

CARMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back! I am excited to be the new principal at Carmi Elementary. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who have made me feel so welcome. It has been a busy last month for my wife and I as we have moved from Fort St. John on very short notice, but we are settling in and glad to be back in the Okanagan.

Our school year is off to a great start, with everyone renewing old friendships and creating new ones. With the many changes that have taken place since the spring, we have a number of construction projects occurring in the building. The maintenance staff are working hard to keep our school disruptions to a minimum. A special welcome to all the students and families who are new to Carmi. We look forward to meeting all of you soon. My first priority is to learn as much as I can about this great school, and to help our students and staff have a fantastic year with many great learning opportunities. I hope that you will stop by and introduce yourself when you get a chance. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

PIZZA DAY EVERY TUESDAY \$2.50 / slice of cheese pizza

Tues. Sept 20	Pizza Day
Thurs. Sept 22	Crazy Hair, Crazy Hat Day
Tues. Sept. 27	Bird Migration Program Field Trip—Mr. Bailey & Miss Harvie's Classes (8:40—9:00)
Tues. Sept 27	Pizza Day
Thurs. Sept. 29	Student Photo Day— morning
Thurs. Sept 29	Soccer Game - Parkway at Carmi (2:45—3:45)
Thurs. Sept. 29	Open House (5:00—6:30)
Fri. Sept. 30	Professional Development Day—no school for students
Mon. Oct. 3	Soccer Game— Carmi at Parkway (2:45—3:45)
Tues. Oct. 4	Pizza Day
Thurs. Oct. 6	Trout Creek Pumpkin Run—Grades 4 & 5 Cross Country Team
Mon. Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day—school closed
Tues. Oct. 11	Pizza Day
Wed. Oct. 12	Naramata Run—Grades 4 & 5 Cross Country Team
Thurs. Oct. 13	Photo Re-take Day (morning)
Tues. Oct. 18	Pizza Day
Wed. Oct. 19	Ann Glover Storyteller Visit (1:00)
Fri. Oct. 21	Professional Development Day—no school for students
Mon. Oct. 24	Drop Everything And Read
Tues. Oct. 25	Pizza Day



CARMI OPEN HOUSE NIGHT

Carmi's Open House night will be held on **Thursday Sept. 29th, 5:00—6:30pm**. Come out and see the classrooms and meet the teachers. Find out about the year ahead!



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 is now valid for 5 years within our School District unless circumstances change. There is no cost to have a check done. Information is available in the office.



PLANNERS / AGENDAS

If your child is in Grade 1—5, please send \$6.00 with your child to help cover the cost of student planners. Thank you PAC for helping to offset the costs!



DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Daily school-wide activity is underway for the entire school. Permissions slips have been sent home and must be signed for students to participate in any neighbourhood runs. Please return these forms to your teacher.



VERIFICATION FORMS

Verification forms have been sent home soon. Please read the form carefully and make any corrections or changes. It is very important that this information is accurate. Mrs. Bull asks that these forms be returned promptly.

STUDENT PHOTO DAY / FALL FAMILY PORTRAITS

Fall Family Portraits at the Summerland Ornamental Gardens with Greg Johnson of Real Photography Book now for your Families Fall portrait for only \$20 and receive an 8x10 colour print. All proceeds from your order will go directly to your school! Additional Photo Packages will be available.

PHOTO DATES: Oct. 15 & 16 11:00-3:00 / Oct. 22 & 23 11:00-3:00

Inquire at realphotography@telus.net (Please include the name of your school, the number of people in your group, phone number and desired day).



Individual student photos will be taken on Thursday Sept. 29th at 9:00
Photo retakes will be on Thursday Oct. 13th at 9:00

TERRY FOX RUN

We held the Terry Fox run on Friday Sept. 16th. Thank you to all students and families for participating and donating to the Terry Fox Foundation. Carmi School raised \$226.50!



SAFE ARRIVAL

Please contact our office at (250) 770-7697 Ext. 0 or email carmi@summer.com to advise if your child is going to be away or late for school. Please fee free to leave a message on our answering machine before or after school hours.

CARMI STAFF

Staff		Phone (250) 770-7697	Email
Mr. Dave Ritchie	Principal	Ext. 6234	dritchie@summer.com
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Mrs. Regina Openshaw	Div 2 – Gr. 4/5	Ext. 6584	ropenshaw@summer.com
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Mr. Peter Evans	Counsellor		pevans2@summer.com
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Mrs. Ava Allison	Aboriginal Education CEA		aallison@summer.com
Mrs. Sandy Woodford	Library Assistant		swoodford@summer.com

ONE-TO-ONE READING PROGRAM

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? We invite you to join our One-to-One Reading Program at Carmi Elementary. This volunteer-run program provides one-to-one reading to students from grades 1-5. Volunteer training will be available in October through Literacy Now BC. Volunteers can either commit to a regular schedule or become a substitute volunteer. Please contact Mrs. Golbeck (resource teacher) at kgolbeck@summer.com or see Mrs. Bull in the office.

**STRONGSTART PROGRAM**

A Community StrongStart Program is run 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** is open on school days **Monday to Friday from 8:45 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 are required 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, Mr. Dave Ritchie at (250) 770-7697 Ext. 6234 or Mrs. Colleen Jacyna, ECE, at (250) 770-7768 for more information.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Ms. Persson and Miss Harvie have started cross country running for students in Grades 4 and 5. There will be 2 running events in October. The Pumpkin Run in Trout Creek on Thursday Oct. 6th and the Naramata Run on Wednesday Oct. 12th.

**PIZZA DAY**

Mrs. Bull will run Pizza Day every Tuesday all year!

Cheese Only
\$2.50 / slice

Give your money to your teacher first thing in the morning; no need to pre-order.

**BELL SCHEDULE**

8:05	Breakfast Club Open
8:35	Warning Bell
8:40	Morning Classes Begin
10:30 – 10:45	Recess
11:50–12:35	Lunch eating and playtime
12:35	Afternoon Classes Begin
2:35	Dismissal

**SOCCER**

Soccer season has started. All students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to come out and practice during lunch hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Carmi Cubs will be playing 2 games this year. Come cheer on our team from 2:45–3:45 on Thursday Sept 29 Parkway at Carmi and Monday Oct. 3 Carmi at Parkway. If your child is interested in playing with the Carmi soccer team, please see Mr. Bailey or Ms. Persson.

**BC SCHOOL FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM**

We are pleased to announce our school has been accepted into the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program, administered by BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation. Our school is involved in this province-wide healthy living initiative. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC Fruits and Vegetable to the students *during classroom time*. The students will receive picked, washed, and ready to enjoy produce and a milk for 13 weeks at no charge! A form was sent home last week, **please return it only if you DO NOT want your student to participate or if there are food allergies we need to be aware of.**

**MEDICAL ALERTS**

Medical alert forms are available at the office and must be updated each school year. If your child has a potential life threatening or medical condition, a form needs to be complete immediately. If your child has a medical situation that requires medicine to be administered at the school, you must also complete new forms. Please contact Mrs. Bull in the office for forms or more information.

We ask that parents avoid sending peanut products to school as all schools try to be free of peanut products. For some children, 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 for children with allergies.



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.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Did you know that School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) does not insure expense for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities? You are responsible for these expenses as a parent or guardian. For your convenience, we have made arrangements for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance offers protection against the high costs of serious injury from unexpected accidents, and is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Accidents can, and do, happen.

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans - such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (including future dental treatment up to age 26);
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses.

If you change your address during the school year, your Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance plan is transferable from school to school, anywhere in Canada. Insurance premiums range from \$14.50 to \$33.50 per year, depending on the plan selected. A discounted premium is available for families with 3 or more children. Adults age 20 to 64 can also be insured for \$32.00 per year. For more information or to apply online, please visit www.kidsplus.ca or speak with an Kids Plus™ Client Service Administrator at 1-800-556-7411.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Parents are reminded that there is supervision outside before school from 8:20–8:35 and after school from 2:35–2:50. Students should not be on the school grounds without parent supervision outside of these times.

We are pleased to advise that Breakfast Club will now be open from 8:05–8:30. Students can leave their belongings in the front hall while they have breakfast. If they are finished after 8:20 they will be allowed to play outside on the playground. For safety reasons, students are not permitted in the classroom wing of the school in the mornings.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Thank you to Donna Van Egmond for running the Breakfast Club again this year! Thanks to students and families that donate a toonie now and then to help with the cost of food.



STUDENT HEALTH

Parents should be aware this is a time of year when Head Lice appear. Head lice can affect anyone and are common in school-aged children. Head lice are annoying and may cause itching, but they do not transmit or cause disease. Children should be encouraged not to share personal items such as hats, helmets, scarves, hair accessories or headphones.

Because head lice is easily spread, children will be sent home if they are found to have head lice and we ask that they remain home until treatment is finished.

CARMI PARENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Welcome new and returning Carmi families!

Welcome back to Carmi families and welcome new Carmi families and students. We jumped right into September with two feet starting with the Hot Lunch Ordering. This year we see the change of online payments only. We are very happy about this change as it reduces the amount of volunteer hours that our treasurer spends reconciling payments, trips to the bank and chasing missing payments. It allows us to stream line the process, so that we can spend our volunteer hours towards other fundraising initiatives at Carmi. Our first hot lunch is Friday, September 23rd. This session ends October 28th. If you missed ordering hot lunch for your child, please watch for emails/notices/Facebook reminders to order for Session 2 which will be open towards the end of October. If you have any questions or concerns about Munchalunch or Paypal payments please feel free to contact me at carmipac@gmail.com.

We will be rolling out some fundraising initiatives over the next couple of months so please watch for those. PAC uses funds from these initiatives to help fund Accelerated Reader Program, Planners, Bussing and field trips. Please know that supporting fundraising and hot lunch goes straight back into our classrooms for our children.

Our PAC Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm in the school library. We have childminding available. We encourage you to come out and learn about what is happening at our school.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the upcoming year.

Thank you.
Tracy Van Raes
Carmi PAC Chair

“Like” our Carmi PAC Facebook page for regular updates and reminders

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Carmiparents/>

BASKETBALL CAMP

Penticton's own Lake City Club Basketball is offering an eight week mini basketball program beginning Sunday, September 25th. The program will run on Sundays for one hour and fifteen minutes. Fun and skills will be the focus for our elementary school athletes. Participants will receive a keeper basketball and reversible jersey. Local coaches Russ Reid and Brian Hurst have each been coaching for 15 plus years and are excited to offer an opportunity for students in grades 2-5 of all levels to play the sport of basketball. Sign up forms can be found at the Lake City website - <http://lakecitybasketball.weebly.com/> or please contact us at lakecity.youthbasketball@gmail.com

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

Calling Grade 4 & 5 students..... there will be an **Atomic Volleyball Program** at the **Penticton Community Centre** this Fall.

Atomic Volleyball (age 9-12)

Penticton Community Centre

Tuesdays

4:00pm-5:00pm

October 4th-November 22nd, 2016

Registration Information - <http://en.calameo.com/books/001917391f449f55706d9>



DISTRICT CALENDAR



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Office of the Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)
2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR
FOR ALL SCHOOLS

Curriculum Implementation Day – schools closed	Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Schools Open	Wednesday, September 7, 2016
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, September 30, 2016
Thanksgiving Day – schools closed	Monday, October 10, 2016
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, October 21, 2016
Curriculum Implementation Day – schools closed	Thursday, November 10, 2016
Remembrance Day observance – schools closed	Friday, November 11, 2016
Schools close for Winter Vacation	Friday, December 16, 2016 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Family Day – schools closed	Monday, February 13, 2017
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Friday, February 17, 2017
*Schools close for Spring Break	Friday, March 17, 2017 (last day of school)
Schools Reopen	Monday, April 3, 2017
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Thursday, April 13, 2017
Good Friday – schools closed	Friday, April 14, 2017
Easter Monday – schools closed	Monday, April 17, 2017
Professional Development Day – schools closed	Monday, May 15, 2017
Victoria Day – schools closed	Monday, May 22, 2017
Administrative Day (students not in attendance)	Friday, June 30, 2017

- Number of Days of Instruction: 179
- Number of Non-Instructional Days in calendar: 7
- Number of Administrative Days: 1

Notes: The above calendar meets the hours of instruction required by the Ministry of Education.
*School District No. 67 schools are closed for spring vacation, March 20 through March 31, 2017

2016-2017 Secondary Provincial Examination Schedule
Monday, January 23 through Friday, January 27, 2017
Thursday, June 22 through Thursday, June 29, 2017

2017 Middle School "T" Days:
Middle School (Grades 6 – 8) pupils excused from attending school except for "I Day" assigned time(s) (June 26, 27, 28). Students attend school on Thursday, June 29, 2017.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9 –15. Our Penticton Fire Department reminds you to check your smoke detectors and review your emergency exit routes.





School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



Wanted: Host families to share their home, family, and culture with international students!

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.67 is looking for prospective homestay families in Penticton and Summerland to host international students for one year, one semester, three months, one month and/or on a short term (respite) basis.

ABOUT THE STUDENTS

We have both male and female students arriving from Germany, Japan, Mexico, Spain, China, Brazil, Japan and Korea who will be attending one of our local middle or secondary schools during the 2016-2017 school year.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Host families must be English-speaking and have a desire to welcome the student into their home as part of the family. Close proximity to a middle or secondary school is an asset.

School District No.67 will provide:

- support and guidance by a homestay coordinator who will monitor the student/homestay experience;
- monthly compensation of \$750 for the homestay family;
- temporary placement/respite homes for host families if required for holidays and emergencies.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in this great opportunity to exchange cultural experiences with an international student, please complete the Homestay Application form. Paper copies are available at the School Board Office, 425 Jermyn Ave. Penticton or on the School District website.

<http://www.sd67internationalprogram.com/forms.html>

Submit to Brenda Kotzian at bkotzian@summer.com or Gina Rogers at grogers@summer.com or drop off at the School Board Office.

ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

You have time and space to share with an international student for one year, one semester, three months, one month and/or on a short term (respite) basis.

You can provide a separate bedroom (not shared) for the student.

You can provide a clean, safe, caring, environment conducive to student studies.

You provide the opportunity to participate in Canadian family life.

You are able to facilitate transportation as needed (drop off & pick up from activities).

You will provide three meals per day (including lunches for school) and healthy snacks.

You are willing to submit to a criminal record check and an interview/home inspection by one of our homestay coordinators.



MEND (MIND, EXERCISE, NUTRITION, DO IT!)

MEND is a fun, FREE program that supports children and their families in becoming more active and healthier through interactive group sessions.

Where families get fit and healthy together

MEND 7 - 13

- ▶ Children 7-13 years and their families
- ▶ Two sessions a week for 10 weeks
- ▶ FREE graduation incentive such as a recreation pass
- ▶ Call or email to find out if MEND is right for your family

▶ Location:

Parkway Elementary School - Penticton
Tuesdays & Thursdays

▶ Information and registration:

Contact the Penticton Community Centre:
250-490-2426 or merid@penticton.ca

Program Start Dates: September 2016 & January 2017



Visit www.bchealthykids.ca for information about MEND and other programs to help you and your family be active and eat healthy.

September 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Curriculum Im- plementation Day SCHOOL CLOSED	7 School Starts 8:35–11:50	8	9	10
11	12	13 Pizza Day  PAC Meeting & Elections	14	15	16 Terry Fox Run	17
18	19	20 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	21	22 Crazy Hair / Hat Day 	23	24
25	26	27 Field Trip Mr. Bailey & Ms. Harvie 's Classes Pizza Day	28	29 Student Photos 9:00 Soccer Game 2:45 at Carmi Open House 5:00–6:30	30 Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL	

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October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Soccer Game 2:45 at Parkway 	4 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	5	6 Trout Creek Pumpkin Run 	7	8
9	10 HAPPY  THANKSGIVING School Closed	11 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	12 Naramata Run 	13 Student Photo Retakes 9:00 	14	15
16	17	18 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	19 Story Teller Visit Ann Glover 1:00	20	21 Professional Development Day No School for Students	22
23	24 Drop Everything And Read 	25 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	26	27	28	29
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