



C. C. Carrothers Newsletter

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FROM THE OFFICE:



Hello! This common greeting has taken on a whole new meaning in recent weeks and the answer to this question can fluctuate not only

from morning to afternoon, but literally by the hour. Each of us are currently learning how to navigate a new normal, while being faced with various levels of stress, at an overwhelming pace. We understand and recognize that each of our families are processing our current state of affairs in different ways. We are aware that some may be sorting out just what they need to get through that day, while others are figuring out what tomorrow or next week will bring ... and none of this is easy. Please know that “staying positive” doesn’t mean that we have to be happy all the time. It just means that even on the hardest days, you believe better ones are coming. To help with that, we are so pleased to announce that the staff at Carrothers have recently posted an addition to our school website called **CCC Cougars Care**. This link gives a wealth of support and ideas to support child, adolescent and adult mental health, support for basic needs and educational resources to support with Distance Learning. A special thank you to our School Support Counsellor, Fergus Vaughan and our teachers, Jenna Copeland, and Jeff Darling for all their amazing work on this valuable resource. Please take the time to check out this valuable resource!

While our physical building may be closed, our school is definitely not. The Admin team, along with our teachers, early childhood educators, educational assistants and support staff are working diligently to support our students through Distance Learning. We are pleased to announce that all families that have requested technology have been provided with a

learning device to support their children’s learning. It is very exciting to see staff and students interact in their online classrooms. Please also know that the intent of this learning support is not to overwhelm but rather to support and encourage your child’s development during these uncertain times. Please take what will serve your child and your family best each day. This is new territory for everyone, including our teachers, so please have patience as they unfold this new style of teaching and learning together. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher. We will continue to assess our processes and adjust as needed. If you are not ready to engage with us, due to your own circumstances, we completely understand. Together we will find our way and are committed to maintaining strong relationships. As the school learns more about the future of the school year, we are committed to sharing the details with you.



As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s school experience, please don’t hesitate to contact us. Messages left on the school voicemail will be checked remotely and we will endeavor to return your call in a timely manner. It is very important to us at Carrothers that each and every child has what they need to learn, grow and be the best that they can be!

Sincerely, Moira Wills, Rhonda Stinson and the entire staff of C.C. Carrothers

Stress-Free Math At Home

Teaching your children math at home can be stressful for parents/guardians and children. We want math to be engaging for all involved. There are many easy activities you can try to play with math ideas at home. You might be surprised at how much fun math can be with some of these ideas.

Oodles of Objects

Find objects or use a collection and organize them into columns and rows to make arrays to see multiplication and division.



The array of donuts shows:

$$4 \times 3 = 12$$

$$12 \div 4 = 3$$

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

$$12 \div 3 = 4$$

What multiplication and division do you see in the cars?

Can you create a pattern using the objects?

Magnificent Money

Gather all of your spare change & put it into a cup.

Try something like this with your child:



Consider using your spare change to create a store at home. Make a store by pricing some objects and allow your child to find the total and to pay the change. You can print pretend money off of the internet or make some yourself. You can even add tax for a challenge.

Wonderful Walks

While on your walk, gather natural objects that have symmetry (one side is the same as the other). When you get home, cut the object in half, tape it onto a piece of paper and draw the other half.

Treasure Time

Pick a favourite item, hide it somewhere in the house. Make/draw a treasure map for someone else to find it. Then switch roles!



Spectacular Skip Counting

While outside count your steps/hops/skips by 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s. Can you make up a skip-counting song to share with another person? Challenge yourself with counting by 25s. Is there a pattern?



Maze Mania

The object of the game is to get to the heart in as few moves as possible. Start on the number one in the bottom centre square. Your child can then move one jump up, down, left, or right. If they move left, they can then make two moves; up, down, left, or right. Continue on until you reach the heart, then try again. Can you reduce the number of moves made?

Funky Fractions

Why cut your sandwich into halves? What happens when you half your halves? Can you cut it into thirds? fifths? What is the smallest number of fractional pieces you can cut it into?

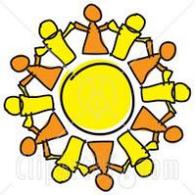
Parents and children are enduring a great deal of stress during these difficult times. Learning mathematics can be fun and engaging! Math doesn't have to happen with a pencil and a paper; it can be found everywhere. Remember, mathematics should be a participation sport, not a spectator sport.



Weekly Video Announcements to Begin!

Beginning Tuesday
May 19, 2020 we will

be providing a weekly video announcement that will be posted on your children's virtual classrooms. We are hoping that we will be able to include updates and some insights brought to you by students over the coming weeks. We would also like to include a section entitled CCC Cougars At Home which will start the following week! If you have current photos you would like to share we will put them into a slide show every other week set to music. It may be another way for us to be together, even though we are apart. For now please send your photos to m.wills@tvdsb.ca. The video announcements will only be uploaded to the TVDSB virtual classrooms for security reasons.



School Council Corner

Welcome CCC Parents/Guardians! Please reach out and join in on our up-coming **'We are One'**. It's a social event where

parents and guardians can join our zoom meeting to vent, chat and reach out for support. It's a safe space where we all can relate to the changes during covid-19. Stay tuned and follow us on Facebook @ CCC School Council at <https://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo>



Additional Supports in the immediate community can be found

through the Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre. Please visit the GCCRC at <https://www.gccrc.ca/>