



# Carson Elementary School

"Building Future Leaders"

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## NEWSLETTER

### Principal's Message

This month's successful learner trait is: **compassion**. We will have many opportunities to show compassion and help those in need this month. Our annual Carson Food Drive will start the month off. Students may bring non-perishable items, toiletries, new toques and mitts starting on December 2nd.

At Carson Elementary, we create the conditions for students to know what the expectations are at school, and to "Be the 'I' in KIND". Many students have taken the initiative to create Kindness posters, write stories, care for others, and help their teachers. If we catch our students being kind, we take their photo and post it on our Kindness Wall. Sometimes we don't catch the kindness in action, but we appreciate all our students do to show expectations and be caring citizens.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season. May you have fun memories and time with your 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 29:** NI Aboriginal Focus Day—no school for students

**Dec. 4** PAC Mtg in Library 6:30

**Dec. 4** **Holiday Gift Shop**  
Recess & Lunch

**Dec. 5** **Holiday Gift Shop**  
Recess & Lunch

**Dec. 6** **Holiday Gift Shop**  
Recess & Lunch

**Dec. 12** Christmas Sweater  
School Spirit Day

**Dec. 12** PAC Taco in a Bag

**Dec. 18** **WINTER CONCERT**  
11:00am and 1:15pm

**Dec. 20** Pajama Day: PAC  
pancake breakfast at 8:30am.  
Read-In Day & Fun Activities  
**Last day before Winter Break**

**Jan. 6, 2020**

**School Recommences**



### Christmas Concert

We welcome friends and family to attend the Carson Elementary Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 18. We will be holding **two daytime performances at 11:00am 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 23 through to Friday, January 3, 2019.

Students will be back in classes on Monday, January 6, 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 website! It provides another platform to keep everyone updated! <https://carsonelementary.weebly.com/> (or access through <http://www.sd28.bc.ca/>)



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

## Volleyball

Congratulations to the Boys' Volleyball team who placed 2nd in the District. Thank you to Mr. Prosk for coaching the team this season.



Congratulations to the Carson Girls' Volleyball team who placed 3rd in the District! Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Cronkhite, and Noah Visser.

## Holiday Gift Shop

This year the PAC will be holding a Holiday Gift Shop in the library on December 4, 5, and 6. 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 **Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30pm in the school library**. If you have young child(ren) who require babysitting, please let us know.

Some upcoming dates: **Holiday Gift Store: December 4, 5, & 6; Taco in a Bag: December 13; Pancake Breakfast: December 20**

It's a great month of events!  
Carson PAC



### 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*

*Mrs. W. Cronkhite - Red*

*Mrs. Halls - Christmas Ornaments*

*Mr. J. Cronkhite - Appetizers*

*Mrs. Campbell - Hot Drinks/Coffee/Tea*

*Mr. Doucette - Sweets*

*Mrs. West - Gift Cards/Certificates*

*Mrs. Bright - Baker's Dozen: Cookie cutters, measuring cups, etc.*

### Dress for the Weather

It's starting to feel a lot like Winter! 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.

### Report Cards

Report cards for Term 1 will be sent home on Wednesday, December 18th.

### 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).



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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.

## Carson Food Drive Challenge

Due to the changes at the Quesnel Good Cheer, Carson school will be donating this year's Food Drive items to *The Postmen Outreach program* and we have chosen a "grandma and grandpa" from the *Chemo RV Secret Santa Senior Service Christmas Tree*.

Carson Elves will begin collecting items on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each class will have a marked collection box and the elves will keep a record of all items. Mrs. Watson will also be collecting to ensure that she is the only one that knows the correct total for each class. There will be a graph on the display case that will let students and staff know which class is in the lead. The graph will be cleared of for the week of December 16 to ensure the class that wins will be a surprise. The winning class will receive an ice cream party on December 20.

**Please have all donations in to Carson School by  
Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Donation ideas:**

- \* Socks
- \* Carry bags
- \* Soup bases
- \* Canned food
- \* Baby food, formula and diapers
- \* Toiletry items: shampoo/conditioner, toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant
- \* Winter gloves & hats
- \* Sauces
- \* Flour
- \* Condiments
- \* Chap stick
- \* Pasta
- \* Sugar

***No fish/shellfish products please***

If you have any questions please contact:

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