



Carmi Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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September 2011

Principal's Message

Welcome Back Everyone!

Happy New Year☺ We have **165 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. We have already had such a busy start with a lot of activities and events for students at the school. Last week we were busy sorting out plans for our **Loco Landing Family Fun Night on Sept 22**. (Let us know if you still need tickets). We have been painting our really eye-catching **street banners**. Give us your feedback when you see them along Carmi. Every student and staff member contributed and they look great☺ We had our **Terry Fox Run** last Friday and raised \$136.57. Thanks for your support on that☺ And, finally, we are hosting a **special presentation assembly** that deals with manners on Monday, September 26 at 11:00am. Join us if you can. Thanks to PAC for funding the performance. We want to hear your thoughts as we move through the year. On that note, please feel free to join us at any of our events.

This year we will continue to focus on improving student literacy and we will be continuing to work on helping students feel more connected at the school. We will be implementing various social responsibility strategies as well. One of the programs we are starting in called WITS. WITS stands for Walk Away; Ignore; Talk it Out; Seek Help. Staff are working school-wide with WITS and we are also promoting the strategies in our weekly assemblies. Please talk to your children about their WITS at home as well. 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.

I hope to see you at **Carmi's Back-to-School Fun Night at Loco Landing on Thursday, September 22nd from 5:00 PM – 7:00 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	Terry Fox Run 9:15 a.m. (Bring a loonie or toonie)
September 22	Carmi Fun Night at Loco Landing 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
September 30	Wacky Hair Day
October 4	Photo Day – wear a solid color for best results!

October 10
October 21

Thanksgiving Day – Schools Closed
Professional Development Day – Schools Closed

Carmi Staff – 2011-2012

Division 1	Grade 4/5	Mr. Tony Biollo
Division 2	Grade 4/5	Mr. George Marques and Mrs. Lesley Evans
Division 3	Grade 3	Ms. Edna Dyck
Division 4	Grade 2/3	Mrs. Jackie Heinrich
Division 5	Grade 1/2	Mrs. Jandi Doyle
Division 6	Grade 1/2	Mrs. Karin Carriere
Division 7	Kindergarten	Ms. Christie McRobb
Division 8	Kindergarten	Mrs. Carrie Brome
Principal		Dr. Sharon Sola
Special Education/LAT		Mrs. Kathryn Golbeck
Secretary		Mrs. Connie Hack
Teacher Librarian		Mr. Tony Biollo
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 Fun Night at Loco Landing

Carmi's Fun Night at Loco Landing will be held on Thursday, September 22nd from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 2 hours of unlimited fun for a special rate of \$12.00 for a wrist band good for all rides, including go-carts, bumper boats and mini golf. There will be a 50/50 fundraiser for PAC, pizza, drinks, slushies and icecream. Forms will be sent home by the end of the week.

WACKY HAIR DAY

Friday, SEPTEMBER 30TH

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 in the office.

Individual Student Photos



Individual student photos will be taken on Tuesday, October 4th.

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.**

Soccer



Soccer season is starting up. All students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to come out and practice with us on Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch after 12:15 p.m.. 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. Golbeck and Ms. McRobb.

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 office. 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 16th at 9:15 a.m. 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 2010-2011 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.



MEDICAL ALERTS

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

- **peanuts**

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/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.








Office of the Superintendent of Schools

APPROVED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA) 2011-2012 STANDARD SCHOOL CALENDAR	
Schools Open	Tuesday, September 6, 2011
Thanksgiving Day – schools closed	Monday, October 10, 2011
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, October 21, 2011
Remembrance Day observance – schools closed	Friday, November 11, 2011
Schools close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 16, 2011 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Tuesday, January 3, 2012
*Schools close for Spring Break and Teachers' Professional Development Days	Friday, March 16, 2012 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Monday, April 2, 2012
Good Friday – schools closed	Friday, April 6, 2012
Easter Monday – schools closed	Monday, April 9, 2012
Victoria Day – schools closed	Monday, May 21, 2012
Administrative Day (students not in attendance)	Friday, June 29, 2012



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Soccer practice at lunch 	15	16 Terry Fox Run 	17
18	19 Soccer practice at lunch 	20	21 Soccer practice at lunch 	22 LOCO LANDING FUN NIGHT 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 	23	24
25	26 Soccer practice at lunch 	27	28 Soccer practice at lunch 	29	30 WACKY HAIR DAY 	

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