



# Carden Country School

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*"Learning is not obtained by chance. It must be sought for with ardor and attended to with vigilance."*

*Abigail Adams*

August 1, 2010

Dear Parents and Students:

I hope that all of you are having a safe and wonderful summer, yet are still excited for the start of school. The staff of Carden Country School is looking forward to a wonderful school year.

Mission: It is the mission and purpose of the Carden Country School to glorify God by providing a traditional, Christ-centered education that will nurture students to become spiritually minded, academically versed and equipped to make a positive impact in their community. We hold to the highest standards in thought and behavior because we never forget that the true nature of man is that he is made in the image and likeness of God.

Work Party: We have traditionally started our year with a work day in the school house and yard. We will be gathering on **Saturday, August 21st** beginning at 8:00 AM and ending by mid afternoon. There will be inside and outside jobs for adults and older students. Please bring tools for the work you like to do. We are looking forward to a large turnout.

Start of School: Superstart begins for new students (except Junior Primary) on **Monday, August 30th** and will run from 8:15 AM until 11:30 through Thursday, September 2nd. School begins for all students on **Wednesday, September 8th** at 8:15 AM.

Welcome Back Parent Meeting and Dessert Please join us, **Tuesday, September 21st**, at 7PM at the Schoolhouse, for this part business, part social event. Remember that this is a parent-driven organization. Your childrens' school needs your input and participation. Please mark your calendars for this event and bring something tasty to share. The school will provide decaffeinated coffee, utensils and napkins. Parents only should attend this event; while we will be finished well before 9 PM, this is too late for students.

Volunteer Opportunities: A list of volunteer opportunities is enclosed. Please prayerfully consider how your family can contribute in this area and return your preferred choices to the office before **Friday, September 10th**. There will be an envelope clearly marked on the board in the office for the return of your paperwork.

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2010-11 Academic Calendar: Please let us know if you have any questions regarding our school year. It is very important that you not schedule discretionary trips that do not coincide with scheduled holidays. It is disruptive to your child's learning as well as that of his classmates.

Office Hours: Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Email inquiries may be sent to [admin@cardencountryschool.org](mailto:admin@cardencountryschool.org) or, you may call the school office at 206-842-6510.

Curriculum Fees: This fee is due by August 1<sup>st</sup> and covers Carden's unique curriculum materials, educational field trips, a 2010-11 year book and school supplies throughout the year. The only school supplies families are asked to contribute are backpacks for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above, and students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades may bring mechanical pencils. PLEASE NOTE: the school will provide all binders needed at the beginning of the school year. If replacement binders are necessary during the school year, parents will be responsible for all replacement costs. The curriculum fee for students in J.P. through 4<sup>th</sup> grade is \$610 and the fee for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is \$640.00.

Tuition Payments: Please be reminded that there is a 3% discount for prepaying a full tuition by September 1<sup>st</sup>, and a 1.5% discount for prepaying each semester on September 1<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, we have incorporated a new Smart Tuition program. Please contact Mrs. Gallivan at [bookkeeping@cardencountryschool.org](mailto:bookkeeping@cardencountryschool.org) if you have not received your Smart Tuition paperwork.

Communications: We are enclosing an updated school roster. Please check the roster for accuracy and preferences. If there are necessary revisions or changes you may email them to the address above. We will continue to utilize email as our primary communication tool. If you wish to have the newsletter sent to additional email addresses, please forward those to me at the above email address.

Dress Code: We have enclosed a Land's End catalog for your convenience. Please log on to [www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com) to see the latest school uniform options. If you need help with sizing, you may call 1-800-963-4816. Carden's Preferred School Account Number is 9000-4524-6. Please remember that each dollar spent by Carden families results in a 3 cent contribution by Land's End to Carden's scholarship fund. In order for the school to receive this donation, please inform Land's End that your order is for a "preferred school". Another way to benefit Carden is to log on to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) prior to placing your Lands' End order. If you register with "Boxtops", and then go to Landsend.com, Carden will receive an additional 3.5% donation from Boxtops in addition to the 3% contribution made by Lands' End.

Clothing Sale: Mrs. Morris will be hosting a uniform sale at the school on **Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 10:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to stock up for the school year. If you have uniform items that your child can no longer use, please consider donating them for the sale. We ask that all donations be left on the school porch no later than **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure they are marked as "donations".

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Carpooling: If you haven't already done so, please find or start a carpool. Carpooling saves you time, saves you money, saves the environment, builds community and makes Mr. Harvey's neighbors happier. Our agreement with our neighbors and the City of Bainbridge requires that we work to reduce trips to the school in order to maintain a safe and rural environment.

Immunizations: Please be sure your child's immunizations are up to date. Students entering Junior Primary and 6th grade are due for immunizations. **Please return proof of immunization or updated shot records on the first day of school.**

Emergency Kits (Junior Primary - 2nd Grade Only): Please prepare an emergency kit for your younger grades child to bring to school on September 8th. In the unlikely event of some emergency that would keep us at school longer than a single school day, we would like to be prepared with the following items on hand for each child: nonperishable, ready to eat snack or meals for 1 full day, including drinking water and/or juice. These should fit in a single full sized (2 gallon) ziplock bag. In addition, a "space blanket" and small flashlight are optional but recommended for all children. Younger children should have a picture and/or letter from home, and a small toy or stuffed animal for comfort. **Please deliver this kit on the first day of school, marked with your child's name.**

Emergency Clothing (All students): Please prepare an extra set of clothes for your child, either for use during an emergency as above, or some much more likely emergency, like falling in the mud. These should be in a second ziplock bag marked with your child's name. Emergency clothes do not need to comply with dress code standards but should be neat and clean. **Please deliver this kit on the first day of school.**

Emergency Cards: We are enclosing an Emergency/Field Trip Card. **Please complete one for each student and return it to the office on the first day of school.** We use these for a more compact and readily accessible source of emergency data. Please ensure that your emergency contact is willing, able AND AVAILABLE. An emergency contact is not the next of kin to be notified, but someone who is willing, AND AVAILABLE to pick up and care for your child in case of sickness or emergency. Please do not list individuals that live out of town or do not have transportation with which to pick up your child.

School Beverages: A) Each student should bring a reusable water bottle to school, clearly marked with their name and grade. This bottle will remain in the classroom (but sent home on occasion for cleaning). B) Milk service is offered at Carden to students via Smith Brother Dairy. Half pints of milk will be delivered weekly, and stored in the schools refrigerator. We will offer this service to students at various points throughout the school year (single or periodic sales will not be available). A request form and current pricing is included in this packet and can be returned along with other necessary forms on the first day of school.

Lunch and Food Garbage: Please be reminded ALL lunch garbage must be repacked into lunch containers and returned home EVERY day. This ensures that parents know what their children are eating and prevents the school from having an over abundance of garbage. If you pack a

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gooey or wet meal, ensure you pack something to get it home in, or else you will have a messy lunch box.

Lunch Utensils: If you pack a meal that requires utensils, please ensure you pack utensils. A requirement of our land use permit is that we do not wash dishes or provide any type of food service here at school. We cannot provide utensils on a daily basis.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you soon. Have a wonderful completion to your summer.

Please continue to pray for all of our students, families, and staff, that our work may be the Lord's and that we may have the grace to glorify Christ through our school.

In Jesus' Name,

Camellia Moody  
Office Manager  
Carden Country School

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