



Carmi Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to November – and to the chilly weather that accompanies it! We have been lucky to have enjoyed such warm weather until now. As the weather gets cold, please ensure that your child dresses for outside weather as the students are outside for DPA and play time and we want to ensure they are comfortable.

I am thrilled with the growth I have seen in the students since school start up. There are great things going on in every classroom. I have been impressed with our kindergarten students branching out as they become more comfortable in and out of the school. They know their way around the building and have been going out into the community for walks and fieldtrips. They are so proud and so are we☺. In the primary classrooms, I have enjoyed watching students become more skilled with their reading and with their use of technology - students are reading “just-right” books and are doing great work on computers. And, some are learning how to use a SMART Board (which is interactive white board technology). The learning curve of our primary students is awesome! I have also really enjoyed watching the intermediate students develop to date. Amongst other areas, I have seen their teachers working with the students to help them develop skills in reading and fitness. Teachers have been promoting Accelerated Reading and students are rising to the expectations. The healthy competition is great to see☺ And, I am pleased to have seen how our students have worked hard at developing their fitness skills and how they represented our school in the community at the soccer games with other schools and at the Naramata Run. Carmi students were very well behaved. They showed great sportsmanship and made us very proud☺

Thanks to all the staff and parents for their work during October. Students are working hard and are benefiting from the support of their parents at home and from the support of staff at the school. Well done!!

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming **PAC meeting Thursday, November 17th 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 10	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 – 11:15)
November 11	Remembrance Day Observance – No School
November 17	PAC meeting from 6:00pm – 7:00pm
November 25	Grade 4 and 5 forms for XC skiing are due back
November 25	Term 1 Report Cards go home
Nov.30, Dec 1 and 2	Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm for Parent/Teacher Interviews

Report Cards, Early Dismissal and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Report cards will be going home on Friday, November 25th. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (November 29th, November 30th and December 1st), will be **early closing days for Grades K-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.** Please contact your child's teacher to make appointment arrangements.



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

On Thursday, November 10th, we will be having a student-lead Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:45 am in the gym. Parents are more than welcome to attend! Poppies will be given to all students. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Please have your child bring the money to the office. Thank you.



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.

Breakfast Club and Hot Lunch

Thanks to Everyone who helps coordinate and assist with the Breakfast Club and with Hot Lunch. Donna Van Egmond, special thanks for making home made muffins for the kids! What a treat 😊

Term I Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on November 25th. Parents/Guardians rely on report cards as a key source of information on their child's progress. A report card normally provides parents with important information, including who the child's teachers are, what classes their child is enrolled in, the child's attendance and whether or not their child is on track to successfully complete course/grade requirements (marks and comments). This fall's student reporting process is complicated by the teachers' strike and associated Labour Relations Board essential services order, which currently does not require teachers to produce report cards.

Despite teacher job action, the duties of principals and superintendents remain unchanged by the teachers' strike. Section 5 (7)(e) of the School Act states "The principal of a school is responsible for administering and supervising the school including...the program of student evaluation and assessment and reporting to parents" and Section 6(1) states that the superintendent shall carry "out a system of education in conformity with the orders of the minister".

While the strike may interfere with a principal's ability to discharge this responsibility fully, insofar as possible, the expectation is that all efforts need to be made to maintain normal reporting. As such, report cards will be issued as per the school calendar, however if the teacher job action continues, the report cards will not have marks and comments except for those divisions/classes taught by Principals or Vice Principals.

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:

Devin Kenward - Fire Chief for a Day
Karen Nickel - Vees Hockey Tickets
Olivia Ransom - Panago Pizza Night



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 Ms. Golbeck and Mr. Biollo for their coaching and supervision.



Cross-Country Running

Our Carmi cross-country team has successfully participated in the Naramata Run. We are so proud of the students' efforts, behavior and accomplishments. Carmi athletes did a super job! Our cross country running shoes will now be put away until spring. Mr. Biollo and Mrs. Evans have made many comments about the growth of the students. Well done!



Loads of fun was had by all for Halloween! Look how happy Johnny Canuck is! He must know Vancouver is going to be in the playoffs this year!











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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	31	1	2	3	4 Assembly Hot Lunch – Pizza	5
6	7	8	9	10  10:45 – 11:15 am Remembrance Day Ceremony	11  Remembrance Day Observance NO SCHOOL	12
13	14	15	16	17  Parents/Principal/ PAC Meeting @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm	18 Assembly Hot Lunch – Tim Horton's Chili & Bun	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Assembly Hot Lunch – Mr. Souvlaki Term 1  Report Cards	26
27	28	29 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm 	30 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm 			

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