



CARRVILLE MILLS NEWS

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Message from Administration

We have had a very productive and rewarding 2018 at Carrville Mills and it's hard to believe that 2018 is coming to an end. We want to thank our students, staff and community for their support as we work together to create a positive environment for learning and student well-being and achievement. Also, we want to congratulate all those who were elected as members of our student leadership team and acknowledge the efforts all of the students who ran for elected positions.

Our Carrville Cares Assembly will be taking place on Friday December 14th. Our assemblies have class or grade presentations, recognition of sports teams, and acknowledgement of students who receive an award based on our Carrville Mills Touchstone. Some of the qualities that are highlighted as part of the awards are:

- ★ Examples of strong, authentic and meaningful learning
- ★ Approach tasks with enthusiasm
- ★ Embrace mistakes and learn from them
- ★ Take risks in learning
- ★ Celebrate success - academic and social successes
- ★ Persevere to learn from mistakes (demonstrating a growth mindset)

Our touchstone is posted in various locations throughout the school including hallways and classrooms. Each day over the announcements we remind students about various aspects of our motto: At Carrville Mills we are **Caring, Courageous, Compassionate and Capable**, which is meant to encapsulate the beliefs or ideals guiding our school.

We want to thank the 'We Are Carrville' group, which is a branch of our Carrville Cares Committee for coordinating this year's Holiday Heros initiative to collect new toys for CTV's Toy Mountain. This has become a valuable Carrville tradition. Please help us continue this tradition by bringing to life our touchstone by demonstrating care and compassion during the month of December by participating in Toy Mountain. **We are accepting new, unopened, unwrapped toys for children aged 0 to 18 years old. Toys in most need are for children between 10-17 years of age.** Please send all toys to your child's classroom. The committee will be coming around weekly, between now and **December 17th**. At the end of the drive, we will recognize one class from each division over the announcements. All toy donations will be taken to Vaughan Mills for CTV's Toy Mountain drive, which will distribute them to those in need this season. The event will air live on CTV Toronto's News on Thursday December 19th at 5:30 p.m. With the winter holidays approaching, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a healthy and safe holiday season to all of our students, parents, guardians and community members. We look forward to continuing our work together as we move into 2019.



Dennis Rossi
Principal

Kerry Grossinger
Vice Principal

A Message from Our School Council

Save the Date! Carrville Mills will be having a **Book Swap** on Monday, Jan 21st, and a **Read-a-thon** from Jan 21st to Feb. 8th. Let's get Carrville excited about reading!



If your home library needs to be refreshed, the Book Swap will be the perfect opportunity to bring in gently used books for kids in grades K-8 to exchange for other gently used books, so start saving and sorting books over the holiday break. Let's keep everyone's home library stocked with great books! All leftover books will be donated to school or to charity. Book collection will begin January 7th and end January 17th. Additional details will be shared soon!

In January, pledge forms will be sent home before our **Read-a-thon** and all students who set and meet their reading goal and/or collect pledges will have a chance to win **AMAZING PRIZES!**

Our next **School Council meeting** will take place on Wednesday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the school library, but we can be reached at any time. If any parents or guardians want to help us with these great events or share your thoughts and ideas on school-related matters, please email us at: carrville.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca.

Happy Holidays from School Council!

Math Corner:

The planning is underway for our annual math night. The format will be different this year as we will be focusing our attention to sharing various games and puzzles that can be played at school and home to reinforce practice of basic math skills.

Please save the date for February 28th, 2019

Math News



When solving math problems, students can represent their thinking in various ways. We are expecting students to explain their thinking to represent their most efficient method in solving the problem. This month's most effective solution represents the numbers in a logical way and clearly describes the thinking and strategies used by the students to solve the problem.

December Math Challenge

Due Dec. 12th

Students at Carrville Mills will be donating toys for the Toy Mountain Charity. If the students collect 25 toys on the first day, 55 toys on the second day, 85 toys on the third day. How many toys will they collect by the 12th day? How do you know?



Kindergarten Registration Starts January 18, 2019

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 18, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website, however please note our school will be involved in pilot program that utilizing Edsby in order to complete registrations online. Stay tuned for additional details.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx>.



Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Weather Watch

All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go out for every recess unless the principal or vice-principal decides that weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill; we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.



We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of this illness to others.

Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our invigorating winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing. Boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants for the younger children will help make recess an enjoyable time.



Getting to School and Arriving on Time

With over 740 students attending our wonderful school, we need to ensure that morning entry runs as smoothly as possible. You can help in the following ways:



1. Arriving just after 8:40 am and not waiting for 8:55 am. On a regular basis, over 120 students are arriving at school and in our kiss-n-ride at 8:55 a.m. This has resulted in traffic jams, heightened stress for both drivers, students and staff and an influx of late students. Having students arrive on time, supports a more orderly and calm morning entry. Also, punctuality prepares learners as they work towards learning to be productive citizens. Please support our school by altering your morning routines so you are not part of the large mass of students arriving after 8:55 a.m.

2. Walking to school as opposed to driving. As we are a walking community school, it would be great to see more students taking in the morning air and deciding to walk. Please join the hundreds of others currently walking to school.

3. At all times, please ensure that you are travelling safely and respectfully.

December is an Exciting Time of Year!

December is also a great time to get outside, have fun in the snow and discover the great outdoors! When the temperature drops, it is common for many parents to want their kids to spend time indoors. However, there are many benefits for kids to be active outside in the winter, including:

- Building different muscle groups and improving physical health
- Engaging in creative play
- Being messy and having fun
- Fresh air and sunlight
- Learning first-hand about nature, the weather and the seasons

When children are outside they move more, sit less, play longer and sleep more soundly at night. Being active also helps to improve your self-esteem, social skills and mental health. Here are some December challenges we invite your children to try leading up to the holidays (December 3rd to 21st):

1. Walk to and from school or the bus stop everyday.
2. Wish the crossing guard or a classmate on your walk to school a great day.
3. On your walk to school complete 10 star jumps and 10 jumping jacks.
4. Make someone laugh today.
5. Check your local recreation center for fun activities that you and your family can do over the holidays.
6. Say something positive to one of your classmates.

Active School Travel is a simple way to fit physical activity into your daily routine! If you live far, consider parking a block away and walking. If active school travel every day is a challenge, choose one, two or three times a week to make a change.

(Source: YRDSB Active Travel Team and York Region Public Health)

Important Dates to Remember

Winter Break - Monday, December 24, 2018 to Friday January 4, 2019
Family Day - Monday, February 18, 2019
Mid- Winter Break - Monday, March 11, 2019 to Friday March 15, 2019
Good Friday - Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday - Monday, April 22, 2019
Victoria Day - Monday, May 20, 2019



Upcoming Events

- December 10th - Gr. 7 & 8 MADD Presentation
- December 14th - Student Council Spirit Day - Don't Sweat it! (wear comfy sweats)
- December 14th - Carrville Cares Assembly
- January 16th - Lice Checks
- January 21st - January 25th - Healthy Lunch Challenge
- January 30th - Wellness Day and Evening

