional classrooms for the second floor fill-in is well underway with all the exterior work completed. The construction workers have started work inside including painting and the floor installation. We are hopeful that we will be moving into the classrooms before the end of November.



From the Office

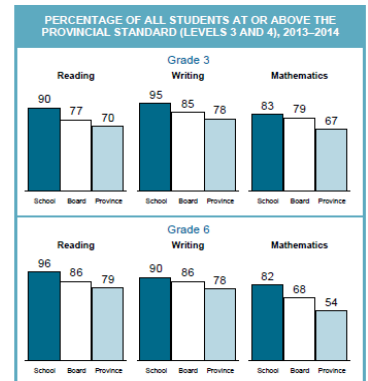
October 2014

We have had a great start to the school year! We have welcomed and embraced the Full Day Kindergarten program and our newest Carnegie members. September has been a busy month full of activities, including the annual Terry Fox Run and Meet the Teacher Night. Many clubs and teams have started, including: Intermediate Volleyball, Cross Country, Lunch and Bus Monitors, Library Helpers and the Carnegie Junior Choir.

Reflecting the work of our School Improvement Plan (SIP), each classroom has a literacy block of one hundred minutes during which time students are engaged in meaningful learning experiences. This includes activities in reading, writing, oral communication and media literacy. A handout for parents outlining the Big Ideas and Ontario Curriculum focus for each term has been sent home. Teachers have also been working with students on establishing routines that support the development of appropriate structures and attitudes related to literacy and numeracy success. As we continue our pursuit to improve student achievement in literacy and numeracy, staff are actively involved in working collaboratively to identify individual students' strengths and needs in order to program effectively. In addition, teachers and staff have been focusing on the development of self regulation skills. Research has shown that social, emotional and cognitive self regulation and the ability to communicate with others are foundational to all forms of learning.

Research tells us that when parents are involved in their children's learning, students are more likely to experience success. We value the partnership between home and school and encourage parents to continue to be involved in school life. If you have specific questions about how you can best support your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Our school results for EQAO have been reported. The following results indicate the percentage of participating students achieving at or above the provincial standards. It is important to note that the school scores provided are for All students. These scores include the students who did not participate in the assessment for various reasons (absent, Special Education or stage one English Language Learner). The scores for participating students (all those that participated in the assessment) are as follows: At or above Provincial Standard-Grade 3: Reading 90%, Writing 95%, Math 83%. At or above Provincial Standard-Grade 6: Reading 96%, Writing 90%, Math 82%. To view samples of student work and to understand what work at each level looks like, visit the EQAO website, www.eqao.com. To see the full Herbert H. Carnegie Public School EQAO Report, visit <http://goo.gl/YyjnUV>.



We were happy to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher Evening on September 23rd. Your continued support is important and greatly appreciated by your child, the staff and the school community!

Mrs. MacRae
Principal

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Vice-Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 2014

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

At the September 18th meeting the following parents agreed to serve on the School Council.

Co-Chairs: Andrea Kalmin and Pooja Dhamija
Co-Secretaries: Ekta Chauhan and Catherine Friel
Treasurer: Shweta Khandelwal

- * Sandra Abecassis
- * Mel Puscas
- * Milli Pajpani
- * Chhaya Tailor
- * Dalete Karst-Yacov
- * Jill Toffoli
- * Lori Scarlett



Character Corner for October

Responsibility

We are accountable for all our actions. We follow through with our commitments.

Important Dates October and November

October

- 1 – Area Cross Country Meet
- 2, 3 – Gr. 1 trip to Community Safety Village
- 3 – Gr. 8 trip to Kortright Centre
- 7 – Gr. 6 trip to Ripley's Aquarium
- 9 – School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 – Regional Cross Country Meet
- 13 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- 15 – School Photos: Grades JK to 3/4
- 16 – School Photos: Grades 4 to 8
- 20 – Gr. 4 (Cooper/Faraldo) trip to Outdoor Ed.
- 21 – Gr. 4 (Leone/Lavie) trip to Outdoor Ed.
- 21, 22 – Bus Safety
- 22 – Gr. 7 (Manga/Hardy) trip to Outdoor Ed.
- 24 – Gr. 7 (Greaves/Hardy) trip to Outdoor Ed.
- 27 – PA Day (No school)
- 28 – Gr. 2 (Bunbury/Arnold) trip to Outdoor Ed.
- 29 – Gr. 2 (Priyadarshee/Colussi) trip to Outdoor Ed.
- 30 – Gr. 2 (DeBiasio&Chusid) trip to Outdoor Ed.

November

- 6 – Gr. 7 Hep. B and Gr. 8 HPV Immunizations
- 6 – School Council, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 – Remembrance Day Assembly
- 12 – Photo Re-take Day
- 12 – Progress Reports Home
- 13 – Student-Involved Conferences with Parents/Teachers from 3:00-9:00 p.m.
- 14 – Student-Involved Conferences with Parents/Teachers from 8:15-11:15 a.m. (No School Today)

School Council Meeting Dates 2014-2015

- * Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014
- * Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014
- * Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014
- * Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015
- * Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015
- * Thursday, Mar. 26, 2015
- * Thursday, Apr. 30, 2015
- * Thursday, Jun. 4, 2015



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It's time to remind children about walking to school safely

This is a good time for parents to remind their children about pedestrian safety. York Regional Police has provided the following safety tips on their website to help keep students safe on their way to and from school:



- * Walk on available sidewalks
- * Always cross at intersections
- * Obey crossing guards
- * Stop before stepping onto roadway
- * Be visible and indicate crossing intentions
- * Look and listen for traffic in all directions
- * Make eye contact with drivers
- * Cross safely when the roadway is clear
- * Walk. Do not run or cycle across roads
- * If possible use the buddy system

For more information, visit www.yrp.ca.

Progress Report Cards

The **Elementary Progress Report Card (SK-8)** communicates your child's progress towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations since the beginning of the school year. It describes how well, at this point in the year, your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits. It serves as a central part of early discussions between home and school. For this report card, teachers use a rating scale instead of letter grades or percentage marks. Teachers also write personalized comments that indicate what has been learned, the student's strengths and next steps that home and school can work together on to improve student learning. On Wednesday, November 12, 2014, your child will be receiving their progress report card. Parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher and discuss the progress report either on the evening of Thursday, November 13, 2014 or the P.A. Day, Friday, November 14, 2014. Further details will follow about online booking of interview times.

Herbert H. Carnegie Public School Yearbook

Staff and students have begun the year-long process of planning our school yearbook. If any parent/guardian has an objection to their child appearing in the yearbook, you need to contact the school.

Peanut/Nut-Safe Environments

Herbert H. Carnegie Public School is a nut-safe environment. We appreciate your support in working towards providing a safe environment for all of our students.

What do I do?

The most important thing you can do is to avoid sending any foods from home that may contain peanuts and/or nuts. Check the ingredient list for peanut oil, peanut butter, peanut sauce, peanut flour, peanut meal, mixed nuts, ground nuts, goober nuts, goober peas, artificial nuts and granola nuts. There are many hidden sources of peanuts/nuts in foods. Some examples include cookies, chocolate, granola bars, some cereal bars and some vegetable oils and shortening.



Substitute Peanut Butter Products:

We encourage you to avoid the use of substitute peanut butter products. These products look, taste and smell like peanut butter and can mimic this known allergen and may cause anaphylaxis in some children. It can be confused as peanut butter, or worse yet, peanut butter could be confused as this soy-based product.

Thank you for your understanding and your willingness to promote a safe school for all of our students!

Re-Dedication of Herbert Carnegie Arena



Intermediate students from Herbert H. Carnegie Public School were invited to take part in the re-dedication ceremony of the Herbert H. Carnegie Centennial Arena. The ceremony took place on Friday, Sept. 19 with Dr. Carnegie's family and students from several schools in attendance. After the ceremony, our students had an opportunity to lace up their skates for some fun on the ice. Our students did a great job representing our school.

Grade 8 Trip to the Kortright Centre

On Friday, the three Grade 8 classes went to the Kortright Centre to engage in leadership and team-building activities. After a warm-up game that was a combination of capture the flag and freeze tag, the kids were split into groups of 12. For the rest of the day, they worked with their group members to persevere through a variety of challenges. On the low ropes, students had to maintain their balance, and support each other as they attempted to cross the ropes and exchange places with other people on their team. Another favourite activity was "whale watch", where the entire group had to find a way to balance on top of a board on a fulcrum. One group lasted for almost three minutes! The kids also worked together to roll a marble through a series of pipes, to move across a field on sled skis, and to use a series of ropes to transport a tennis ball to a particular location. For the teachers, the best part of our day was seeing the amazing leadership that many of our students demonstrated. We look forward to these skills being used in the classroom throughout the school year.

Terry Fox School Run Day

Herbert H. Carnegie Public School held its annual Terry Fox School Run Day on September 24, 2014. What beautiful weather we experienced that day! Our staff and students from kindergarten to grade 8 participated in walking and running activities in support of cancer research. We reflected on what a feat it was for Terry Fox to run across Canada, a marathon per day, on one leg! Terry's surpassed his goal of a dollar from each Canadian and his dream lives on. One day, we will defeat cancer!



Carnegie raised over \$4500 for the Terry Fox Foundation!

Grade 1 Trip to Safety Village

The grade 1 classes visited the Safety Village last week. Here are a few safety rules they learned:

1. Stay on the sidewalk and walk with an adult.
2. Stay back and wait for trains to cross the road.
3. Wait for the "Polka Dot Man" (pedestrian walk symbol) before crossing the road.
4. The hand signal means to not cross the road or cross quickly if already in the intersection.



The excitement level of the students were heightened as they ventured off to learn about safety in our community. The students learned all about how to obey road signs and how to travel safely as they walk and drive on our roads. The highlight of the trip was exploring the miniature village and driving the battery operated cars through the village. We had a great time!

Cross Country

In the second week of September, the tryouts for our Cross Country team began. We had an overwhelming turnout of students who were passionate about running and wanted to make the team. Unfortunately, we had to cut it down to only 6 males and 6 females from each grade. After the team was formed, the real training began. From long distance run, to short sprints, to speed training, our team pushed hard to improve their ability and shave minutes off of their personal best. On October 1st, the team, coached by Ms. Colussi, Mrs. Greaves and Mrs. Robinson, travelled to Concord-Thornhill Regional Park for the Cross Country Area competition. All of the students pushed themselves hard and represented Carnegie well with their sportsmanship, effort and true Future Ace attitude! The highlight of the day was the overwhelming success that our team experienced. In total, we had 13 students who finished in the top 15 for their category, and many others who were just steps away from earning a ribbon. Going on to the Regional Meet are five individual students, along with our grade 4 girls, grade 7 girls and grade 8 boys team who all placed second in their team competition. The coaches are so proud of the team and can't wait to see the talent of our runners continue to develop. Good luck to all of those who are competing at the Regional Meet on October 10th at Bruce Mills Conservation Area.