



# *Carmi Elementary School*

## **NEWSLETTER**

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Principal: Dr. Sharon Sola

**September 2010**

### **Principal's Message**

Welcome back Everyone!

Happy New Year☺ We have **148 students** enrolled at Carmi in Kindergarten to Grade 5. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new families and staff. This is going to be another great year!

We are already getting into the full swing of our routines and school wide goals. You will start to notice that we are beginning some of our days with school wide daily physical activity (DPA). DPA requires 30 minutes of daily physical activity and is happening in all schools across BC. What a great way to help kids stay active and fit. We are finding it a wonderful way to start the day. We want to hear your thoughts as we move through the year. On that note, please feel free to join us on any of the days you can.

We have also begun working on another new area of focus this year. In addition to our current school goals (helping improve student performance in literacy) we are also working to improve school wide social responsibility. We have started this month with a school wide focus on respect. Teachers are working school wide with that theme and we are also promoting the values in our weekly assemblies. The theme will occur throughout the year along with a few other key areas and all will focus on good citizenship. You are most welcome to join us at the assemblies. They occur each Friday from 8:55 – 9:30 in the gymnasium. Assemblies provide a wonderful opportunity for us to build school wide community as we celebrate our accomplishments and one another.

As I close, I invite you to join us at our first **PAC meeting Thursday, September 16 from 6:00PM to 7:00PM in the library**. Refreshments and snacks will be served. It'll be a great time to catch up with each other. I hope you can attend. It's a great way to hear more about what's going on in this great school. If you can't come then, I hope to see you at the **Open House & Family Pizza Night on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**. There are more details in the newsletter.

For all our families please remember that my door is open and that I look forward to chatting with each of you in the upcoming weeks and months. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. Happy reading!!

See you soon.

## Dates to Remember

September 16	PAC meeting 6:00PM – 7:00PM (library)
September 17	Terry Fox Run (Bring a loonie or toonie)
September 30	Carmi Open House & Pizza Night – 5:00 – 6:30 PM
October 1	Crazy Hair or Hat Day
October 5	Photo Day
October 11	Thanksgiving Day – Schools Closed
October 22	Professional Development Day

## Carmi Staff – 2010-2011

Division 1	Grade 4/5	Mr. Brian Hutcheson
Division 2	Grade 4/5	Ms. Katie Navrot
Division 3	Grade 3	Mr. Ron Smuin
Division 4	Grade 2/3	Ms. Edna Dyck
Division 5	Grade 1/2	Mrs. Carla Garrett
Division 6	Grade 1/2	Mrs. Moira Hennen
Division 7	Kindergarten	Mrs. Karin Carriere
Principal		Dr. Sharon Sola
Special Education/LAT		Ms. Christie McRobb
Secretary		Mrs. Connie Hack
Teacher Librarian		Mr. Brian Hutcheson
Library Assistant		Ms. Karen Hellyer
Certified Education Assistants		Mrs. Jacqui Sawkins
		Mrs. Kerri Trip
		Mrs. Edie Johnson
Custodians		Mrs. Idalina Marcelino
		Ms. Leslie Cutler

## Carmi Open House & Pizza Night



Carmi's Open House & Pizza Night will be held on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. This will be a chance to meet you child's teacher, hear about some key routines and programs, visit with other Carmi parents and enjoy some pizza. Please preorder your dinner – forms will be sent home by the end of the week.

**CRAZY HAIR DAY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU WITH YOUR CRAZY HAIR OR**  
**HAT. IT'LL BE GREAT TO SEE WHICH FAMILY**  
**COLOR TEAM HAS THE CRAZIEST SPIRIT!!!**  
**PERHAPS THERE WILL BE A PRIZE 😊**

## Volunteering/Criminal Record Check



Volunteers are always needed, and appreciated, at Carmi. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity (e.g. parent drivers, classroom helpers, hot lunch helpers, fieldtrip participants) a criminal record check must be on file. This check will remain valid while your child attends Carmi unless circumstances change. There is no cost to have a check done. Forms and information are at the office.

## Individual Student Photos



Individual student photos will be taken on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Student Accident Insurance



School District No. 67 supports the Student Accident Insurance program to give parents access to low cost coverage for their children. While the insurance is an additional cost at this time of year, it is inexpensive in terms of the risk involved. Information for student insurance has been sent home with your child(ren). If you wish to have this insurance, you should send the form directly to the insurance company.

## Safe Arrival



To reinforce student safety, **please call Safe Arrival at 250-770-7670 before 8:30 a.m. if your child will be late or absent. The Safe Arrival has a 24-hour phone message service.**

## Cross Country Running



We are starting up our cross country running club and will hold our first meeting in the library at recess on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Students in Grades 3, 4 & 5 are all encouraged to participate. **Running occurs Wednesdays at lunch for approximately 15 minutes. We may add additional dates as needed.** The students from grades 4 and 5 who participate will be invited to join in the Trout Creek Pumpkin Run on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Mr. Hutcheson and Ms. McRobb for coaching!

## Soccer



Soccer season is starting up. All students in grades 4 and 5 are invited to come out and practice with us on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch. The Carmi Cubs will be playing some games this season and we will send home a game schedule when we have it confirmed. If your child is interested in playing with the Carmi soccer team, please come and see Mrs. Garrett or Mrs. Hennen.

## Planners/Agendas



Children from grades 1-5 will once again be receiving a school planner (agenda). PAC helps to fund the planners, so the cost is only \$5.00 per student and can be paid to the classroom teacher. The planners are very important tools for home/school communication. Please make sure you check (and sign) your child's planner each night for notices and messages from the teacher.

## Terry Fox Run



We will host our Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Feel free to join us ☺. Please send a donation of a loonie or toonie. The monies raised will go towards finding a cure for cancer.

## StrongStart

A Community StrongStart Program has been opened here at Carmi School. The StrongStart Centre is open to parents/caregivers and their children, from birth – 5 years old. This program is funded by the Ministry of Education and sponsored by School District No. 67. By offering an environment and play area where parents and children can participate in activities together (art, reading, music/songs, imaginative play and creative activity, etc.), the Center will support parents with resources so they better understand and assist their child's development through the first five years of life.

The **StrongStart Centre** will be open on all school days **Monday to Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.** Please drop in to the Centre at any time during these hours for a visit or come for the full three hours. **Please bring your child's Birth Certificate with you as we do need to have a copy on file.**

This is a free program for all families in the Penticton area. The facilitator of the program is **Mrs. Colleen Jacyna (ECE)**.

We look forward to seeing you at the StrongStart Center. If you have any questions, please call the principal, Mrs. Sharon Sola at 770-7680 or Mrs. Colleen Jacyna, ECE, at **770-7768** for more information.

## Aboriginal Education Program

School District No. 67 is pleased to offer a district wide Aboriginal Education Program for aboriginal students from K-12. Any students of aboriginal ancestry are eligible to participate in the program.

The purpose of the Aboriginal Education Program is to enhance academic achievement and to increase cultural learning opportunities for students.

One of our Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement goals is to increase the awareness of aboriginal history and culture by both the aboriginal and general population of students in schools across the district. We do this by offering school wide cultural events such as a District Pow Wow, Metis cultural performances, and aboriginal theatrical productions. In addition, we put on an annual aboriginal cultural event called Building Cultural Bridges to teach elementary students about various aspects of aboriginal culture in Canada.

Aboriginal students who were in the Aboriginal Education Program in the 2009-2010 school year will continue to be in the program for this coming school year unless parents notify the school. New aboriginal students to the school will be given a consent form to fill out. Please complete and return the consent form to school as soon as possible.

If you are wondering if your child is eligible to participate in the Aboriginal Program, please contact Kathy Pierre the Ab Ed District Vice-Principal at 250-770-7674 (Work) or 250-462-0455 (cell) for more information.



**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.**

***Have a discussion at home with your parent about respect. Share an example of a time when you showed respect to others***

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_



# Carmi Elementary School September 2010



Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Cross Country Running at lunch begins 	16 PAC Meeting 6:00 pm in the library	17 Terry Fox Run 	18
19	20	21	22 Cross Country Running at lunch 	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Cross Country Running at lunch 	30 5:00-6:30 pm Open House and Pizza Night 		

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