

CARRVILLE MILLS NEWS

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Carrville Mills. To all the new families joining us and to all of our returning families, we hope that your summer was both refreshing and re-energizing. During these unprecedented times, we hope that all of you have been well and have found opportunities to enjoy the sun shine, while connecting with your loved ones over the past few months.

During the opening days of school, staff will focus on student safety protocols, new recess and lunch plans, while fostering the important work of rebuilding collaborative learning spaces for all learners. During this time, teachers will foster a sense of belonging and reconnecting peers with each other. As a school, we will also continue to focus on improving student learning and fostering well-being, while building positive and professional relationships with students, families and community members. On behalf of our entire staff, welcome back.

As a staff, we will continue to build upon our work by focusing on our school board priorities in the areas of Mathematics, Mental Health, Modern Learning, and Equity. In Mathematics, we will continue to foster students' passion of mathematical knowledge and understanding by engaging students in meaningful problems, fostering growth in both skills and concepts, while promoting math talk. In the area of Mental Health, the Zones of Regulation will continue to be fostered, along with the development of coping and self-regulation strategies that support one's wellness. Our work in Modern Learning will focus on developing student engagement through the use of meaningful and personalized tasks. Also, at various points this year, students will be engaged in various inquiry-based projects. Lastly, in terms of Equity, we will collectively continue to create learning spaces and a school environment where differences are valued and heard. This work will focus on Anti-racism and Indigenous Knowledge and Education.

Also, we would like to take a moment to extend a huge thank you to our caretaking staff, who worked very hard over the summer to ensure that our school is ready to go. Our office staff, Ms. Incitto, Ms. Di Benedetto and Ms. Mackinnon worked diligently to ensure that all students have been registered and documentation updated. Finally, we want to thank the teachers, educational assistants and designated early childhood educators, as they have been planning, preparing and working very hard so that intentional and meaningful instruction begins promptly during the opening week.

Our first School Council Meeting will be held virtually on **Thursday, September 24th 2020 at 7:00 pm**. Details to join this meeting will be shared soon. Please note, during this meeting elections for our executives and members-at-large will take place. Please refer to your school start-up package for additional school council information. All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend and join our school council. We hope to see many new and returning faces!

In closing, we wish everyone a smooth transition into the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact us should you have any questions.

D. Rossi
Principal

M. Appiah
Vice-Principal

Staffing Changes

This year we have a significant number of staff who will not be working in the building and in order to support smaller class sizes, the YRDSB has worked diligently to redeploy staff. As a result, we would like to welcome the following new and returning staff to Carrville Mills: Ms. Defina, Ms. Groskopf, Ms. Harikrishin, Ms. Hussain, Mr. Krech, Ms. Lumley, Ms. MacFarlane, Ms. Mandel, Ms. Mariani, Ms. Panza, Ms. Pilato, Ms. Rampersad, Ms. Scheer, Ms. Park, Ms. Altomare, Ms. De La Roca, Mr. Castiglione, Ms. Ayodele and Ms. Menezes. Over the coming weeks, please be sure to welcome our returning and new staff to our school.

Creating Safe and Healthy Schools for Children with Allergies

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students. Our school has a number of students and staff with food allergies, some of which can be life-threatening. While we take every step to create a risk-free environment, school staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions. It is especially important that **parents communicate** a life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it. Please notify the office and your child's teacher, so that we take the steps to create accurate records and inform staff of the established protocol. Parents will also be required to fill in a **medical form**. Several of our students have severe allergic reactions if they come in contact with certain allergens. Even a trace amount or airborne particles can trigger a reaction. As a result, **do not send any food items** to celebrate a birthday, as they will not be distributed. This practice also aligns with the healthy schools policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medical Forms

If your child is required to take medication while at school, please contact the office where you will be required to fill in a Request for Administration of Medication Form, that must be signed by the parent before medication can be given. With the exception of puffers and epi-pens, **Students may not keep medication with them** in their desks, lockers or school bags.

Being Prepared - Helpful Tips

Here are some additional items that are very helpful for parents to consider:

- Masking: Please review these helpful tips:
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/school-reopening/Pages/Health-and-Safety.aspx>
- It is recommended to send an inexpensive pair of indoor shoes to be kept at school and to ensure your child's feet are dry and clean. This will also assist in maintaining cleanliness of the school.
- For Kindergarten and Primary Students, send an extra set of clothing (i.e., undergarments, pants and tops) in a labelled, clear bag. This goes a long way in the event of accidents or wet weather.
- A bag or backpack (large enough to fit a binder) and reusable lunch bag will allow your child to bring important school notices and homework back and forth to school in good condition.
- Labelling your child's clothing and supplies would be helpful. Our lost and found is often full with unclaimed items. Lost items are kept in our Lost and Found box in the front hall. At certain times throughout the year an effort will be made to return labelled items.

2020-2021 School Year Organization

Staff Name	Homeroom	Staff Name	Homeroom
O.Agoritsas & Y. Chong	FDK-A	C. Davis	4A
D. Mariani & M. Lad	FDK-B	L. Mandel	4B
B. Lumley & F. Castiglione	FDK-C	V. Rampersad	4/5A
T. MacFarlane & S. Santos	FDK-D	M. Atkins	5A
S. Siu & T. Ayodele	FDK-E	S. Hampton	5B
C. Pasternak	CCAA	M. Krech	5C
M. Lee	CCBA	A. Groskopf	6A
M. Panza	1A	S. Goodman	6B
Ms. Fox	1B	G. Mourgelas	6C
A. Scheer	1C	J. Pilato	7A
M. Dvir	1/2A	J. Ganz	7B
N. Harikrishin	2A	J. Janackov	7C
R. Figliuzzi	2B	J. Fong	8A
L. Cole	2/3A	S. Stagno	8B
M. Khalil	2/3B	M. Tilman	8C
D. Chickrie	3A	Z. Hussain	8D
S. Defina	3B	S. Park	ELL/Prep
D. Persaud	3C	A. Lam / R. Lachowicz / I. Altomare	Prep
A. James / S. Jalali / M. Stoikos	SERT	M. Lipman	RR
C. Akinola, C. Alfonzo, F. Ghobadi, H. Gordon-Zak, C. Keetch, S. Mukherjee, S Bentley, S. Menezes	Support Staff	E. Gazmen, S. Wong, L. De La Roca	French and Prep

This is our tentative school organization for the 2020-2021 school year.
Please note that due to enrolment changes and Ministry of Education class size compliance,
we may need to reorganize classes later in September.

Wellness

In today's society the need for social and emotional wellness and a healthy balance are very important aspects for one-self and families. In efforts to support wellness and mindfulness, our school will be providing you with some resources and tips in our newsletter. Here is our first wellness resource that focuses on self-care.

Self-Care for Families

<p><i>emotional</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">__ watch a good movie__ write each other positive notes__ verbalize and talk about feelings__ draw self portraits__ Say "I love you"__ spend time writing__ have a sing-a-long__ tell jokes__ try a new craft	<p><i>physical</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">__ dance party__ go for a walk__ family bike ride__ take a hike__ play kickball__ tag__ roller skating__ go to the pool__ jumprope__ kids yoga__ wii fit games	<p><i>spiritual</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">__ a gratitude list__ go outside__ talk about forgiveness__ write thank you's__ volunteer__ spend time outside or with nature__ practice positive self-talk__ plant a tree
<p><i>mental</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">__ read together__ draw or write stories__ kids meditation__ find shapes in clouds__ practice belly breaths__ go on a walk to find new things__ make vision boards__ try Headspace for kids__ create mandalas__ make mindfulness jars__ play mind strength games like memory	<p><i>practical</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">__ clean up__ declutter old toys__ assign chores__ make a grocery list together__ learn about money__ make a weekly budget check-in__ make a weekly cleaning check-in__ homework/study__ have a morning & night routine	<p><i>social</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">__ play in the park__ call or visit relatives__ have family dinner__ play boardgames__ host a sleepover__ invite friends over__ plan a bbq__ join a team__ do a neighborhood food drive__ have talks about friendship and how to be a friend.

just stay curious

Visitors to the School

Please note, as directed by Public Health, at this time visitors to the school, can only be done so with the administration, through a pre-booked meeting time and date.

Kiss and Ride

For all parents and/or guardians accessing our front 'kiss-n-ride', please ensure that you review the following driver expectations. Doing so will not only promote safety, but it will also increase the efficiency of the morning drop off. **Our parking lot will be closed off from 8:45 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.** Also, you are encouraged to set up a regular walking routine for your child(ren), rather than driving them to school.



Kiss-n-Ride Etiquette:

1. ***Close the gap*** -move up along the curbside prior to stopping to unload.
2. ***Unloading*** -have child(ren) unload curbside.
3. ***Be Ready*** -have your child(ren) ready with their backpack before stopping to unload.
4. ***No Parking*** -vehicles cannot be left unattended.
5. ***Arrival Time*** -there is much less congestion at 8:40 a.m., rather than after 8:50 a.m., so arriving at 8:40 a.m. will alleviate traffic and improve efficiency in the loop.
6. ***Going Green*** -parents are encouraged to walk to school with their child(ren).
7. ***Alternate Drop off*** -driving and dropping off close to the school and walking will save time and reduce congestion.

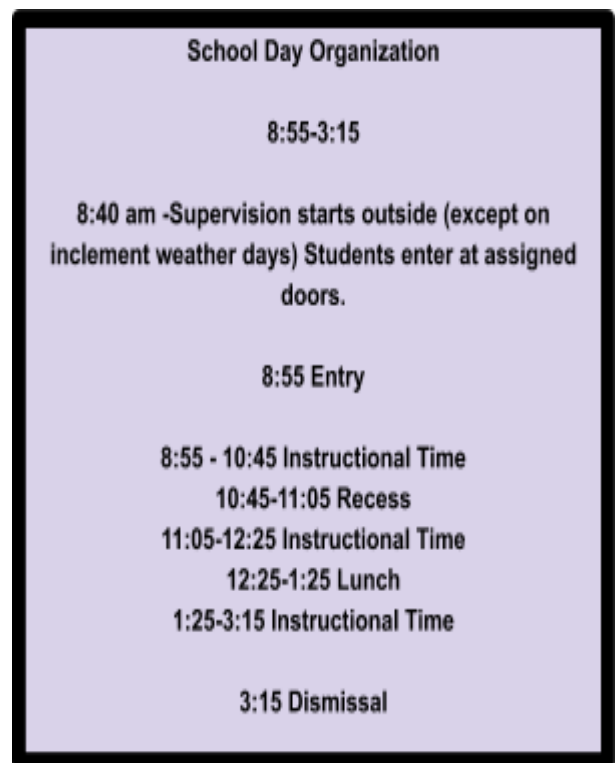
Arriving on Time

Setting your child up for success means having them be punctual on a daily basis. Our morning supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. and classes start at 8:55 a.m. Please note, beginning Monday, September 14th, we will begin our soft entry, where students are to enter the building after 8:40 am and proceed to their classroom.

Dismissal

Kindergarten students will be dismissed from their closed-in pen areas directly by an educator. Kindergarten students attending Kids Come First will be collected by the daycare staff and will remain inside the building at the end of the day. Students in grades 1 to 8 will be dismissed by their classroom teachers and will be expected to exit the building using the same doors they arrive in the morning. There will be staff supervising the doors between 3:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to ensure a safe dismissal. Students are not to use the front doors to exit the building.

Parents and caregivers must make arrangements to meet their child(ren) at their assigned exit doors. We encourage you to establish a consistent meeting place. Please speak to your children about coming to the office if the arranged person is not there or if your child is unsure of the pick-up arrangements for the day. In addition, if you have difficulty locating your child after school please visit the office and we will be happy to assist you. Student safety is a priority for all of us.



A purple rectangular box with a black border containing the school day schedule. The text is centered and reads:

School Day Organization
8:55-3:15
8:40 am -Supervision starts outside (except on inclement weather days) Students enter at assigned doors.
8:55 Entry
8:55 - 10:45 Instructional Time
10:45-11:05 Recess
11:05-12:25 Instructional Time
12:25-1:25 Lunch
1:25-3:15 Instructional Time
3:15 Dismissal

Attendance and Safe-Arrival Procedures

Reporting your child's absence: If your child is absent it is important to report the absence online using Edsby. Navigate to <https://yrdsb.edsby.com/p/BasePublic/> in order to login to your Edsby account or download the Edsby app. to report your child's absence by 8:55am. Alternatively, call the attendance line at 905-907-0002 before school begins and leave a clear message on the answering machine, stating your child's name and class. Please spell your child's first and last name.



If your child is to be absent or late for class due to a medical or dental appointment, or if you wish to have your child leave school before regular dismissal time for such an appointment, please use Edsby to put a note on your child's profile or write a note in your child's agenda prior to the absence. In order **to protect instructional time, we encourage you to make appointments outside of school hours when possible.**

When it is necessary to pick your child up for an appointment or because of illness, we ask that you come into the office so that your child can be signed out. In order to avoid classroom interruption, and to ensure the security of all students, parents are *not* to go directly to the classroom. **Please note, your child will only be called down to the office, once you arrive to pick them up.**

Any student who arrives at school late must report to the office, be signed in, and obtain an admit slip, which must then be presented to the classroom teacher.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT AT SCHOOL AND IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR, THE SCHOOL WILL FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- 1) Call home to speak to a parent(s) or guardian,
- 2) Call the parents at work,
- 3) Call the emergency contacts provide,
- 4) As a final step, **we will then telephone the York Regional Police, as per safe arrival policy.**

Please note that our school voicemail service is available outside of our regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You may leave a message at any time. In addition, EDSBY is available to report an absence 24 hours/day.

School Assistants Wanted for 2020-2021 -Paid Position

CMPS needs you! Are looking for part time work? Do you like to work with children? Do you want to give back to your community? You can do this by becoming a lunch assistant. We are hiring lunch assistants for the 2019-2020 school year. If interested in becoming a school lunch assistant, please call the office for details. 905-709-2646.

2020-2021 School Holidays

The following dates have been approved by the board for school holidays. There will be no school on these days.

Labour Day - Monday, September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 12, 2020
Winter Break - Monday, December 21, 2020 to Friday January 1, 2021
Family Day - Monday, February 15, 2021
Mid- Winter Break - Monday, March 15, 2021 to Friday March 19, 2021
Good Friday - Friday, April 2, 2021
Easter Monday - Monday, April 5, 2021
Victoria Day - Monday, May 24, 2021



Professional Activity Days for 2010-2021

The following dates have been approved by the school board and the Ministry of Education for professional activity days for staff. There will be no school on these days for students.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Wednesday, September 2, 2020
Thursday, September 3, 2020
Friday, November 13, 2020
Friday, January 15, 2021
Monday, February 1, 2021
Monday, May 31, 2021

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, September 24th -School Council Meeting @ 7pm