



Carson Elementary School

"Building Future Leaders"

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NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Rather than focusing on things we shouldn't do, I like to encourage our students to show expected behaviours and choose kindness. Recently, all students received a Kindness Band stamped with the phrases: "Be The Kind Kid" and "Be A Smile in Someone's Day". These bands are a reminder that at Carson we value kindness, and that we will stand up to those who are unkind or are bullying.

This term students have had many opportunities to develop their skills and showcase their strengths. Classes have been involved in project-based learning (making canjos, creating movies, model cars, etc.), taking care of our school environment, baking, outdoor education, and more. All students participated in our Identity Celebration, classes and choir presented songs at our Remembrance Day Assembly, and some students performed at the Talent Show. We are happy to see students share their skills, talents, and interests, and show us their strengths.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season filled with fun memories and time with family and friends.

Mrs. A. Gauthier

Principal: Ms. Angelina Gauthier
Secretary: Ms. Lisa Audet

SCHOOL HOURS:

Start Time: 8:20 a.m. (warning bell)

School Starts: 8:25 a.m.

(Attendance is taken)

Recess: 10:15 to 10:32 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 - 1 p.m.

Dismissal: 2:33 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

Nov 30: Talent Show 1:00pm

Dec. 3 PAC Mtg in Library 6:30

Dec.5 Holiday Gift Shop

Recess & Lunch

Dec.6 Holiday Gift Shop

Recess & Lunch

Dec.7 Holiday Gift Shop

Recess & Lunch

Dec. 17 WINTER CONCERT

10:50am and 1:15pm

Dec. 19 Report Cards sent home

Dec. 21 Pajama Day:

Read-In Day & Fun Activities

Last day before Winter Break

Jan. 7, 2019

School Recommences



Christmas Concert

We welcome friends and family to attend the Carson Elementary Christmas Concert on Monday, December 17. We will be holding two daytime performances at 10:50am and 1:15pm. Visitors are encouraged to wear a pair of slippers or inside shoes to keep our gym and hallway from getting muddy. We also encourage you to bring a non-perishable item for our Carson Food Drive.

IMPORTANT ALLERGY NOTICE

Carson is a FISH/SHELLFISH FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies that staff and students have in our school, we are a FISH/SHELLFISH (all fish, scallops, shrimp, tuna, salmon, crab, etc. FREE SCHOOL. These allergies are airborne and life-threatening. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring NONE of these foods are brought to the school.



Winter Break

School will not be in session from Monday, December 24 through to Friday, January 4, 2019. Students will be back in classes on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Connect with Carson



Carson Elementary School has a Facebook page to help keep you updated with current happenings and events. Search **Carson Elementary School** and like our page to keep informed! Also, follow the **Carson PAC** Facebook page for information and updates on PAC activities.

Come visit our new website! It is still under construction, but it is now live and provides another platform to keep everyone updated!

<https://carsonelementary.weebly.com/> (or access through <http://www.sd28.bc.ca/>)

Thank You!

Thank you to our custodian, Mrs. Chouinard, and her husband for generously providing every student at Carson with an advent calendar. We appreciate all you do for our school and for your generosity!

Report Cards

Report cards for Term 1 will be sent home on Wednesday, December 19th.

Dress for the Weather

Even though we have had some warmer weather, winter is approaching! Our school district policy is that students go outside at recess and lunch if the temperature is -15C or warmer. Sometimes we even go out at recess when it is -16C or -17C to get some fresh air. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather.

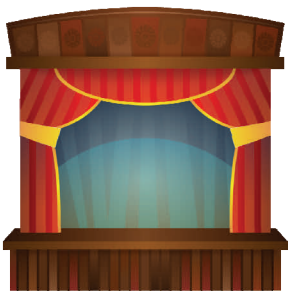
Volleyball

Thank you to both our coaches, Mr. Cronkhite and Mr. Prosk, for coaching our volleyball teams this year. The teams represented Carson well in all of their games and at the District Playoffs.



TALENT SHOW

We invite family and friends to come see a showcase of talent at Carson's annual Talent Show on Friday, November 30, starting at 1:00 p.m.



Holiday Gift Shop

This year the PAC will be holding a Holiday Gift Shop in the library on December 5, 6, and 7. This is a fun opportunity for the students to shop for inexpensive gifts for family. Students will be able to shop on Wednesday and Thursday at recess and lunchtime. The store will also be open at lunch on Friday if supplies last. Parent helpers are needed.



The Carson Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is an important voice for parents and families. The PAC always welcomes parents/guardians at their monthly meetings. The next meeting of the PAC will be **Monday, December 6th at 6:30pm in the school library.**

Plastic Bags

Please protect library books from spills and food in backpacks by putting them in a plastic bag or reusable cloth bag. If you have any extra plastic bags at home that you would like to empty out of your pantry, the school library is accepting them.

PAC Christmas Raffle Gift Baskets

Time to prepare for our annual Christmas Baskets. We ask that each student bring an item for their class theme basket. Then purchase a candy bag for \$5 for your chance to win one of the baskets. A basket will also be raffled off at each of the Christmas Concerts.

Ms. Favron - Lotto

Mr. Birch - Gardening

Mrs. W. Cronkhite - Tea and Coffee

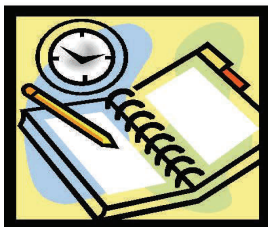
Ms. Bright - Family Fun Night

Mrs. Halls - Chocolate

Mrs. West - Pasta

Mr. J. Cronkhite - Ladies'

Mr. Doucette - Candles/ Xmas Tree ornaments



ATTENDANCE OR UNEXPECTED AFTER SCHOOL CHANGES Please let us know if:

- your child's bus drop-off location will change
- if a different person will be picking up your child at the end of the day
- if your child will be walking to a different location at the end of the day
- if your child will be leaving during the course of the day
- if your child will be late for school
- if your child will be absent from school

Please put a quick note in the planner, send a note, or make a phone call. It is very helpful that we know of any changes as early in the day as possible. Try to have your child aware of after school arrangements in the morning and write a note in the planner. Thank you.

NEWSLETTERS Newsletters are sent by email and are posted on the school website.

PERSONAL ELECTRONICS POLICY A reminder that there is a no personal electronics policy in all School District 28 elementary schools. This is for personal use and includes at school, on field trips, and sports events. Unless a teacher is supervising the use of electronics for a class assignment, students are not to use electronics. We ask students to leave all electronic devices, including iPods, portable game systems, and cell phones at home. If your child must bring a cell phone to school, please contact Mrs. Gauthier so we can discuss a plan for your child. If your child brings and uses a personal electronic device on school property during school hours, it will be held in the office until a parent or guardian can come and pick it up. Thank you for your assistance.

MESSAGES We will do our best to deliver URGENT messages to your children. We ask that you contact the school no later than 2:00 p.m. to enable us to deliver these messages before dismissal. Please give messages to your children before they leave for school if at all possible. Thank you.

SUPERVISION This is just a reminder that supervision in the morning starts at 8:00 a.m. for bus students only. Students who walk to school are asked to arrive after 8:10 a.m. All students should go to the playground in the supervised area upon arriving at the school.

Carson Food, Clothing and Toy Drive Challenge

Starting December 1st, the **Carson Culture Group** will be sponsoring our annual non-perishable food, clothing and toy drive challenge.

Each class will have a marked box for their donation items.

Mrs. Watson and the Culture Group will regularly collect class donations and keep a secret tally of all food, clothing and toy's collected. The class that brings in the most items will win an ice cream party!

**Please have all donations in to Carson School by
Wednesday, December 19th.**

Food Drive ideas:

- ◆ Canned ham or chicken
- ◆ Baby food or formula
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Canned fruit and vegetables
- ◆ Spices
- ◆ Shampoo and conditioner
- ◆ Deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper



*No fish/shellfish products please

If you have any questions please contact:

Tammy Watson, AEW at 250-992-6821 for send an e-mail to:
tammywatson@sd28.bc.ca.

Youth Open Mic Night
@ the Occidental
School Breakfast Program Fundraiser

HOSTED BY

RIVER CITY
MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Saturday December 1, 2018

6-9 pm

\$5 admission at the door

Family Event - All Ages Welcome

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Celebrate with
Candy & Christmas
Baskets!



Looking for the perfect gift for all the people on your list? Buy a Christmas Candy Bag for only \$5 for a chance to win one of six beautiful Christmas Baskets. Each Candy Bag contains a little note to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas or you could be the lucky winner of a gift basket. The more Candy Bags you buy, the greater your chances of winning. The two remaining baskets will be raffled off at the Christmas Concert. Order forms will soon be sent home with students and will be available in the office.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Adapted with permission from Baltimore City Public Schools.



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December 2018



Wishing everyone a happy, fun, and safe Winter Holiday Break.

School will re-commence on Monday, January 7th, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>November 30 Talent Show at 1:00 pm in the Gym</i>
2	3 PAC Meeting in Library 6:30pm	4 DASH program after school (Tues & Thurs 2:30 to 4:30)	5 Holiday Gift Shop 9am-12 and 1-2pm	6 DASH program after school (Tues & Thurs 2:30 to 4:30)	7 PAC Hot Lunch	8
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