

CARMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe two months are done already. Students and staff have been busy creating many learning opportunities. We enjoyed a visit from SORCO and their great horned owl ambassador Houdini this week. We are looking forward to Jake Evans visiting our classes in November to teach some great new dance moves. We have an opportunity to offer the Roots of Empathy program in our school but need a family with a 2-4 month old baby to participate in the program. Please contact Mr. Ritchie if you would like to learn about this program.

We are continuing to work with all our students to practice appropriate problem solving strategies, especially on the playground as we are still experiencing too many “physical” solutions with inappropriate hands on. At Carmi we want to use our WITS:

W—Walk away

I— Ignore

T—talk it out with polite words

S—seek help from an adult

Please help your child by encouraging this process.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- Mon. Oct. 31 Halloween—come dressed in your costume
- Mon. Oct. 31 Monster Mash Parade to Westview 11:00—Divisions 3-7
- Tues. Nov. 1 Pizza Day
- Tues. Nov. 8 PAC Meeting—6 pm in the library
- Tues. Nov. 8 Pizza Day
- Wed. Nov. 9 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45
- Thurs. Nov. 10 Curriculum Implementation Day—no school for students
- Fri. Nov. 11 Remembrance Day—school closed
- Tues. Nov. 15 Pizza Day
- Wed. Nov. 16 Traditional Indian Lunch—hosted by Simran and family for the entire school
- Tues. Nov. 22 Pizza Day
- Tues. Nov. 29 Pizza Day



HALLOWEEN—MONSTER MASH

Everyone is excited about our Halloween dress up day on Monday—please remember that no weapons are allowed with costumes at school, and masks will only be allowed during our costume parade in the afternoon. Delicate props that could be damaged should also be left at home, and please remember that excessively gory costumes can be frightening for some of our

younger students. If you are sending treats for your child's class we ask that you send something healthy as too much sugar makes it difficult for everyone to have a successful day.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, November 9th, we will be having a student-led 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. If you would like

to make a donation, please have your child give it to their teacher.

Thank you!



REPORT CARDS / PARENT STUDENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS / EARLY DISMISSAL

Teachers will be creating report cards at the end of this month. **Reports will be sent home on Dec. 5th** and our early dismissal days for parent interviews will be on **Tuesday Dec. 6th to Thursday Dec. 8th**. Classroom teachers will send home notes to arrange interview times. This is an opportunity for you to see how the start of the year has gone, and to set goals for continued success.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held Tuesday Dec. 6th to Thursday Dec. 8th in the school library. The fair will be open 11:50 - 4:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday and from 11:50 to 1:00 on Thursday.

We need parents to help with sales and cash during the event. If you are able to assist please contact the school office. It's a great opportunity to get an early start on your Christmas shopping! All proceeds from this sale help to provide our school library with new books.



CARMI WEBSITE

Be sure to check out our Carmi website for all upcoming events, staff contact information, and photos of events around our school.

www.carmielementary.weebly.com

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Congratulations to the grade 4 & 5 students that participated in the cross country runs at Trout Creek and Naramata. Special congratulations to Casey Van Egmond for his 6th place finish in the Pumpkin Run. Thank you to Ms. Persson and Miss Harvie for coaching our team!



SOCCER

The Carmi Soccer team had 2 great games against Parkway school. All students really improved their skills and showed great sportsmanship during the games. Thanks to Coach Bailey & Coach Persson for leading the team.



EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS

Thank you to the South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls for bringing Houdini the Great Horned Owl to visit Ms. Lee, Miss Harvie, and Mrs. Stewart's classes. It was a great learning opportunity and so exciting to have an owl at school!



Ms. Lee and Miss Harvie's classes enjoyed a trip to the Channel Parkway to participate in the Save our Salmon program.

EARLY YEARS CENTRE

The Okanagan Skaha Early Years Centre is a place for families to access the early years' services they need. Early Years Centres across the province of BC have been established to provide families and communities access to resources such as referrals to programs for early child development, health and dentals concerns, early literacy, early learning opportunities, developmental screening and much more.

The Okanagan Skaha Early Years Centre (Okanagan Skaha EYC) was developed through a strong partnership between School District 67-Okanagan Skaha and Penticton & District Community Resources Society (PDCRS). The Centre is hosted by PDCRS and is offered in Parkway Elementary, Queen's Park Elementary, Naramata Elementary, Kaleden Elementary and Summerland Food Bank & Hub.

For more information about the Okanagan Skaha Early Years Centre, contact Penticton & District Community Resource Society at (250) 492-5814. To contact Eileen Muzzin, the Okanagan Skaha Early Years Facilitator, call (250)-488-1788 or email oksearlyyears@pdcrs.com



CARMI PARENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hello Carmi Parents and Families,

Great news from a Hot Lunch stand point. Our orders are up substantially and so are our volunteer numbers. THANK YOU to parents for stepping up. Supporting PAC fundraising such as hot lunch enables us to subsidize student initiatives all year long such as bussing, field trips, Accelerated Reader and many other things that we as parents would have to pay out of pocket. Ordering for hot lunch is now closed for the Nov/Dec session. If you want to jump on ordering your child's hot lunch for January, watch for our notifications which will come out in December. We post to Facebook, send a flyer out at school and email our parent list. If you have any questions or concerns about Munchalunch or Paypal payments please feel free to contact me at car-mipac@gmail.com

We have already seen a successful bake sale. Thank you parents who donated baked goods and thank you to students who participated! We have launched our LED lightbulbs fundraiser which looks like our 1000 lightbulbs donated from Fortis for resale will sell out very soon! If you are interested in purchasing bulbs, they are available at www.munchalunch.com. Stay tuned for more fundraising initiatives coming out soon!

Our PAC Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the school library. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 8th at 6pm. We have childminding available. We encourage you to come out and learn about what is happening at our school. Also come out and offer suggestions, ideas or feedback.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the upcoming year.
Tracy Van Raes - Carmi PAC Chair - 2016/2017

"Like" our Carmi PAC Facebook page for regular updates and reminders

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

CARMI SUPPORTERS—THANK YOU!



The Canadian Children's Book Centre
Bringing Canadian Books and Young Readers Together

Thank you to the TD Bank Group and the Canadian Children's Book Centre for donating books to all of our Grade 1 students. We encourage all parents and guardians to take a little time every day to read with their child.

Thank you to Kris Beck for the generous donation of apples for our school. Mr. Beck delivered 8 boxes of organic apples during the month of October!



SAFE ARRIVAL

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



November 2016



1Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	9	10 Curriculum Implementation Day No School for Students	11 Remembrance Day School is Closed 	12
13 Daylight Saving Time Ends Turn your clocks Back 1 hour	14	15 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Pizza Day \$2.50 / slice 	30			
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