



Carmi Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone.

Happy November!

It's hard to think we are already at the point when we start to wrap up the first term in school. Report cards will be sent home on November 26th and they present a wonderful opportunity for students, teachers and parents to celebrate the accomplishments of the term while setting new goals to work towards in the upcoming term. Report cards tell us some information about how children have progressed through the term, but they don't tell all. To help understand more about your child(ren)'s progress, keep doing what you do each day. Read together, talk together, enjoy math games together, tell stories together, play together and laugh lots☺

Thanks for helping us make this school such a great place. We had a super turnout at the **Family Pumpkin Carving Day**. Thank you to all who were able to help. I encourage you to check out the photos on our website. We are so thrilled that PAC helped pay for the pumpkins and that they have purchased 2 new cameras for us to use at school. We are now better able to capture some special moments and share them electronically. I encourage you to check out our school website at <http://www.sd67.bc.ca/carmi.asp> I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming **PAC meeting Thursday, November 18th from 6:00pm to 7:00 pm**. where we can talk about great things happening as we share ideas for ways to make things even better!

See you soon.

Dates to Remember

November 8	Photo Retake Day
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 – 11:15)
November 11	Remembrance Day Observance – No School
November 12	School Closure Day – all schools closed
November 18	Poinsettia orders are due
November 26	Term 1 Report Cards go home
Nov 30 – Dec 2	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov.30, Dec 1 and 2	Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm Gr. 1-5 for Parent/Teacher Interviews (K students dismiss at 11:15 on Wednesday, December 1)
December 9	Winter Concert (1:30PM – 2:30PM and 6:00PM – 7:00PM)
December 17	Last Day of School for winter break Christmas Craft Day

PHOTO RETAKE DAY!

Monday, November 8th

Our photographer will be here in the morning on Monday, November 8th to do individual photos for any students who were away for picture day or for any parents who would like their child's picture retaken.



POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

We will be holding a poinsettia fundraiser and we look forward to your support! The order forms are attached. The plants are from Summerland Greenhouses and will be beautiful! It's where the baskets were from last May. Funds go towards school wide fieldtrips (XC skiing and Children's Festival). Thanks for your support☺



VOLUNTEERING IN THE SCHOOL

Parent, grandparents and community volunteers are always welcome and needed in our school in varying capacities such as morning Safe Arrival volunteers and afternoon crossing guards. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. School District #67 (Okanagan Skaha) Policy #507 requires that ALL VOLUNTEERS need to have a Criminal Record Check on file. Volunteers include anyone who will have contact with students during any school sponsored activities. Forms can be obtained at the office.



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

On Wednesday, November 10th, we will be having a student-lead Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:45 a.m. in the gym. Parents are more than welcome to attend! Poppies will be given to all students. Donations will be gratefully accepted - if you would like to make a donation, please have your child give it to their teacher. Thank you.

Report Cards, Early Dismissal and Parent/Teacher Interviews



Report cards will be going home on Friday, November 26th. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (November 30th, Dec. 1st and 2nd), will be **early closing days for Grades 1-5**. These early closing days are for interviews to take place related to the report cards. **Classes will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on these three days.** We will send home your scheduled interview time with your child's report card.

The **Kindergarten** class will dismiss at 11:15 on Wednesday, December 1st to allow for interviews.



Recycle for Education Program

Carmi Elementary School has signed up with Staples Business Depot's *Recycle for Education* program! This is an ink jet and toner cartridge recycling program designed to educate adults and kids on the benefits and importance of recycling while providing Staples with the opportunity to give back to local schools. The *Recycle for Education* program was initiated to encourage teachers, students, and customers to educate and promote environmental responsibility while raising funds for schools. The more ink and toner cartridges received, the greater the amount of money raised to give back to schools who are registered with the program. Items may be dropped off anytime in the school office.

This month, our school wide Social Responsibility focus for Carmi is

COURAGE

Please help us by reinforcing the many ways that people show courage in their day to day lives.

Thanks for your support☺

PAC Meeting

All parents are invited to join Mrs. Sola and the PAC group for refreshments and conversation on Thursday, November 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Hope to see you there!



World Junior A Hockey Challenge

Each student can receive a complimentary student ticket to cheer on Canada East vs. USA game on Monday, Nov. 8th, 2010 at 4:00PM.

If you would like a ticket for your child, please return the permission slip (attached to the newsletter).

Please come out and support all teams competing in the World Junior A Challenge! Dress in your Canada colors ☺



Carmi Soccer Team

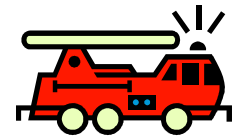
Grade 4 and 5 students at Carmi had a successful soccer season. Excellent sportsmanship was demonstrated at the year end soccer tournament. Way to go Carmi! And thanks to Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. Hennen for their awesome coaching.

Fire Prevention Month

Congratulations to all students and their families who completed their Home Fire Safety Checklist. The winners who were randomly picked from those who submitted a contest entry form are:

Congratulations!

Chelsea Bruce – Fire Hall Party winner
Alexis Walker – winner of 2 Vees hockey tickets
Maia Skode – winner of Panago pizza



Family Flu Clinics – Penticton

The following families are eligible for free seasonal flu vaccine:

1. Families with children under the age of 2 years.
2. Families with an adult or child who has a chronic health problem.
3. Families who are expecting a new baby during flu season.

Eligible families are encouraged to attend our regular Mass Flu Clinics. Families with children will be fast-tracked to the front of the line. There will be no appointments. There are 2 clinics with hours convenient for families with school children:

Tuesday November 9th at the Penticton Seniors Drop In Centre 2965 S. Main St 11AM-6PM

Saturday November 20th at the Penticton Health Centre 740 Carmi Ave 9AM-3:30PM

For more clinic dates call the **Flu Info Line 250-493-7109** or check www.interiorhealth.ca



Carmi Book Fair
(November 30 – December 2)

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from November 30 – December 2 in the school’s library.

We need parents to help with sales and cash during the event.

The fair will be open at lunch time each (12:15 – 12:40) and from 1:30 – 3:30 on Tuesday and Wednesday

If you are able to assist for an hour, please contact the school. You can also sign up for specific times in the office.

It’s a great opportunity to get an early start on your Christmas shopping! And, all proceeds from this sale help to provide our school library with new books.

Cross-Country Running

Our Carmi cross-country team has successfully participated in two runs this past month. We are so proud of the students’ efforts and accomplishments. Carmi athletes did a super job☺ Special recognition to Matthew Jones for his 4th place finish in both races! Our cross country running shoes will now be put away until spring. Mr. Hutcheson and Miss McRobb thank all of the kids for their dedication and hard work.

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We know how much everyone enjoys reading the newsletter each month. So, in order to make sure the newsletter gets home, we thought we would offer a bit of an incentive. If your child completes, returns this portion of the newsletter, and answers the following question, we will enter the name of the child in a draw for a book.



What is Carmi’s focus on social responsibility for the month of November? What would be an example of how we show that focus in our daily lives at school? _____ is the focus this month and here is an example of how we show it at school:

Child’s Name: _____



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5 Assembly Hot Lunch – Pizza	6
7	8 Photo Retake Day  Grade 3's to Westview Senior Centre	9	10  10:45 - Remembrance Day Ceremony	11  Remembrance Day Observance NO SCHOOL	12 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	13
14	15	16	17	18  Parents/Principal/PAC Meeting @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm	19 Assembly Hot Lunch - Lasagna	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Assembly Hot Lunch – Hot Dogs Term 1  Report Cards	27
28	29	30 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm 				

Please phone Safe Arrival at 770-7670 if your child will be absent or late