



Carson Elementary School

"Building Future Leaders"

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NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

The warm weather is a perfect time for us to be outdoors and focus on our Outdoor Classroom and School Garden. Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them, and connects them to nature. It teaches life skills such as resilience, teamwork, and creativity, and is central to enjoying childhood! Remember all that fun you had outside as a kid?

Several classes are already enjoying the outdoors for outdoor learning and P.E. On Friday, May 17th, we will have our annual School Yard Spruce Up. We welcome families to join us again as we weed, pick up litter, and tidy up our green space that afternoon. We have some exciting additions coming this spring to our garden, outdoor classroom, and playground!

Mrs. A. Gauthier, Principal

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.

Please refer to the calendar on the last page of this newsletter for important event dates.

Spring Concert

Ms. Beil has been practicing with students during music classes for our Spring Music Concert. We invite you to join us on Monday, May 13 at 1 p.m. to celebrate music and their hard work. It is sure to be fun, entertaining, and full of surprises!



Carson PAC FAMILY FUN NIGHT



The Carson PAC is hosting an evening of family fun on Wednesday, May 8 from 5:00—8:00 pm in the gym. Come try your hand at carnival events, a cake walk, purchase items at the concession, and win prizes! Be sure to come for dinner, as the concession will have pizza and sandwiches for sale!

The PAC is accepting donations of full bottles of items (ketchup, lotion, pop, etc.) for the bottle drive game, plus bake sale items and cake donations for the cake walk.

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.

Performing Arts

Thanks to the support of our wonderful PAC here at Carson, students have enjoyed three ARTSTARTS performances this year. Our last presentation is a day of drumming with Milton Randall on Wednesday, May 8th. It will end with a performance by Milton and students at 1 p.m. A big THANK YOU to our PAC for covering the cost of our performances so students can enjoy performing arts at school.

Fire House Safety Visit

On Wednesday, May 22nd the Fire Department will be hosting the Fire Safety House for Grade 3 students. This event teaches students the importance of having a family meeting place and how to escape a burning building safely.

Reminders:

No School on May 20th

School will not be in session for Victoria Day, on Monday, May 20th. Enjoy your long weekend!

PAC Northern Flowers Pick Up

The PAC Northern Flowers pick up will be on Thursday, May 9th in the gym between 12 and 3:30 p.m. Please arrange to have your order picked up during this time.

Cross Country Running

The first cross-country run of the year will be held at Dragon Lake Elementary on Thursday, May 9. It will start at 10:40 a.m. and end by lunch.

On Wednesday, May 15, the Carson Cross Country running team will be attending the Red-Bluff Lhtako Invitational Cross-Country run. The event will start at 10:30 a.m., and runners will return to school by noon.

The District 10 Mile Lake run is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd. Runners will be gone from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. If you are able to volunteer to drive please submit the paperwork to the office. Watch for permission forms to come home soon.



TRACK & FIELD

This month, students in Grades 3-5 will be practicing track events like shot put, long jump, high jump, sprints, and triple jump. They will have practices before the team is selected for District Track Day. All students are expected to participate to the best of their ability. The Carson District team will be selected from the results of these practices, and student participation & sportsmanship will be assessed towards their PE letter grade. The District Track and Field Day will be Wednesday, June 5th at Correlieu Secondary. Track practices will be May 7 and 14 from 10:45 a.m. to noon, and May 10 and 15 from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Parents and adult family members are welcome to come and help. If you are able to come help, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

Bike Riding to School

We hope to see more students riding their bikes to school, but we do have a few expectations:

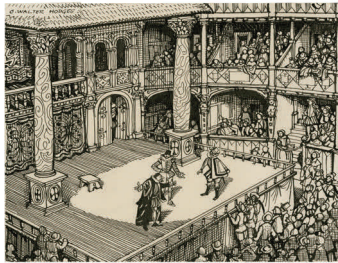
- Walk bikes up the sidewalk when coming to school or leaving from the school.
- No riding bikes on school grounds between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- Wear a helmet if riding to school.



School Yard Spruce Up The weather has been warm and sunny, which means it is time for our School Yard Spruce Up! Parents and family members are welcome to join us on Friday, May 17th from 1-2 p.m. as we tidy up our school yard. We have lots to do! We will be pruning, picking up litter, planting flowers, weeding the raised flower beds, planting vegetables, adding compost to the beds, raking out soil, and raking leaves.

Shakespeare's "The Tempest"

Thank you to Mrs. Halls, who is directing the school production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest". This year, students in grades 5, 6, and 7 were invited to audition for the play and have been spending time rehearsing at lunch time. **A daytime performance will be held at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 30th, and a special evening performance will also be held at 6:30 p.m.** Donations will be accepted at the evening performance, with all proceeds going back to cover the cost of set design, props, and costumes.



PAC Meeting

The final PAC meeting of the year will be held on Monday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Babysitting is available. We invite you to join us in sharing your ideas and voice for our school and students!

The Blanket Exercise

This month, the entire staff and students will be participating in a very meaningful experience called the KAIROS Blanket Exercise. This is a teaching exercise where students participate in an activity that raises awareness to the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. It teaches about decolonization, deepens understanding of how federal policies impact the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada, and identifies what Indigenous peoples and their allies are doing to bring about positive change. It explores the major themes and recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. All staff took part in this exercise in November at a District-wide NI Day, and felt it was a very important teaching to share with our students.



Adult Help Wanted for Outdoor Garden Workbees

We have many projects to be done for our school outdoor garden and classroom before school is out for the summer. Attached is a list of workbee dates and items we plan to build. We would appreciate your time and support.

Workbee #1 - Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- ◆ benches and sandbox

Workbee #2 - Saturday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- ◆ mud kitchen and potting table

Workbee #3 - Saturday, June 1 starting at 10 a.m. - bring a lunch

- ◆ deer-proof garden and base for greenhouse

Workbee #4 - Saturday, June 8 starting at 10 a.m. - bring a lunch

- ◆ greenhouse

Please bring power tools, sanders, drills, hammers, etc. to assist with these projects and come for as little or as long as you can. We will provide the building supplies and snacks!



"Mud Kitchen"



"Greenhouse"



"Deer Proof Garden"

Outdoor Garden Project Gallery

Donations

We are looking for donations for our outdoor classroom. We would like to repurpose items for our next projects: the mud kitchen, sandbox, and storage centre. If you happen to have any of these items and no longer need them, please drop them off at the school. Thank you for your support!

Tires

Pallets

Kitchen items (flipper, ladle, mixing spoons, muffin tins, cookie sheets, pots and pans, metal bowls)

Old sink

Low shelving units (1-2 shelves max)

Laundry baskets

Sand toys

Small wooden boxes



Carson Elementary School Calendar of Events

MAY, 2019

S	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	April 29	April 30	1	2	3	4
		Division C4 (Mrs. West) Gymnastics begins Welcome to Kindergarten 3:00—4:00 pm	School Walk/Run at 11:30am	Divisions C5 & C6 (Birch & Mr. Cronkhite) swimming lessons	PAC Hot Lunch School Walk/Run at 11:30am	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	School Walk/Run at 11:30am	Track 10:45 am	School Walk/Run at 11:30am Drumming with Milton Randal all day 1:00 pm Performance Track 1:00 pm PAC FUN NIGHT 5pm—8pm	Dragon Lake Run Divisions C5 & C6 (Birch & Mr. Cronkhite) swimming lessons Northern Flowers Pick up	PAC Hot Lunch School Walk/Run at 11:30am Track 1:00pm	Outdoor Classroom Workbee (benches / sand-box) 10 am—Noon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	SPRING CONCERT 1:00pm School Walk/Run at 11:30am	Track 10:45 am	Red Bluff Run School Walk/Run at 11:30am Track 1:00pm	Divisions C5 & C6 (Birch & Mr. Cronkhite) swimming lessons	PAC Hot Lunch School Yard Spruce Up 1:00—2:00pm School Walk/Run at 11:30am	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Victoria Day Statutory Holiday— No School for Students		Fire Safety House School Walk/Run at 11:30am	10 Mile Lake Run	PAC Hot Lunch	Outdoor Classroom Workbee (mud kitchen / potting table 10 am—Noon
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	PAC Meeting—6:30 in Library			Theatre “The Tempest” 1:15pm and 6:30pm	PAC Hot Lunch	