



Carmi Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Happy Thanksgiving!

At Carmi, we have many things to be thankful for. Each of us is fortunate to attend the school, to volunteer in the school, or to work in the school. And, what a wonderful school this is! Parents, thank you for working hard with your children at home. The commitment and time you spend with them helps develop their skills in reading, in math, in the arts and in sports. More importantly, thank you for the values you model and help foster. So, thank you for all your efforts and keep it up☺

Also, thanks to everyone who helped out with the Family Fun Night at Loco Landing. The event was well-attended and gave families a chance to connect with one another. Our parent volunteers are fantastic! Our school community is verrrrrry fortunate☺

And, I would be remiss if I did not thank our staff at Carmi. They are hardworking, talented professionals who do so much for our students to improve the learning conditions at the school.

I look forward to seeing you around the school, and to chatting with you in the upcoming weeks and months. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. **I hope to see many of you soon – perhaps at the PAC meeting on Tuesday, October 11 from 6:00pm to 7:00 pm.** See you soon.

Dates to Remember

October 7	INFINITUS Cultural Performance 9:00 a.m. in the gym
October 10	Thanksgiving Day – Schools Closed
October 11	PAC Meeting in the library 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
October 19	Soccer Game at Kings Park at 3:00 p.m.
October 20	Photo Retake Day
October 21	Professional Development Day – No School
October 26	Naramata Run (tentative date)
October 31	Halloween Dress Up Day



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.

Halloween Dress up October 31

This Halloween, students in grades K – 5 will get a chance to show off their costumes in our Halloween parade. We will have regular instruction in the morning and students will dress up in their costumes at lunch.

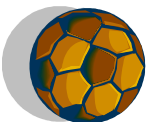
**It will be
spooktacular**



Hot Lunch has begun and the PAC is asking if you can volunteer on any of the Fridays to help organize the food between 11:00 a.m and 12:15 p.m. please leave your name at the office.

They are also looking for any help you can give with our Breakfast Club – even a half hour a month would be very appreciated! Thank you!

Soccer



Congratulations to our Carmi soccer team who are doing a great job practicing and getting ready to represent our school. We are proud of them! Come out and watch their game on Wednesday, October 19th here at King's Park at 3:00 pm.

Individual Student Photos



Individual student photos were taken on Tuesday, October 4th by Mr. Greg Johnson of REALPHOTOGRAPHY. Packages will be sent home soon with ordering information. A photo retake day has been scheduled for Thursday October 20th. If your child was absent for the original photos, or if you have chosen not to order from the first previews, simply let your child know that you would like them to have their photo taken. Proofs will be ready in one week. Bring your smile©

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.**

INFINITUS

Infinitus is a string trio known for their unique sound and upbeat performance. With programs that feature polished classical works, original compositions, & arrangements of popular tunes, audiences can expect a fun and interactive concert experience. Come join us on Friday, October 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.



Driver's Abstract

If you are going to volunteer driving this school year, you need to obtain a National Safety Driver's Abstract. It is very easy to get. Simply phone 1-800-950-1498 between 8 AM and 7 PM, Monday to Friday and Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. They will ask you a few questions (i.e. Mother's Maiden Name) and then email or fax your record to you. Or, ask them to e-mail it to chack@summer.com or fax it to the school at (250)490-0449. Depending on wait time it usually only takes a couple of minutes. Your driver's abstract will be kept on file at the school for the current school year.

Volunteering in the School

Parent, grandparents and community volunteers are always welcome and needed in our school in varying capacities. School District #67 (Okanagan Skaha) Policy #507 requires that ALL VOLUNTEERS need to have a Criminal Record Check on file (at no cost). Volunteers include anyone who will have contact with students during any school sponsored activities. **This is a one time request and will remain valid while your child attends Carmi Elementary.** Forms can be obtained at the office.

Fall Family Portraits

FALL FAMILY PORTRAITS (at Peach Orchard Campsite and Ornamental Gardens)

Book now for your families fall portrait for only \$20 and receive an 8x10 colour print.

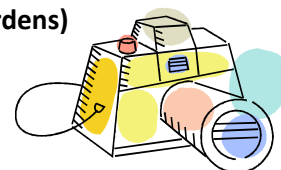
All proceeds from your donation will go directly to your school!

Additional photo packages will be available.

PHOTO DATE: Peach Orchard Campsite Oct. 15/16/22 from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. and

Ornamental Gardens Oct. 23/29/30 and Nov. 5 from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Inquire @ 250-488-8687 / realphotography@telus.net



Student Verification Forms

Student Verification Forms are almost all in. Thank you for making necessary changes and returning your forms to the school. Mrs. Hack will be working to up-date our records so that we have all the correct information we need should we need to contact you or in case of emergency. Should your contact information change during the school year please let her know by calling 250-770-7697 or emailing chack@summer.com or dropping into the office.

Medic Alerts

We have students at Carmi who are **severely allergic to:**

- **Peanuts**
- **All tree nuts**



Any contact with products that contain peanuts **can cause an emergency situation**. Handling a treat, food or simply touching someone who has touched or eaten anything with peanuts can trigger a serious reaction. We continue to ask for your help in order to avoid contaminating the shared areas of the school. **We would ask, please, that you refrain from sending any peanut products to our school.** Please send snacks that are clearly labeled "contains no nuts or traces of nuts" or "this product has been made in a peanut/nut free facility". This will help us keep our students safe. **If your child has a medical situation that requires medicine to be administered at the school, please come into the office and pick up the pamphlet "Students with Medical Alert Conditions" and complete a medical alert planning form.**

RAISE A READER

A big thankyou to Jasmin John-Thorpe for bringing two authors to our school! Author Kallie George spoke to our Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2 classes and author Lee Edward Fodi spoke to our Grade 3's, 4's and 5's. All the students were given an autographed book to take home. If parents would like to make a donation to Raise a Reader we will have a donation tin in the office.



And now a word from our PAC!

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers that contributed to the success of our **Back-To-School Fun Night at Loco Landing**. We raised \$380 which will be used towards the many events that PAC supports and most importantly, thanks for helping to make the event a memorable one for all to enjoy!

We raised \$311.83 at the **PAC Fundraising Bake Sale**. A great big thanks to all the bakers that contributed those delicious goodies and thanks to all those that helped eat them!!



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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2	3 Soccer Practice at lunch 	4	5 Soccer Practice at lunch 	6	7 Assembly INFINITUS Cultural Performance Hot Lunch – Pizza	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Day 	11 PAC Meeting in the library 6:00 pm	12 Soccer Practice at lunch 	13	14 Assembly Hot Lunch – subs	15
16	17 Soccer Practice at lunch 	18	19  Soccer Game at Kings Park 3:00 p.m.	20 "Shakeout" Earthquake drill Photo Retake Day 	21 Pro-D Day Schools Closed	22
23	24	25	26 Naramata Run 	27	28 Assembly Halloween Dress Up Day Hot Lunch – tacos	29 
30	31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN					

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