



CARRVILLE MILLS NEWS

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As spring approaches and the warmer weather arrives, we realize that the months of May and June have arrived. May and June have always been busy months, however, this year we find ourselves in the middle of a stay-at-home order as per the Provincial Government. We wish you and your family well during this current school closure and hope that you are taking some time to foster positive mental health and well-being, coupled with engaging in some physical activity.



In our online learning environment, we continue to see amazing things happening as our staff continue to foster learning opportunities and support through their respective Google Classrooms, email, phone calls and various other modes of communication. We hope that your child is accessing their online learning opportunities daily. Staff will continue to create teaching and learning opportunities online, however, our entire staff miss the daily face-to-face interactions with our students and remain optimistic to see everyone as soon as we are permitted.

As a reminder, attendance is taken twice daily; once once at 8:55am and again at 1:25pm. It is very important for your child to be online and ready to work at these times as tardiness can cause students to miss fundamental information that will impact their ability to engage in the learning. If your child is not attending their respective class, parents are required to log their child's absence in Edsby. Beginning May 7th, we will recommence the use of Inform, which is an automated attendance monitoring system that places phone calls if your child is not accounted for during morning attendance.

Your Partners in Education,
Mr. Rossi and Ms. Appiah

School Council: April has been another exciting month at Carrville Mills PS. April was filled with our School Council running the Big Box of Cards fundraiser. We want to thank our school council and outstanding volunteers for organizing another successful event!

Future School Council Meeting: Our last School Council meeting of the 2020-2021 school year is set for **June 10th at 7p.m.** We hope that you are able to attend this virtual meeting. A link will be sent out closer to the date. Join in to hear about the success of school council initiatives from this year and be a part of the planning for next year. We are always welcoming members of our school community to join us.

Online Learning Parameters

Please take a moment to review the Online Learning Parameters below regarding expectations when students are engaging in their Google Classrooms.

To help protect student safety and privacy, the following parameters for participation in online synchronous learning sessions and expectations for use must be observed by all students and families in all aspects of online learning and all models of instruction (Adaptive and Virtual School). Teachers have previously reviewed the expectations in each student's homeroom or period one class. Should you have any questions, please connect with your school's principal.

Expectations for Use and Behaviour

When participating in "real time" synchronous teaching and learning, **students and families** agree to the following expectations, including but not limited to:

- participating in ways that are inclusive, considerate and respectful to all;
- not engaging in incidents of discrimination or hate, including but not limited to anti-Indigenous racism, ableism, anti-Asian racism, anti-Black racism, antisemitism, classism, homophobia, Islamophobia, sexism, transphobia; and
- immediately reporting any racist, hateful, discriminatory or inappropriate behaviour to a teacher or trusted school staff member.

Participation in synchronous sessions is limited to students only. Parents/Guardians may assist and support their child logging into or accessing learning platforms or digital tools. In all cases, parents are reminded of the importance of student independence in learning.

Parents/Guardians and students will NOT:

- Record any aspect of a Google Meet or Zoom session (including pictures, voices or video) using internal or external recording devices;
- Distribute/post any recorded, copied or distributed materials in any way, including to all social media platforms;
- Take photos or screenshots of anything other than when given explicit permission or direction by the teacher to do so (e.g., a visual used for instructional purposes that won't be reposted later);
- Edit or manipulate materials in any way; and
- Share/distribute links to Google Meet and Zoom sessions provided by the teacher.

Welcome to Kindergarten will also be occurring on May 27th at 6:30pm. This will be a virtual session and all new Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten families will receive an email invitation and link soon.



Registration and Moving: If you are aware of any family, friends or neighbours who have school-aged children, please remind them to register their child for school. Registration information is to be obtained by visiting our YRDSB website. In addition, if you are planning to move prior to September, please ensure that you email the principal and/or vice principal to update your records. Thank you to those families who have registered and to those families that shared that they have moved, so that we are able to support a transition to school in September.

Class Placement Decisions

As shared in the April edition of the Carrville News, **class placement decisions** for 2020-2021 will begin soon. As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment in order to maximize success. During this process, many factors are taken into account, such as Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, gender balance, English Language Learner and Special Education needs and work habits. Staff have the benefit of knowing the students they are currently working with and we rely on their professional decisions during this process. We appreciate that parents/guardians also have valuable information to share with us. **Please note, we will not be accepting requests for specific teachers.** If you have information or suggestions such as a learning style or classroom structure that benefits your child and will assist us in making an appropriate placement, all inquiries need to be directed to Mr. Rossi and/or Ms. Appiah **no later than May 19, 2021**. When teachers, along with school administration, get together to create new class lists, we will consider the above information to help make our final decisions. Please note, the final decision for the placement of all students at Carrville Mills rests with the Principal and Vice Principal, in consultation with staff. Thank you in advance for your support and confidence in making the best possible choice for your child's class placement for next year.

Important Dates to Remember

Victoria Day - Monday, May 24th

Welcome to Kindergarten Virtual Event- Thursday, May 27th at 6:30pm

PA Day - Monday May 31

Last School Council Meeting of the Year-- JUNE 10th at 7:00pm

