

CARRVILLE MILLS NEWS

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Administrator's Message

It is hard to believe that October is now upon us! Although our opening month presented itself with some extra challenges as we navigated schooling within a COVID-19 environment, our students, families and staff were quite remarkable in their level of calm and support. We truly appreciate all of the efforts you are making to provide a safe environment for our students and staff. As a reminder, if your child is not well please keep them home and consult with your healthcare provider and/or contact York Region Public Health for support. To minimize the risk of transmission, please ensure that your child is aware of appropriate mask-wearing, proper hand-hygiene and not touching one's face (i.e., eyes, mouth and nose). Please note, the school will communicate any probable and/or confirmed cases with all families that have been directly impacted. It is important to recognize that all communication related to COVID-19 is supported by the YRDSB and York Region Public Health. Also, we want to thank those caregivers and family members who are wearing masks appropriately while being on school property. In order to set a positive example and promote appropriate COVID19 safety measures, we strongly recommend that any adult attending on the school property wear a mask.

At the end September, our students and staff participated in our annual Terry Fox school walk/run. It has been a Carrville Mills tradition to participate in and support this worthy cause to support cancer research. Many students made connections to the experiences of Terry Fox and shared messages of hope to support those being treated with the disease.

Mathematics continues to be an instructional focus at CMPS. We believe that math is everywhere, so parents/guardians can help at home. Students develop mathematical thinking as they move through the elementary grades. The fundamentals of math are building blocks to learn how to think mathematically, learn about different concepts and relationships and communicate and apply their knowledge. Math is everywhere, so you can help your child make connections about what they are learning at school and what they see and experience in the community. Families are encouraged to access the online resources shared within this newsletter.



Your Partners in Education,

D. Rossi
Principal

M. Appiah
Vice-Principal

Where to Find Supports in Mathematics?

At the end of June 2020, The Ministry of Education released Ontario's new math curriculum. Please access the Ministry's [website](#) to find out what students will be learning in their math classes.

The strands in the new curriculum from grades 1 to 8 are:

- Social-Emotional Learning Skills and the Mathematical Processes
- Number
- Algebra
- Data
- Spatial Sense and
- Financial Literacy



As students progress mathematically, consideration is to be given to what it means to be a mathematician. Many mathematicians do not work alone, and so, when our students need a nudge to keep progressing, they need to know where they can find support.

Resources to access at-home

Grades K - 12

Parents/Guardians are highly encouraged to reach out to the teacher(s) of their children. As children progress in the classroom, the teacher is endeavouring to learn/know more about them to better be able to meet their needs.

Grades K - 12

Mathies: <https://mathies.ca/homeSupports.html>

At this site, you will find resources connected to frequently asked questions, such as -

- What is my child learning in Math?
- How can I help with the learning of mathematics?
- What mathematics activities can we do together?
- What supports are available?

Grades 1 to 3

Mathies: <https://mathies.ca/childLearningInMath.html>

Specifically focussed on students in grades 1 to 3, these illustrated guides highlight key concepts, providing visuals, tips about the math for parents, and sample activities that can support student learning at home. These activities were based on the 2005 Math Curriculum, but are still relevant. New resources are being developed and will be shared when they become available.

Grades 6 to 10

TVO Mathify: <https://www.tvomathify.com/students>

Offers free 1:1 on-line tutoring for students in grade 6 to 10 with Ontario Certified Teachers. Hours of operation vary throughout the week, but are clearly posted on the website.

Grades 7 to 12

Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computer, University of Waterloo:

<https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/courseware/courseware.html>

The CEMC courseware materials feature lessons, interactive activities, enrichment challenges, and unlimited opportunity for practice with feedback. The courseware is online, free to use, and does not require registration. Start learning from a world-class group of educators today!

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. **To ensure safety on our school property, we are reverting back to past practice whereby our parking lot will be gated 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. The vast majority of parents dropping off are being mindful of the etiquette referenced below. Two areas of additional focus need to be, not leaving vehicles unattended and ensuring the drivers minimize the space in front of them before stopping.

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.

A Message from Our School Council

Our School Council met virtually on Thursday, September 24th and during this meeting elections were held. As a result, the 2020-2021 School Council executive members:

Co-Chairs - Dina Naiman and Sarit Palachi

Treasurer - Frances Hartman

Secretary – Melissa Levin

Members-at-Large - Natalie Roz, Jared Sarfin, Naomi Simms

All parents/guardians that have students attending Carrville Mills are welcome and encouraged to attend School Council Meetings. For the 2020-2021 school year, we will be meeting online from the safety and comfort of your home. We discuss various school topics related to learning and the well-being of students. **Future meetings** have been scheduled! Please mark your calendars and please join us Thursday, November 19, 2020; Thursday, February 18, 2021; Thursday, April 22, 2021; Thursday, June 10, 2021 - all meetings begin at

7pm. Together we hope to lift each other up and have a healthy and safe year at Carrville Mills.

HALLOWEEN Reminders

Halloween is approaching. Should your child wish to dress up, we remind you that the York Region District School Board's Caring and Safe Schools Policy does **not allow any replica weapons**, including, but are not limited to toy guns, knives, axes, swords, spears, bows/arrows, etc... Also, please note that **wearing masks and face paint is not permitted**. Students are welcome to come dressed in costumes for the day, however, please note that regular classroom instruction will take place. In order to comply with our healthy school focus and COVID-19 restrictions, do not send any candy or items (e.g. Halloween pencils, cards etc) to be shared with students to school.



Bring Your Own Device: What Parents Need to Know

The possession and use of a variety of electronic devices is definitely part of today's fast paced society. Students must sign a waiver with their homeroom teacher if they would like to use a device to help them with their school assignments. The responsibility for this device lies solely with the student and the school cannot be responsible for theft or damage.

However, at Carrville Mills the use of cell phones during the school day to make phone calls, text or use social media for personal purposes is **not allowed**. If your child needs to contact you during the day, s/he may come to the school office and request the use of the landline. Should your child bring a cell phone to school, it must be turned off or silenced upon entering the building and may only be used for online access under the direct supervision of the teacher for educational purposes.

Technology Expectations

1. To be used for Educational purposes ONLY
2. Only use approved programs & Websites
3. Treat technology with respect



If the above expectations are not followed:

1. Provide one verbal warning
2. Loss of the device for the learning block
3. Teacher will contact Administration and device will be sent to the office



Important Dates in October

- October 20th-- virtual Meet the Teacher Night-- Details to come