



Carson Elementary School

"Building Future Leaders"

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NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

Dahooja!

Despite the changes and things that we "can't" do at school, we are still coming together to do things collaboratively at Carson. Some of the successful learner traits we have focused on this year are citizenship, gratitude and appreciation.



All classes and students have also contributed to some of our theme displays at our school. We have a Kindness Tree with kind quotes and words, a gratitude tree with leaves that list things we are grateful for, a compliment corner bulletin board with cards of compliments for each other, and our "Be the 'I' in KIND" banner.

This month we are focusing on appreciation, and how to give a compliment. It is a skill and takes some practice. Appreciation is an extension of gratitude, and research shows numerous benefits to practicing gratitude.

We hope to continue to grow a culture of kindness at Carson and build our appreciation and gratitude skills as well.

Since parents and caregivers are unable to come into our school, one of my goals is to keep you informed through social media and make more posts. I have updated our school website, <https://carsonelementary.weebly.com/>, under "About Carson" then "Programs". You can also follow us on Facebook and Class Dojo. We welcome your feedback and comments on what you see!

Stay safe. Stay kind.

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)

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Recess 1: 10:00-10:15 - Mrs.

Bright/Mrs. Cronkhite/Mrs. Favron

Recess 2: 10:30 to 10:45 - Mrs.

Campbell, Mrs. West, Mr.

Cronkhite, Mr. Doucette

Lunch Hour: 12:00 - 1 p.m.

Dismissal: 2:33 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

Jan. 15 "Royalty Day"

Jan. 15 Pink Shirt Orders due

Jan. 29 NI Day

No school for students

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.

Daily Health Check

Please remember to do the Daily Health Check with your child prior to bringing them to school. We hope to keep everyone healthy and safe this winter!

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/>)

Dakelh Language

Dahooja! I would like to acknowledge that Carson Elementary School is located on the traditional territory of the Southern Carrier First Nation, in particular, the Lhtako Dene Nation. We are grateful for the opportunity to be able to learn and work upon their traditional lands.

During the month of January, all classes and students will be receiving instruction from our Dakelh Language Teacher, Arlene Hortuko. The Dakelh language is the traditional language of the Dakelh people of the central Interior of British Columbia. Carrier is a common English name for the Dakelh.

Ms. Hortuko will be teaching greetings, animals, and the lyrics to "O Canada" in the Dakelh Language. We look forward to this wonderful learning opportunity.



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY – Fancy & Royalty Day – Friday, January 15

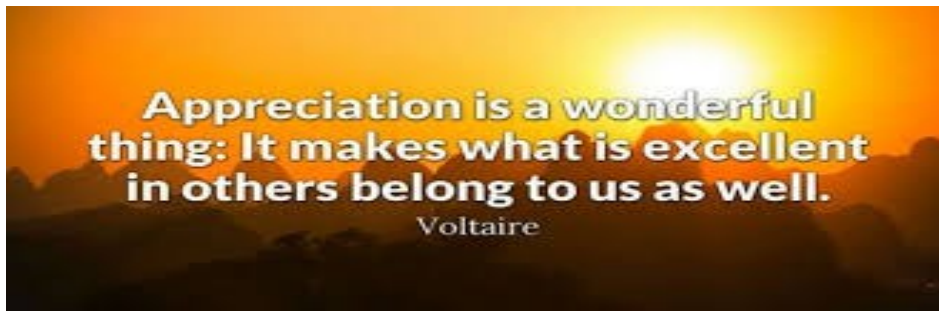
Time to get fancy! Wear a crown or fancy hat, a suit jacket, dress, tie, sparkles or sequins. Anything that fancies us up. We will be one spiffy looking school!



January's Successful Learner Trait: APPRECIATION

For the month of January, we are extending the December trait of gratitude and focusing on appreciation. Appreciation is the:

- recognition of the good qualities of someone or something
- recognition of the beauty and excellence around us
- recognition of the skill and talents of others
- recognition and awareness of your own strengths



Join the Team at Carson Elementary - Job posting for Noon Hour Supervisors

Carson is currently accepting applications for the position of casual noon hour supervisors. Noon hour supervisors are integral to the success of our students modelling expected behaviour and assuring the safety of our students over the lunch hour. Please submit a cover letter and resume to the office to the attention of Mrs. Gauthier, Principal.

Pink Shirt Orders

Pink Shirt Day will be held on Wednesday, February 24th in 2021. We are working with Staples and offering the sale of pink t-shirts and hoodies again this year. Order forms went home earlier this week. Shirts are available in youth and adult sizes. Plan now to purchase a shirt to take a stand for kindness. **Orders will be due by Friday, January 15th.**

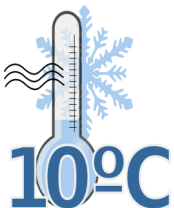
This year's pink shirt contest winner was Jeremiah Peters. Jeremiah is a Coast Salish artist from WSÁNEĆ. He chose the thunderbird for their great strength and protection, with the wings wrapped around the child's face.



REMINDER: Friday, January 29, 2021 is a District NI Day.

There will be no school for students.

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.

Carson Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

A big thank you to our PAC who provided students with a Bingo game, a candy cane reindeer craft, and prizes for our students before Christmas break.

Lunch Reminders

Just a reminder that our Health and Safety plan requires that students are required to take home recycling and composting. Our plan states:

"In order to reduce congestion around garbage cans, compost, and recycling bins at lunch, what students bring in their lunch kit, they will bring home. The school will no longer have plastic recycling, and composting will happen on a class-by-class basis. Students will take all of their recycling home in their lunch kit. Thank you for your understanding."

Take-Out Food

Due to Health & Safety protocols, we ask that take-out food is not dropped off for students to eat at lunch or snack, or sent into the school with students after an appointment.

Waste-Free Lunch

We encourage families and students to pack a waste-free lunch. There are many "bento box" style lunch kits and containers that make this easy to do, or use your existing reusable plastic containers.

Send utensils and reusable water bottle

Please send a reusable spoon or fork in your child's lunch, as we can not provide utensils.

All students are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle to school every day, which may be filled and used daily. Health & Safety protocols removed the availability of communal drinking fountains and we can not provide cups.



REDUCE YOUR WASTE SIZE!
Pack a Waste-Free Lunch

Americans produce up to 1/2 pound of lunch waste each day, enough to fill four garbage cans a year.

By packing a waste-free lunch you can:

- Save up to \$250 a year.
- Save natural resources by reducing your packaging.
- Prepare a more nutritious lunch.

3 Simple Steps to a Waste-Free Lunch:

1. Use a lunch box or reusable sack
2. Include a cloth napkin and reusable silverware
3. Make use of reusable food and drink containers

Find more tips on packing waste-free lunches at: www.RecycleWorks.org/schools/lunch.html

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The infographic features a central illustration of a lunchbox with various items inside: a sandwich, an apple, a thermos, a cup, and some containers. The background is a textured, brownish-green color.