

# Carson Graham Functional Skills Program

## “Supporting Independence”

Newsletter

Welcome Back!

No. 1 - Sept. 5, 2006

### School Newsletters Mailed Home August 24<sup>th</sup> - Did you receive yours?

#### Important Dates:

<b>September</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Schools Open</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>Student Photo Day 1:00pm Student Dismissal for BceSIS Training</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>Carson “New” Family BBQ</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>Classes begin @ 10:15am for BceSIS training 7:30 PAC meeting in Library</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Grade 8 Party (tentative)</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>9:00am Terry Fox Run</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Nancy Leith Walk</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>Grade 12 Immunization</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>School Based Professional Day</b>
	<b>9</b>	<b>Statutory Holiday - Thanksgiving Day</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>District Professional Day</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Photo Retakes 1:00pm Student Dismissal</b>
		<b>Parent Teacher Interviews - 2:00 - 4:00 and 7:00- 9:00pm</b>

Curriculum Implementation Day - November 3, 2006 Schools not in session

Remembrance Day - November 13, 2006 Statutory Holiday

Schools Close for Winter Vacation - December 22, 2006

Winter Vacation Period - December 25, 2006 to January 5, 2007 Schools not in session

Schools Open after Winter Vacation - January 8, 2007

District Professional Day - February 23, 2007 Schools not in session

Schools Close for Spring Vacation - March 16, 2007

Spring Vacation Period - March 19 to March 23, 2007 Schools not in session

Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation - March 26, 2007

Good Friday - April 6, 2007 Statutory Holiday

Easter Monday - April 9, 2007 Statutory Holiday

District Professional Day - April 23, 2007 Schools not in session

Victoria Day - May 21, 2007 Statutory Holiday

Administrative Day - June 29, 2007 Schools not in session

#### Goodbye and Thank You

**M**s. Schouls is moving to a position as a Vision Consultant with the Vancouver School Board. This is her area of expertise and we wish her well. She will be missed by all.

#### Sad News

**A**lthough he only joined us occasionally Francis Laitin's smile and delightful personality were always welcome in our class. Francis passed away on August 7, 2006. He will always have a place in our hearts.

#### Forms Package

**Y**our son or daughter has brought home an envelope which includes most of the forms and information we need to keep up to date and plan for the year. Enclosed you should find

- ★ student information form
- ★ transportation form
- ★ field trip permission form
- ★ videotaping permission form
- ★ student programming planning form
- ★ IEP meeting form
- ★ supply list

Please return the papers as soon as possible.

## Classroom Website

<http://www.janpalmer.ca/carson.html>

**H**ave you had a chance to take a look at the pictures on our classroom website yet? We have pictures going back to 2003 when Mrs. Tinker was still here right up to the present. We try to get pictures onto the site on a regular basis.

As well you will find links to many other useful websites with information on school programs, various disabilities and resources. You can also reach the website through our Carson Graham website.

## Student Schedules

**Y**ou will have received a list of classes in June. Please remember that schedules and classes sometimes change during the first two weeks of school for all students.

## PE/Fitness Class

**T**his year students will be changing into gym clothes for all PE classes. Please make sure shoes and clothes are available at all times. We will send them home on Fridays for washing.

## Home/School Communication Folder (Agendas)

**E**ach day your son or daughter will be bringing home a folder. In it will be their school agenda, any notes, homework or completed work for you to see. Please be sure to look through it each day and send the folder, agenda and homework, forms etc. back to school each morning. The agenda will list the folder contents for each day plus upcoming events and how their day went. Please feel free to use the agenda or folder to send any important information or comments back to me.

If the folder does not arrive at home please call right away. We will also be phoning home if it does not make it back to school in the morning.

We would like to have some students use email on a trial basis to send information home. If you are particularly interested or against this method of communication drop us a line.

## Teacher Contact

**P**lease feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or helpful information. You may call the school at 604-903-3555 or send email to [jan.palmer@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:jan.palmer@nvsd44.bc.ca). A student will answer our classroom phone and take messages which will be returned after class. Please be sure to inform the student if it is an emergency. (Positive feedback to the student is also appreciated!)

## Attendance

**P**lease make sure to let the office know if your son or daughter will not be at school or will be late. Those using taxis are responsible to call NorthShore Taxis to cancel.

## Illness

**A**ttached is the North Shore Health Region policy on school attendance and illness. It is considerate of your student and others to keep them at home when they are recovering from colds or the flu. We will contact you as soon as possible if your son or daughter is not feeling well to make a decision whether they should stay at school or go home.

## Verbal Behaviour (ABA) program

**W**e will be continuing with placing an emphasis on learning language, communication and social skills for all our students. At the end of August several members of our Carson team attended an advanced verbal behaviour workshop hosted by Autism Community Training. Focusing on these skills will allow our students to take a more active part in everyday student life.

## Way to Go!

Congratulations to Kara Williams. Kara was part of the BC team and took part in track and field at the National Special Olympics competition held at Brandon, Manitoba. Registration for this year's Special Olympics program is Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Call if you need further information. New this year is BASKETBALL!!!

## New Students

**W**elcome to our new students and their families, Kayla Tan and Allison Lewis, both in Grade 8 this year.