

# Carleton

## Public School

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### December Wrap Up—2012

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 21—Last day of Classes for 2012

January 7—School resumes



#### CHARACTER EDUCATION — Caring

The goal for this past month has been "caring"—showing kindness, compassion, empathy and friendship towards others.

Students recognized at the month end awards assembly for successfully demonstrating this goal are;

ELP A - Kailey C., & Lucy M.

ELP T -

Gr. 1— Paige S., & Abby F.

Gr. 2 - Angelina C., Spencer C. & Alex A.

Gr. 3 - Hayden B., Madeleine M. & Emily J.

Gr. 4/5— Valencia C. & Cameron S.

Gr. 5/6— Madison S. & Carter C.

FSP -

Gr. 7-

Gr. 8B—

Gr. 8V - Reece B. & Hasan A.

#### HEALTHY SCHOOLS

2012 wrapped up with an abundance of sick students and staff. To help everyone move into the New Year with renewed health and well being, we are reminding parents to PLEASE keep sick children at home. Students who have had the stomach flu should NOT return to school until 24 hours after they are symptom free. Students who have green mucous discharge should also be home or seeing a physician. Our cleaning staff work very diligently to keep our environment clean, but we need your help to keep it healthy! Thank You!



#### SAFE & SECURE SCHOOLS PROJECT

A reminder that our school will be the recipient of a new video surveillance and electronic access system, which should be installed during Christmas holidays. This new system is the culmination of a project which began at the DSBN in May 2010. After much research, consultation and a year-long pilot at three DSBN schools, the project was deemed to be benefi-

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER—SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of severe or inclement weather, the decision to close schools **PRIOR** to the start of the school day is made **before 7am** and is announced on the following radio stations: CKTB 610, CHTZ 97.7, CHRE 105.7, CKEY (RIVER)105.1, SPIRIT 91.7, CHSC 1212, SKOC 1150, K-LITE 1-2.9, CHML 900, Y95.3, WAVE 94.7 and CHCH TV.

The students at Carleton Public School ride "DanNel Busses (905-934-1124) or First Student" (905-688-9600).

In the event of an Emergency School Closure, students will be dismissed and/or sent home via their buses unless they can be picked up **immediately** by parents/guardians. When selecting the 'stay at school' option on our forms for the rare occasion of early school closure, it is understood that this means pick up will occur immediately. This form does NOT indicate that extended child-care or supervision is available.

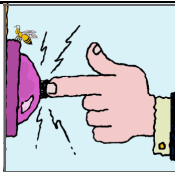
**PLEASE NOTE:** The school can not phone all homes to inform them of an early closure before students are dismissed as this is unrealistic due to the number of calls it would take to connect with each family in a limited amount of time. Early school closure will be communicated via the above listed radio stations and TV channel, so if the weather is questionable and the roads difficult, please stay tuned to the radio!

Please consider making arrangements with a neighbour who can help to supervise your children in the event of an early school closure if you work out of town! Having a hidden key for older students is also a smart precautionary measure to ensure that students can get into the house if you haven't arrived yet when they arrive home!



cial for both DSBN students and schools.

We strive to maintain our school as a safe and secure learning environment for our students. The new system will bring some changes to our school which will enhance the safe school practices already in place. For instance, access to our school will only be through the front door, and visitors will be buzzed in. As well, should there be an emergency in the community, we will be able to lock down our school with essentially the touch of a button.



Video surveillance will consist of one camera installed at our front entrance. While the surveillance video camera is just one of the tools we will use to foster a safe and secure learning environment under the Safe Schools Act, it will be in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Should you have any questions about this project, please contact the school office at 905 934-5243.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Mrs. Pickering and Mrs. Rocco are hoping that all students choose getting to school on time and working hard as their New Year's Resolutions. For those planning on starting this goal—remember you need to be here by 8:40 am!

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS!

As we continue to try and make our school improvement goals, focus and targets readily visible to parents and students in our community, samples of student work will continue to be displayed on our front foyer bulletin board, as well as those throughout the school. We have also invested in software that will support student learning in a fun and creative way. Kindergarten students are utilizing 'Raz Kids' to supplement their literacy, while students from Kindergarten to grade 6 are enhancing their math skills while using 'Dreambox' software. Students may log onto either of these programs at home **BUT students must work independently without help** as both programs are intelligent programs that adapt to support students develop in areas where they are experiencing weakness. Raz kids info has already been sent home to all ELP students, while the web link for Dream box is:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/carleton>

### YOUR FUTURE IS HERE!

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend Secondary School Open Houses in January 2013. The Laura Secord Secondary Open House is on January 15th from 6:30-9:00pm, while Eden's is on January 14th from 7-9. For a full list of all open house dates, times and details, please go to [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org)



### CARLETON'S COLOUR HOUSES

Carleton Shares With Community Care  
Thank you to all Carleton Families who donated items to our food/clothing drive during the last 2 weeks of school. Although we didn't surpass our amount last year, we still have made a difference in the lives of many families and individuals who use Community Care.



### Carleton Colour House Update

Our most recent "spirit day" saw the halls full of pyjamas, housecoats, and slippers...thank you to all who participated! As this was also a Colour House Challenge, points were awarded to those who participated. Here are the results of Carleton's Pajama Day Jamboree: Orange (38), Purple (30), Blue (27), Red & Green (27). These totals have been added to the current standings and as of the end of 2012, the current standings are:

- 1st Place - Orange House...94 pts
- 2nd Place— Purple House...93 pts
- 3rd Place - Green House...91 pts
- 4th Place - Blue House...87 pts
- 5th Place...83 pts



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CARLETON STAFF!**  
**WE WISH YOU ALL HAPPY HEARTS, HEALTHY BODIES AND ABUNDANT JOY!**  
**SEE YOU IN 2013!**



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