



HAWK'S EYE VIEW

Central Public School

HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

SEPTEMBER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another school year! On behalf of the staff of Central School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our students and families. We are especially pleased to welcome the grade 7 students from Nelles and Park.



The Central staff have been busy planning and preparing for the new school year. *Mr. Counsell and Mr. Bjelan*, our custodians, have done a great job shining up the school for our students. The staff at Central School are dedicated to providing a positive learning experience for all of our C-Hawks.

Please mark Sept 24th on your calendar. This is the date of our Open House Barbeque. We hope to see everyone there.

Mrs. N. Hardyman ~ Principal

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

There are two days designated as early release:

September 25th & February 12th

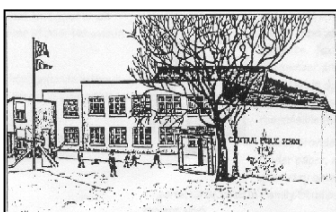
On early release days the morning Junior and Senior Kindergarten students will attend school. However, please keep in mind that there will **NOT be bus transportation home for our morning kindergarten students. Afternoon kindergarten students will not attend on these days.**

All Central students will be dismissed at 12:05pm. Buses will begin to arrive at this time (three hours earlier than usual.) Please make sure you have arrangements in place for your child(ren) on these days. For your information, secondary school students will also be released on these days.

Watch for Central's Newsletter each month, sent home with youngest or only child in the family.

LUNCH SUPERVISOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Central is looking for an individual to cover a lunch duty position for approx 2 1/2 hours per day. Please drop off a resume to the office if you are interested.



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OFFICE UPDATE

NEW STAFF— We welcome several new staff members to Central this year.

Mrs. Drummond Grade 6

Miss Jaeger Child Care Worker

Mr. Nicholls Grade 7/8

Mrs. Vella Educational Assistant

Miss Johnson Grade 8

Mr. Digweed Intensive Support Program

Miss Murray French

Mrs. Horton Youth Counsellor

Mrs. Farquhar will not be returning to Central this fall, she is beginning her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing about the addition to her family in October.

Mrs. Jackson will continue her maternity leave. Mrs. Carey will cover her classes.

We are pleased that Mrs. Salierno will continue as an additional librarian at Central this fall. She is at our school on the odd days of the schedule.

OPEN HOUSE BARBEQUE— Thursday September 24th

Parents and students are invited to join us for a Family Barbeque on **Thursday Sept. 24th from 5:00—6:30pm**. Hot dogs and a drink will be provided. Please indicate the number of hot dogs and drinks for your family on the slip printed at the end of this newsletter. **Please return the slip to your child's teacher by Monday September 21st** (one slip per family). We hope you will be able to join us and to meet your child's teacher!

PICTURE DAY

Central students will have their individual photos and class pictures taken on **Monday September 21st**. Please come dressed in bright or light colours, bring a comb if necessary and remember to wear your best smile.



TURKEY TROT

Our students will be involved in a daily fitness activity beginning September 28th and ending at Thanksgiving. Each day (weather permitting) all of our students (JK to Gr. 8) will run, walk or jog around our school yard for fifteen minutes. For each lap completed, the students will receive a ticket for a classroom Turkey Trot draw to be held on Thursday October 8th.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the back school yard have begun. New asphalt is the first step in the process. The removal of the backstop and seeding of the yard will happen later in the fall.

Window replacement will also begin this fall.

MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

Once again, Central School will run a magazine campaign through **QSP, a division of Reader's Digest**. This campaign will provide our families and friends of Central the opportunity to renew and/or place orders for magazine subscriptions. During our campaign, you will receive the best price available for your reading materials while Central School retains a substantial portion as profit.

Friday, September 18th is the kick off and campaign ends Monday, September 28th.

Please watch for more info regarding student prizes and incentives.

CENTRAL SCHOOL STAFF 2009/2010

TEACHING STAFF:

111	JK/SKA	Mrs. Fleming
110	JK/SKA	Mrs. Larock
110	JK/SKP	Mrs. Larock
212	Gr.1	Miss Donders
211	Gr. 1/2	Mrs. Grayson
210	Gr. 2	Ms. Wainwright
213	Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Nicitopoulos
209	Gr. 3/4	Mrs. Chambers
108	Gr. 4	Ms. Jonz
107	Gr. 5	Mr. Huebert
102	Gr 5/6	Mrs. Brooker
208	Gr. 6	Mrs. Drummond
207	Gr. 8 G	Mrs. Carey
104	Gr. 7	Mrs. Clutterbuck
105	Gr. 7	Mrs. Fraser
206	Gr. 7/8	Mr. Nicholls
204	Gr. 8	Mr. Herfst/Mr. Tempest
203	Gr. 8	Mrs. Minor
205	Gr. 8	Miss Johnson
101	SEBE	Mrs. Lamb
Int	French	Mrs. Kelly
Jr/Int	French	Miss Murray
	Prep	Mrs. Fleming
		Mrs. D'Cunha
201	LRT	Mrs. Meldrum
	ISP	Mr. Digweed
Teacher-Librarian		Mr. Tempest
		Mrs. Salierno

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Principal	Mrs. Hardyman
Vice Principal	Mr. Herfst
Secretary	Mrs. Cirilli
Secretary(am)	Mrs. Wilson

SUPPORT STAFF:

Educational Assist.	Mrs. Meecham, Mrs. Devries, Mrs. Vella
Head Caretaker	Mr. Counsell
Night Caretaker	Mr. Bjelan
Cleaners	Mrs. Thibeault, Mrs. Fedsova
	Mrs. Tenbrinke
Youth Counsellor	Mrs. Horton
Lunch Supervisors	Ms. Firlotte
	Mrs. Nestman
Crossing Guard	Mr. Cook

AT GSS

Choices & Change	Mr. Ahlstedt
Science & Technology	Mr. Hauer

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

All students are required to have an Acceptable Use Agreement form signed for the use of information and Communication Technologies at school. The agreement and consent form is found at the back of the student organizer. Review this form carefully with your child.

Please sign the agreement and return it to your child's teacher by September 11th.

SCHOOL ORGANIZERS / AGENDAS

Each student (Grades 1-8) will be provided with a Central School organizer. A letter explaining the use of the organizer has been sent home. Please take time to review the information, that pertains to our school, printed on the front pages of the book.

SCHOOL COUNCIL Our school council will be meeting for the first time this year on Tuesday, **September 29th at 6:30pm.** *We welcome any new members to join us.*

SCHOOL POLICIES

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

All visitors, including parents must report to the school office where they are to sign-in and pick up a visitor/volunteer badge prior to going to a classroom. If you are dropping off items for your child i.e. lunch, homework, clothing etc., please leave them at the office. We will see that your child receive it. **Please do not go directly to classrooms.** Thank you for your co-operation.

ABSENCES, LATES AND ATTENDANCE CALLS

Please help us to ensure the safety of our students by calling when your child will be absent or late to school. Office hours are 8:15 to 4:00pm. Outside of these hours you may call anytime, day or night, and leave a message on our answering system.

If your child will be away from school, please help us by calling the office.

We always need to know the whereabouts of each and every student. Your co-operation in calling us will assist our office staff immensely! If you haven't called us, we'll be calling you. We will call your home first, followed by your place of business, and if necessary the numbers you have listed as emergency contacts.

Also, all students who arrive late to school (any time during the school day) must report to the office to receive an admit slip. In addition, students leaving at any time during the school day will be required to sign-out at the office.



LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

When buses arrive in the morning, students are considered to be at school and are not to leave the property to go to a store etc. If a parent would like to give their child permission to leave the school property, they must send a note dated and signed by a parent. The note must then be brought to school with them that day which in turn will be signed by the homeroom teacher and taken with them when they leave. If this is done, it is assumed that parents are responsible for their children when they are off school grounds. Once a student has returned to school following lunch they may not leave a second time. It is our expectation that all students be polite and co-operative while off school property. Our reputation in the community depends on their good behaviour. Students, do not lose your lunch privileges because of poor behaviour. No student will be permitted to leave school property without a note.

We will not be making phone calls for notes that have been forgotten.

MEDICATION POLICY

The safety of all students is of great importance to every staff member and parent. Taking into consideration the location and administration of medications is a delicate situation, which could result in a safety issue should medication fall into the wrong hands. It is for this very reason that the District School Board of Niagara has come up with a policy for the storage and administration of medication to students (in accordance with the Ministry Memorandum #81 (1984).

According to the administrative Procedure, 3-13, entitled "Administrating Health Support Services to Students", authorized drugs "shall be administered by the Principal or designate and shall be provided through the parent in an appropriate container on which storage and safe keeping requirements are clearly indicated".

We must have an "Authorization of Administration of Oral/Topical Medication" form signed by parents and the physician to allow students to receive medications at school. Any parents that have concerns regarding this can call the office to discuss appropriate arrangements. Remember, we are here to assist parents with this process because we realize that it is difficult for you to get to the school daily. However, please feel free, at any time, to come and administer medications yourself if that is your wish. Forms are available at the office.

DRESSING FOR SUCCESS AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

At Central School it is the belief of teachers and parents alike, that student dress should be appropriate to an academic setting, create a separation between the street and the school, and contribute to an overall positive image of our school. The consistent enforcement of our dress code will enhance our educational environment and help create a tone conducive to the achievement of excellence. It is felt that in the interest of fairness, the dress code applies to all students regardless of age or grade.

1. **Hats or head coverings must be removed** upon entry into the school and not worn indoors.
2. **Shoes must be worn** indoors due to safety/fire regulations.
3. Students, regardless of age, are not permitted to wear inappropriate clothing which includes: - short shorts, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, "see through" tops or mesh tops (unless worn with an undershirt)
4. Exposed undergarments, bare midriffs and backs are not permitted. Shirts, blouses, T-shirts and sweaters must be long enough to cover the midriff.
5. Clothes bearing written statements, or diagram (pictures, logos, people) that do not promote a positive and safe environment; that are racist, suggestive, or in bad taste, or that advertise alcohol, drug or tobacco products are not permitted.

Remember a positive school culture and tone are integral to the creation and enhancement of a school environment committed to the achievement of personal and academic excellence.

IPODS, MP3 PLAYERS AND CAMERAS

Electronic devices are very popular with adolescents today, however the staff of Central School believe that these items do not have a place in our classroom. Many of these items are very expensive and they are the target of theft. These items should not be brought to school as we will not be responsible if they are lost or stolen. Students should not be taking photos of students of staff without their consent.

CELL PHONE USE

Students may bring cell phones to school, however according to the District School board of Niagara's policy, we require that all cell phones be turned off as soon as students arrive on school property. All cell phones must be stored in student backpacks. Cell phones are not to be used during the school day, unless under the direct supervision of the classroom teacher. Students are able to use the office telephones with a phone pass from their teacher. Our phones are also available for student use in the event of an emergency.

SCHOOL BUS NEWS

OUR BUSES ARE FULL. Parents, please do not give your son/daughter permission to bring a friend home with them on the bus because there is no room. First student would appreciate your support as the teachers who are on bus duty, and the bus drivers will have no choice but to tell the students "No", they cannot get on the bus.

For your information:

***** Students are not allowed to eat or drink on the bus. *****

Proper and acceptable behaviour on a school bus is critical to making every child's bus ride safe. The driver's responsibility is to get children to school and home again safely. Your child's responsibility as a rider, is to demonstrate excellent behaviour on the bus. If your child is not clear about the expectations they can ask the driver or the principal.

SCHOOL CLOTHING

We will be offering an opportunity to purchase Central School clothing. We encourage our students in grade 4 to 8 to wear Central School t-shirts and shorts for physical education classes. More information will be sent home at a later date.

ABOUT CENTRAL SCHOOL

CENTRAL SCHOOL TIMES

"Balanced School Day" Schedule

8:30 am	Supervision begins
8:45 am	Students admitted
8:50 am	Period 1
9:40 am	Period 2
10:30 am.	Nutrition Break—20 min
10:50 am	Fitness Break—25 min.
11:15 am	Period 3
12:05 pm	Period 4
12:55 pm.	Nutrition Break-20 min
1:15 pm.	Fitness Break—25 min
1:40 pm.	Period 5
2:30 pm.	Period 6
3:20 pm	Dismissal

SCHOOL SECURITY

Central School has a security access system which allows the office to control entrance to our school. All entrances to the school are locked at 9:00 am. If students or parents come to the school after 9:00 am., they will need to press the buzzer and identify themselves to the office staff in order to enter the school. Students who are arriving late to school must report to the office for a late/admit slip.

Parents of children attending the Y.M.C.A. Daycare will need to buzz at the back door of the school in order to be let into the school after 4:00 pm.

Please remember that the safety of our students is our first concern. These measures will allow us to better monitor the activity in our school.

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury?

The DSBN does not provide medical coverage for students. If you have no other coverage it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been provided to each student to assist you in getting coverage. It costs as little as \$2 per student for basic school day/school activity coverage.

The second nutrition/fitness break

is the time when students may leave the school property to go home/out for their lunch.

The crossing guard will be on duty at 12:55 pm.

Afternoon attendance will be taken after the second nutrition/fitness break.

It is very important that students do not leave the property without permission.

Please send a note with your child or call the office and leave a message if your child is planning on leaving for lunch. Thank you for your co-operation.

HOMEWORK

The purpose for homework is to extend and reinforce what has been learned in class and to develop a sense of self-discipline, personal responsibility and independent thinking. In the interest of variety and in order to give pupils an opportunity to develop different kinds of skills, not all assignments need to be written. Some may be to read, to interview, to cut art, to collect, to study, to research, to listen or to watch a special T.V. program.

Teachers try not to give homework on weekends (other than project completion, etc) in order to allow students to engage more fully in family activities. However, if a student falls behind in their work it is their responsibility to get the work completed whether it is a weekend or not.

The following is a guideline for homework time allotment.

Primary Students (gr 1-3) 15 minutes per day

Junior Students (gr 4-6) 30-35 minutes per day

Intermediate Students (gr 7-8) 60-90 minutes per day

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SCHOOL VANDALISM

We earnestly seek your co-operation in reducing vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at Central School, please call, in confidence, either of the following emergency numbers:

905-682-8065 or 905-563-1293

Your co-operation will be appreciated

LIBRARY DONATION

Thank you to artist/parent Kim Rempel for her donation of an additional piece of artwork for our library. We are thrilled to have this fabulous display of Kim's art in our library.

Thank you Kim!

PEANUT / NUT ALLERGY ALERT

This year we have several students with a life threatening allergy to peanuts and peanut products.

We also have students with allergies to other nuts but not peanuts. We are asking for the cooperation and understanding of all families in remaining from sending foods to school which may contain nut products or peanuts.

HEAD LICE

Early identification, prompt treatment & each family's co-operation will bring the problem under control. Head lice continues to be a problem, especially in school-aged children. Anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with whether you have clean or dirty hair, or the cleanliness of your home. Over the summer, head lice have been spreading mainly by head to head contact as children have been enjoying summer activities. Head lice will continue to spread at school and during after school activities causing a frustrating year-long problem, unless we have every family's co-operation to eliminate them completely.

To combat this problem, we need your help. Please check your child's head once a week.

Look for: Lice: 1/16—1/4" (2-6mm) Long, brown or black or grey, near the scalp
Nits: tiny, dark coloured or white (darker coloured eggs are especially likely to be alive) tear-drop shape, glued to hair shaft especially close to scalp, behind ears, back of head and under bangs.

If you find lice or nits:

- notify the school right away
- check everyone in the house
- treat with head lice product
- remove all lice and eggs
- vacuum house and wash clothing and bedding used the last three days
- remind children not to share combs, brushes, hats head-bands, etc.

For more detailed information: contact the school or the health department at 905-688-3762 or 1-800-263-7248

IMMUNIZATION

Is your child's immunization up to date?

Every September our thoughts are turned towards preparing our children returning back to school for the school year. Have you thought about checking your child's immunization to make sure it's up to date for his or her age? Immunization is often neglected and that's why we remind you to check your child's yellow immunization card to make sure it is up to date. If you're unsure if your child requires any needles, you can call the Regional Niagara Public Health Department at (905) 688-3762 or 1-800-263-7238 ext. 7396 and speak to a public health nurse. In addition, you are required to report your child's immunizations to the Public Health Department. So each time your child gets a needle you need to let them know about it. Call our Immunization Report Line at (905) 688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext.7459. The line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it's confidential.

Remember, immunize your child on time and notify the Public Health Department every time.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT 905-688-3762 OR 1-800-263-7248

www.regional.niagara.on.ca

SUGGESTED SNACKS

FRUITS and VEGETABLES

make a great snack for school

Peppers and cucumber slices, baby carrots, cherry tomatoes, celery, broccoli or cauliflower (if your child prefers these with dip, include a dressing)

Orange segments, clementines, or grapes

Cantaloupe or watermelon slices

Applesauce and mixed fruit cups

Strawberries, blueberries and raspberries

Cheese and crackers

Please check all labels when choosing snacks for school.

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September is an exciting time for students because they are entering a new grade, usually with a new teacher or possibly a new division. Students and parents alike may be a little nervous about some of these changes with the new school year.

Parents, the following are some tips for success, that you can implement to assist your student(s) to have a successful year.

Please talk to your student(s) about their first day. Nervousness about new situations and new people is a natural occurrence. Be positive with your child(ren) and let them know that you and the Central Staff are here to help and are always ready to answer questions.

Set up a regular "homework time" which occurs, as much as possible at the same time. Amounts of homework differ from grade to grade but a solid routine for any homework will only add to your child's success. This may include regular homework in the older grades such as projects or studying for tests. In the younger grades, this may be a time to share a favourite book with your child. Make sure to ask questions about how a student's day went at school.

It's important that students have a quiet, distraction-free area. This needs to be well lit and comfortable with minimal interruptions. Remember that it does not need to be fancy but conducive to a student's concentration.

Get involved! Please stay current with phone calls to your child's teachers. Come in and volunteer at the school. Offer to chaperone on school trips when there is a need. Show interest in projects and work that is brought home to build your student's confidence. Join the active and supportive School Council at Central and support your child(ren)!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PARENTS VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT CENTRAL SCHOOL!

Please indicate below, with a check mark what you are able to help with in any of the areas listed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> pizza lunches | <input type="checkbox"/> assisting in library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> School Council member |

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Please submit only one order per family

Central School

OPEN HOUSE BARBEQUE

Thursday, September 24th, 2009

5:00—6:30 pm

Yes! We will be attending.

FAMILY NAME: _____ # of Hot dogs _____

of Drinks _____