

Herbert H. Carnegie Public School

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Welcome to A New School Year!

Excitement surrounds us as we welcome in the start of a new school year! On behalf of the staff, we would like to welcome all new and returning students to Herbert H. Carnegie Public School for the 2013 - 2014 academic school year. We look forward to sharing the journey this year and collaborating with each family to ensure the success of all of our students.

At Herbert H. Carnegie P.S., we are committed to creating and fostering a warm, caring and supportive educational environment for your child. Throughout the year your child will be provided with many opportunities to grow intellectually, emotionally and physically. As a collaborative team, we strongly believe in the value of a community school, where the school is an integral part of the community and serves the students and their families. The school administration, staff and parents at Herbert H. Carnegie P.S. have worked hard over the last number of years to develop a clear focus and shared values between the school and community. We welcome your input, as we develop goals, set priorities, and establish expectations aimed at enhancing student achievement.

A tremendous amount of work goes into starting a new school year. We would like to thank the staff for their continued hard work and dedication to our students. Our school office staff have put in countless hours in preparation for our September opening. Thank you Ms. Antinucci, Mrs. Muffitt and a warm welcome to Ms. Kimel, our newest member of the office staff. Our caretaking team have worked hard at preparing the school for a new beginning. Thank you Mr. Alati, Mr. Myers, Mr. Romanelli and Mr. Searle. Our teachers have been busy ordering materials, setting up their classrooms and preparing the curriculum delivery for our September start. We are ready for learning!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the school. Early communication between home and school is an important step in making sure that your child gets off to a positive start to his/her educational year.



Sincerely,

Sheila MacRae

Principal

Pamela McInnis

Vice Principal

School Times

2012—2013

School Bell Entry

8:12 a.m.

Instruction begins

8:15 a.m.

Morning Recess

9:55—10:15 am

Lunch Recess

11:55- 12:55 p.m.

Dismissal

2:35 p.m.

**THANK YOU FOR
BEING ON TIME!**



In the future newsletters will be posted to our school's website.

Future Aces / Character Education Focus

As our school is named after a man of tremendous integrity, the development of character is front and center in our school. Herbert Carnegie regularly said, "Make attitude your friend!" and we will, by embracing Dr. Carnegie's Future Aces creed. In ACES, we consider the importance of character attributes such as Attitude, Action, Courage, Confidence, Example, Education, Service and Sportsmanship. Consistent with the Future Aces philosophy are our Board's character and equity initiatives. Our staff will work from a Tribes perspective, focusing on mutual respect and appreciation, attentive listening and active participation. Each community member (our staff, our students and our parents) is expected to assist us in building a positive, inclusive community. In September, we will focus on the character attributes of respect and cooperation.

Nut Free Snacks

Herbert H. Carnegie Public School is a nut safe environment. We appreciate your support in working towards a safe environment for all of our students. Please read all product labels to ensure that your child is not bringing items to school which contain nuts and traces of nuts. We do have students with very serious allergies. If we become aware of students with other life-threatening allergies, we will inform our school community and develop an appropriately safe response. Thank you for your assistance in keeping all of our students safe.

Office Index Forms

On the first day of school, each of our students will receive a computer generated office index form which will be used in emergency situations. The information on these forms is essential. Please check the accuracy of your child's form, make all necessary changes and/or add information which may be new or important for the school to know, return them with the student the next day.

All Office Index forms must be initialed and returned to the school even if there are no changes.

This is very important to ensure student safety.



Milk Program for Students

In the next few weeks, we will once again offer milk to our students who stay for lunch. Milk is a healthy option for our students providing them with the opportunity to have a cold beverage. Look for information about our milk program in the coming weeks.

Creating Safe and Healthy Schools for Children with Allergies

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students. This is an additional challenge for schools attended by children with allergies, especially life threatening allergies. While it is impossible to create a risk-free environment, school staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions as there are implications for the whole school, not just individual classrooms. **It is especially important that parents communicate a life threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it.** Please notify the Principal and your child's teacher, so that we have accurate records and establish the protocol to follow with your child.

Birthday Celebrations



In keeping with the nut safe policy, please **do not send food or other items (i.e. loot bags) to school with your child to celebrate his or her birthday.** We will celebrate birthdays by announcing them on the morning announcements and by delivering a birthday ribbon.



Bus Information

York Region District School Board Policy states that the walking distance for students from Kindergarten to grade 3 is 1.2 km and for students from grades 4 - 8 is 1.6 km. Each student must follow safety and behaviour rules or he/she will not be allowed to ride the bus. **Please note the changes for walking distance from Grade 3 to Grade 4.**

For additional information about transportation, go to www.schoolbuscity.com. The Student Transportation Services web site can be a valuable tool to view important school bus transportation information. Information on the web site is updated regularly and includes: School Bus Stop Information, Late Bus Reports, Answers to Frequently Asked School Bus Transportation Questions and Inclement Weather Service Cancellation.

General Interest Courses

YRDSB General Interest Courses have experienced a steady decline in client registrations for the past six years. As a result, YRDSB General Interest Courses have operated at a financial loss in 2011-12 and 2012-13. This information was brought forward and discussed at the Board Standing Committee Meeting on May 21. At the June 4, 2013 Board Meeting, the decision was made to discontinue General Interest Courses.

Thank you for your past support of YRDSB General Interest Courses,
Continuing Education Services

School Council

We have very dedicated and committed parents in our school community. Council members support our school initiatives in a variety of ways. School Council is a very helpful, advisory group which offers suggestions and recommendations to the school administration. As well, the Council members organize many community events, fundraising initiatives and support hot lunch programs. We meet approximately once a month for two hours in the evening. If you are interested in being a member of our school council, please fill in the form sent home with the school information packages. If we have a large number of interested members, School Council will be determined by an election process on Thursday, September 26th, 2013.

Council meetings start at 7:00 pm.



ATTENDANCE/SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

If your child is going to be absent:

1) Parents/guardians need to telephone the school (905-417-0211) before 8:15 a.m. to leave a message with your child's name, grade, teacher, and the anticipated length of absence. Inform the school if your child will not be returning for the afternoon or will be late arriving at school.

2) If you know days in advance of an absence, we would appreciate a note being sent with your child or a sibling to the school.

If a child is going to arrive late or leave early, please send a note to the school. *Students arriving late must sign in the binder at the school office.*

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT AT SCHOOL AND IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR BY A NOTE OR TELEPHONE CALL, BOARD SAFETY PROTOCOL HAS OUR SCHOOL OFFICE ASSISTANT:

- 1) Call home to check (and if the student is still not accounted for)
- 2) Call the parents at work (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 3) Call the emergency numbers (and if the child is still not accounted for)
- 4) We will then telephone the York Regional Police if the child is missing

A message can be left on the school voice mail outside the school office hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to inform us of a student absence.

Playground Supervision:

Playground supervision begins at 8:00 a.m. Students are supervised outside during morning and lunch recess and after school during bus departure. If you are picking up your child(ren), please arrange to meet him/her/them at their dismissal door. Please try to avoid picking your child up early. If you must, please check in at the office and we will call your child(ren) from class.



Visitors to the School

We welcome visitors and volunteers to the school, and ask that you check in at the office and wear a "visitor" or "volunteer" tag each time you are in the school. If you are bringing an item for your child or picking up your child for an appointment, a staff member will contact the classroom and direct your child to the office. For safety, staff are encouraged to check immediately with adults whom they see in the school or on the playground.



Please notify us in writing or by telephone if someone other than the parent/guardian will pick up your child. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please call the school to arrange a telephone or personal meeting.

Freedom of Information, Protection of Privacy

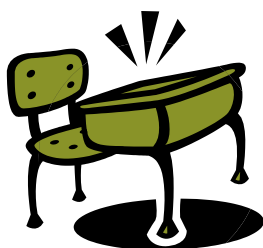
Information collected by schools on the student registration form and on the emergency form may be disclosed beyond the Board for:

- School Council class lists for pizza lunch days
- In case of an accident or witness to an accident, the student's name and home address will be released to the Board's insurer.
- The use of names, photographs, etc., used for displays in the school, newsletters and year books.
- *If you do not consent to the release of information for these purposes, please inform the Principal in writing.*

Combined Classes

As part of our organization, we will have several straight grade classes and some combined grade classrooms. Combined classes group children from two consecutive grades, e.g., 1 and 2, into one classroom. We do this for many reasons that include organizing classes to meet school needs and combining grades to balance class size. For more information about combined classrooms visit www.edu.gov.on.ca.

Please note that there may be changes prior to the end of September 2013 (class sizes will be reported to the Ministry of Education). We will keep you informed of any changes to your child's class placement should the need arise.



If you have any questions regarding the Primary Class Size Reduction strategy, please visit the Ministry of Education's website at: www.edu.gov.on.ca and search for "Primary Class Size."

June 26th, 2014 Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

All students have received a copy of the *2013-14 Learning Calendar*. Please note that on **Thursday, June 26th, 2014** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to participate in activities in the afternoon of that day in support of student achievement and school planning.

Students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 26th, 2014 only. More details will follow closer to the date.

PARKING

Our community is certainly growing and with the expansion comes more traffic. If you are bringing students to school by car, please consider the "kiss and ride" at the south end of the school (through the staff parking lot) as your first and safest option. That's where students get out without parents leaving their car. For everyone's safety, nobody should be making U turns on Via Romano. Our crossing guard continues to provide the safest crossing location for

walkers on Via Romano before and after school. Please be sure to cross at this designated area. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe. We look forward to another great year. Thank you for working with us as partners in your child's education.



Staff List 2013 - 2014

Below please find a TENTATIVE school organization. Please note that as in other schools in York Region,
due to enrolment changes, we may need to reorganize some classes later in September.

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. S. MacRae

VICE-PRINCIPAL: Ms. P. McInnis

ELEMENTARY OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Ms. Antinucci

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT: Mrs. Muffitt, Ms. Kimel

LEAD CARETAKER: Mr. Alati

CARETAKERS: Mr. Searle, Mr. Romanelli, Mr. Myers

Kindergarten:	Mrs. Davies	Mrs. Elia	
	Mrs. Hildebrandt	Mrs. Mancia	
Grade 1:	Mr. Hayward	Mrs. Kavouris	Mrs. Rorke
Gr. 1/2:	Ms. Balgobin	Ms. Priyadarshee	
Grade 2:	Ms. Arnold	Mr. Bunbury	Ms. DeBiasio/Mrs. McInnis
Grade 2/3:	Mrs. Chusid		
Grade 3:	Mr. Chen	Mrs. Fabbro	Ms. Lavie
Grade 3/4:	Mrs. Faraldo		
Grade 4:	Mr. Cooper	Ms. Leone	Ms. Song
Grade 5:	Mrs. Cohen	Ms. Kearns	
Grade 5/6:	Ms. Gunness		
Grade 6:	Mrs. D'Souza	Ms. Teja	
Grade 7:	Mrs. Greaves	Mr. Hardy	Ms. Voskakis
Grade 8:	Mr. Tang	Ms. White	

SUPPORT AND PREP COVERAGE:

Mr. Bak
Mrs. Bandak
Ms. Chern
Mme. Fil
Mms. Iacono
Mrs. McInnis
Mrs. Mizrahi
Mr. Pamayah
Miss Wong
Ms. Zarb

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE
TEACHERS:

Mrs. Murray
Mrs. Meredith
Mr. Derakshande
Mrs. Zaldin
Junior Community Class: Ms. Sahian

EDUCATIONAL
ASSISTANTS:

Mrs. Hendriks
Mrs. McEachern
Mrs. Nicholson
Mrs. Phillips
Mrs. Purto
Mrs. Safdarinia
Ms. Wahab