



Carmi Elementary School

NEWSLETTER

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Principal: Dr. Sharon Sola

September 2009

Principal's Message

Welcome back to our returning students as well as to our new families. What a super place this is! It's been great meeting so many of the children and their parents. Through my conversations with parents, it is obvious that there is a high level of community spirit and dedication towards the children, the school and the community as a whole. This is a great place to learn. It's going to be an exciting year! Teachers have already been working hard on planning for the year ahead. It is very clear how much they care about the students here. It is also clear that we want our students to have high levels of literacy and that we want them to feel good about school. We will work hard to pay close attention to both areas.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the PAC Pizza Night & Open House (Meet the Teachers) on Thursday, September 24th. Details about the event will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please know that my door is open and that I look forward to chatting with each of you in the upcoming weeks and months.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. See you soon.

Dates to Remember

September 24	Carmi Open House & Pizza Night – 5:00–7:00 PM
September 28	Soccer Game – Carmi at West Bench
October 1	PAC meeting 6:30PM – 7:30PM in the library – All are welcome☺
October 6	Photo Day
October 12	Thanksgiving Day – Schools Closed
October 23	Professional Development Day

Carmi Staff – 2009-2010

Division 1	Grade 5	Mr. Ron Smuin
Division 2	Grade 4	Mr. Brian Hutcheson
Division 3	Grade 3	Mr. Wes Nickel
Division 4	Grade 2/3	Ms. Edna Dyck
Division 5	Grade 2	Mrs. Diane Bingham
Division 6	Grade 1/2	Mrs. Moira Hennen
Division 7	Grade 1	Mrs. Carla Garrett
Division 8	Kindergarten	Mrs. Karin Carriere
Principal		Dr. Sharon Sola
Special Education/LAT		Ms. Allison Bailey
Secretary		Mrs. Jean Killick
Teacher Librarian		Ms. Allison Bailey
Library Assistant		Miss Sierra Stephens
Certified Education Assistants		Mrs. Jacqui Sawkins
		Mrs. Kerri Trip
		Mrs. Cathy Carley
		Miss Leslie Evans
Custodians		Mrs. Idalina Marcelino
		Ms. Leslie Cutler

Carmi Open House & Pizza Night



Carmi's Open House & Pizza Night will be held on Thursday, September 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This will be a chance to meet your child's teacher, visit with other Carmi parents and enjoy some pizza. Please preorder your dinner – forms will be sent home Monday.

Volunteering/Criminal Record Check



Volunteers are always needed, and appreciated, at Carmi. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity (e.g. parent drivers, classroom helpers, hot lunch helpers, fieldtrip participants) a criminal record check must be on file. This check will remain valid while your child attends Carmi unless circumstances change. There is no cost to have a check done. Forms and information are at the office.

Individual Student Photos



Individual student photos will be taken on Tuesday, October 6th.

Student Accident Insurance



School District No. 67 supports the Student Accident Insurance program to give parents access to low cost coverage for their children. While the insurance is an additional cost at this time of year, it is inexpensive in terms of the risk involved. Information for student insurance has been sent home with your child(ren). If you wish to have this insurance, you should send the form directly to the insurance company.

Safe Arrival



To reinforce student safety, **please call Safe Arrival at 250-770-7670 before 8:30 a.m. if your child will be late or absent. The Safe Arrival has a 24-hour phone message service.**

Cross Country Running



We started up our cross country running club on Monday, September 14th. Students in Grades 3, 4 & 5 are all encouraged to participate. **Running occurs Fridays at lunch for approximately 15 minutes.** The students from grades 4 and 5 who participate will be invited to join in the Naramata Run on October 14th. Thanks to Mrs. Sola and Mr. Hutcheson for coaching!

Soccer



Soccer season has begun. All students in grades 4 and 5 are invited to come out and practice with us on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch. The Carmi Cubs will be playing 4 games this season. Our first game is against West Bench on September 28th. Other games will follow on October 5th, 8th, and 15th. If your child is interested in playing with the Carmi soccer team, please come and see Mrs. Garrett or Mrs. Hennen.

Planners/Agendas



Children from grades 1-5 will once again be receiving a school planner (agenda). PAC helps to fund the planners, so the cost is only \$5.00 per student and can be paid to the classroom teacher. The planners are very important tools for home/school communication. Please make sure you check (and sign) your child's planner each night for notices and messages from the teacher.

Terry Fox Run



The run came very early this year and we practiced all week for it☺ We thank you for your donations. Our school raised \$131.00. The monies raised will go towards finding a cure for cancer.

StrongStart

A Community StrongStart Program has been opened here at Carmi School. The StrongStart Centre is open to parents/caregivers and their children, from birth – 5 years old. This program is funded by the Ministry of Education and sponsored by School District No. 67. By offering an environment and play area where parents and children can participate in activities together (art, reading, music/songs, imaginative play and creative activity, etc.), the Center will support parents with resources so they better understand and assist their child's development through the first five years of life.

The **StrongStart Centre** will be open on all school days **Monday to Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.** Please drop in to the Centre at any time during these hours for a visit or come for the full three hours. **Please bring your child's Birth Certificate with you as we do need to have a copy on file.**

This is a free program for all families in the Penticton area. The facilitator of the program is **Mrs. Colleen Jacyna (ECE)**.

We look forward to seeing you at the StrongStart Center. If you have any questions, please call the principal, Mrs. Sharon Sola at 770-7680 or Mrs. Colleen Jacyna, ECE, at **770-7768** for more information.

Communities for Kids

Communities for Kids will once again be holding a one-day workshop for parents, grandparents, caregivers, ECE workers and child care providers on Saturday, October 24, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at Parkway Elementary School in Penticton. Workshop choices include: *Incredible Dads, Anxiety and Children, Drumming, Storyboards, Mistaken Behaviour, Yoga Playtime, and Pitfalls of Praise*. A registration fee of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple includes the keynote address, workshops, information booths, door prizes, refreshments and lunch. For more information contact Lynn Cook at (250)496-5511 or communitiesforkids@telus.net or visit the website at www.communitiesforkids.ca

Aboriginal Education Program

School District No. 67 is pleased to offer a district wide Aboriginal Education Program for aboriginal students from K-12. Any students of aboriginal ancestry are eligible to participate in the program.

The purpose of the Aboriginal Education Program is to enhance academic achievement and to increase cultural learning opportunities for students.

One of our Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement goals is to increase the awareness of aboriginal history and culture by both the aboriginal and general population of students in schools across the district. We do this by offering school wide cultural events such as a District Pow Wow, Metis cultural performances, and aboriginal theatrical productions. In addition, we put on an annual aboriginal cultural event called Building Cultural Bridges to teach elementary students about various aspects of aboriginal culture in Canada.

Aboriginal students who were in the Aboriginal Education Program in the 2008-2009 school year will continue to be in the program for this coming school year unless parents notify the school. New aboriginal students to the school will be given a consent form to fill out. Please complete and return the consent form to school as soon as possible.

If you are wondering if your child is eligible to participate in the Aboriginal Program, please contact Kathy Pierre the Ab Ed District Vice-Principal at 250-770-7674 (Work) or 250-462-0455 (cell) for more information.



We know how much everyone enjoys reading the newsletter each month. So, in order to make sure the newsletter gets home, we thought we would offer a bit of an incentive. If your child completes, returns this portion of the newsletter, and answers the following question, we will enter the name of the child in a draw for a book.

What is Carmi's focus on social responsibility for the month of September?

Child's Name: _____



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Terry Fox Run	12
13	14	15 Gr. 4/5 Soccer at Lunch 	16	17 Gr. 4/5 Soccer at Lunch 	18 Gr. 3/4/5 Cross Country Running at Lunch 	19
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