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Dear Carr Community,

We find ourselves at the end of the first term of the 2021-2022 school year with everyone looking forward to the winter holidays, relaxation and...no alarm clocks! It has been a busy term here at Carr, with much learning, joy, and camaraderie. There is a lot of information in this newsletter, as well as some wonderful student artwork. Enjoy!

Thank you to PAC for the conference meal gift vouchers, the Christmas gifts, and the thoughtful cards. We enjoy working, learning and growing with your children and are thankful daily for the opportunity to teach and care for these young people, and to be a part of their lives.

We are sorry to see two staff members leave. Lorraine Booth, our teacher librarian, and Bessy Lau, our beloved supervision aide have opted to retire after many years of dedicated service! We will miss you! We wish you all a peaceful, safe and inspirational break. See you in 2022!

Erin Gibbs, Carr Principal

**Important Upcoming Dates**

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| Dec. 18-Jan. 3 | Winter Break |
| Jan. 4 | School re-opens |
| Jan. 10 | Fire Drill #3 10:00 a.m. |
| Jan. 11-20 | JESS Dance for K-7 |
| Jan. 17 | Carr Pro-D day. Non instructional day |
| Jan. 20 | PAC virtual meeting 6:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 | Lockdown Drill a.m. |
| Jan. 31 | CSL reports home |

**International Travel over winter break**

All students/parents are advised to closely review the current measures in place for travellers entering or returning to Canada. Please see attached document International Travel and School VSB.

Full details are available online:

<https://travel.gc.ca>

Emily Carr has registered 3 basketball teams to start in the new year:

Senior Boys: Ms. Wallace, Ms. Tse coaches

Senior Girls: Ms. Wallace (coordinator for teacher sponsors), Jeff Chop (parent)

Junior Boys: Mr. Ahn.

Official paperwork and sign up for each team will be handled the first week back, and the game schedule will come out the second week of January. Hopefully we will be able to host some games here on home turf! On any dry days during the holiday, don't forget to venture outside, find a hoop and start practicing!



Go Ravens Go!

Snow Closure Information:

Parents should check the [VSB website](https://www.vsb.bc.ca) or listen to the radio/TV stations listed below to learn about school closures. Parents should not call media outlets to ask whether schools are closed. By 6:00 am, the VSB will post information about snow closure on its website at www.vsb.bc.ca and will inform local media stations, including:

- CKNW (980 AM)
- CBC (690 AM, 105.7 FM)
- CJVB (1470 AM)
- CFHG (96.1 FM)
- CKWX (1130 AM)
- BCTV/Global (Cable channel 11)
- CITY TV (Cable channel 13)

From PAC: Thank you to our class reps for helping us to organize holiday gifts!

From our retiring Supervision Aide, Ms Bessy Lau:

Dear Erin, Staff and Parents,

First, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who kindly accepted me to be part of the team serving the children together. It has been thirteen enjoyable years. At the end of October, I had handed in my retirement request to the school board. Therefore, my last day will be on Dec. 17th. It has been a difficult decision, especially because I am working with a group of Creative, Amazing, Remarkable and Responsible people. I appreciate all the kind words you have shared with me. As I mentioned to Erin, it is hard to say goodbye since I am a fairly sentimental person. That's why I requested that Principal Erin keep this news quiet until the last minute and allow for me to make a quiet exit. However, if possible, I would love to come back to visit or volunteer once in a while.

May you all have a blessed and restful winter break.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2022!

Sincerely,

Bessy

Carr's Amazing Peer Helpers

Starting in November our Emily Carr Peer Helpers took to the school grounds. The Peer Helpers are a group of responsible and enthusiastic children who are present on the school grounds and in the hallways during recess and lunch time. They provide leadership by acting as kindergarten buddies, working with younger students, monitoring the hallways, and welcoming guests to the school. They have been amazing so far, and are off to a wonderful start. They come for meetings and a training session once a month and have been organized by Mr. English and Ms. Wolkenbrod. Mr. English always tells the students that "the grade 6's and 7's in my day were only two things: big and scary". Here at Carr things are much different. At Carr the peer helpers have truly helped bridge the gap between the primary students and the intermediate students. They are a part of creating a great, inclusive and friendly community here at Carr.

A big thanks to our 50 current Peer Helpers! You've made an incredible contribution to our school community!

VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE - GREATER VANCOUVER FOOD BANK

Thank you everyone for your amazing contributions to [Emily Carr's first ever virtual food drive](#)! As of December 15th, our community has raised \$880, far exceeding our goal of \$500. Friday is the last day of the drive. Your generosity is heart-warming and inspiring! We are lucky to be part of such a kind-hearted community. Have a wonderful winter break!

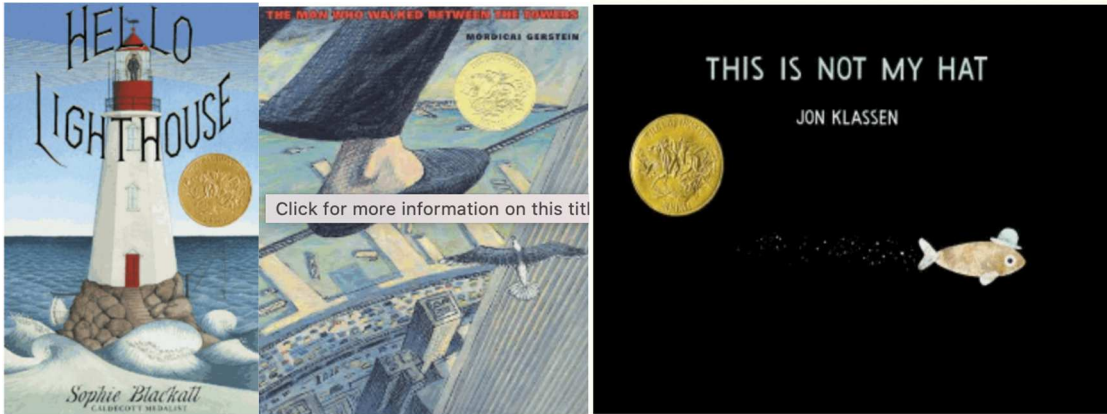
Jess Dance returns to Carr in January 2022

Jess Dance is a dance program led by a team of passionate dance educators committed to empowering and inspiring kids through dance experiences that develop self-worth, self-expression, and connection to one's body. Jess Dance will lead our students in two lessons for each division over the course of two weeks in January. The instructor follows our strict health and safety protocols including being masked and keeping students spread out. Classroom teachers accompany their students to these lessons that complement our physical education curriculum.



LEARNING COMMONS news

Caldecott Book Contest: Thank you for all those students who participated in the Caldecott Book Contest. Here are some of their favourites.



Design A Bookmark Contest: Congratulations to all the students who participated in the grade k-7 bookmark contest. Some divisions participated as a whole class while some divisions were by individual choice and completed them at home. Our winner in the following categories are:

- K-2 Julia Div. 11
- Grade 3-5 Yuval Div. 4
- Grade 6-7 Brendan Div. 1
- Honorable mention Christina Div. 5



Camp Read: Every class participated in Camp Read last week. What an exciting time to see so many students and teachers reading with birds chirping, winter lights aglow while surrounded by trees.



Parting gift for the Learning Commons

The softcover picture books are now off the floor and onto a beautiful books shelf. Yippee.



Wishing everyone a restful and safe winter break. It has been a pleasure teaching your children. I look forward to playing plenty of tennis and golf in the months ahead.

Lorraine Booth

Information re: EDI and MDI

- The Early Developmental Instrument (EDI) is a Canadian-made research questionnaire and is completed by Kindergarten teachers across BC for all Ks in the month of February. Participation is voluntary.
- The Middle Years Developmental Instrument (MDI) will focus on Gr. 7s this year and is completed by students.
- Please see attached for more information on both the EDI and the MDI.

Division 11 Snow People



Division 10 Polar Bears



Division 13 Ho, ho, ho!



Division 7 Winter Joy



Division 12 Happy Hanukkah



Division 1 Holiday Banners

