



# HAWK'S EYE VIEW

## Central Public School

▶ HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

*Celebrating 102 Years of Excellence*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The month of September has been a whirlwind of activity and hard work for both the staff and students at Central. In my visits to classrooms, I have seen our students engaged in a wide variety of lessons. Their enthusiasm and interest in all subjects is exciting.

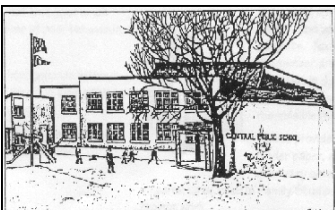
Thank you to all families who made the effort to attend the Open House BBQ and used book sale. The weather cooperated and we had a fabulous night. A special thank you to our chef, Mr. Bjelan and his assistant Mrs. Wilson, for their hard work in making the barbeque a success. Our teachers were pleased to have the opportunity to meet the family members of their students.

A special thank you to all of the volunteers and supporters who have already become involved in our school. Your support of our school is greatly appreciated.

*Mrs. N. Hardyman ~ Principal*

## BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES

Students often use bicycles, skateboards and rollerblades as a means of transportation to school. As a staff, we encourage our students to be physically active. However, for the safety of all students, bicycles must be walked on school property. Skateboards must be carried and rollerblades removed. Students must come directly to school and remain on school property once they have arrived at school.



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# OFFICE UPDATE

## PEANUT/NUT ALLERGY ALERT

This year we have several students with a life threatening allergy to peanuts, peanut products, and tree nuts. We are asking for the cooperation and understanding of all families in refraining from sending foods to school which may contain nut products or peanuts.



## LOST AND FOUND

During the school year, a tremendous amount of student clothing and other belongings are left at school. The clothing is collected and placed in a lost and found bin. Please encourage your child to check the lost and found regularly and take items, that belong to them, home. Due to the large volume of clothing collected, we are not able to store these items for a long period of time. At the end of each term, (ie. Christmas, March Break, end of school year) these items will be donated to charity if they are not claimed.

## NO DOGS, PLEASE!

A REMINDER, that we have a "no dogs" policy on the school grounds. For the health and safety of our children, please do not walk your dog on our school property. This policy applies outside of school hours, as well,.

Help keep our school yard clean for our children

*\*Seeing eye dogs excepted\**

## PHOTO RETAKES

Photo retake day is **Thursday October 16th, 2008**. If your child missed picture day or you were not satisfied with the photo that was taken, their picture can be retaken on the morning of October 16th. Kindergarten students that attend in the afternoon should be brought to the school by their parent in the morning if they wish to have their photo retaken.



## BUS SAFETY/STUDENT DISMISSAL

In order to ensure the safety of our students at dismissal time, students will not be allowed to go into the back parking lot without an adult. Bus students will be taken to their buses by a teacher. Students who are being picked up by their parents must be met on the school yard by an adult. We are very concerned about students running into the parking lot to meet their parents.

**Please help us by meeting your child on the schoolyard.**

## YOUTH CONNECTION NURSE

The youth connection nurse assigned to our school is Christene deVlaming-Kot. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. Her role is to influence Niagara's children and their families to make healthy lifestyle choices. Our nurse can be reached at:

**The Niagara Region Public Health Department**

**1-888-505-6074 ext.7228**

**Monday—Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

As you are undoubtedly aware, Central has a large student population. Not only does this keep our office staff very busy but our telephone lines as well. In this regard, we are asking that,

parents please plan ahead and inform your children of their after-school plans, appointments and messages before they leave home each day.

This will also help to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. Although our office staff want to be helpful, many times the volume of messages cannot always be delivered in as timely a manner as requested. Therefore, we would ask that you

Please limit messages to extremely urgent matters or emergencies.

As always, we appreciate all calls regarding student attendance.

## WORLD MILK DAY

Central School has received a special plaque to honour 20 years of serving milk to our students. As a school we celebrated World Milk Day on Wednesday, September 24th. Each student received a free carton of milk from the Dairy Farmers of Canada.



## OFFICE UPDATE CON'T

### MESSAGE TO PARENTS REGARDING BUSING

As many of you are aware, the District School Board of Niagara passed a new transportation policy in April 2008 and a new administrative procedure on June 10th 2008, which added new eligible riders to the buses. As a result, the bus routes had to be re-done and the eligible riders had to be determined.

From June 10th to August 1st 2008, Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) arranged the bus times and stops for all eligible students and began notifying parents. By August 15th, all eligible riders were notified. From August 15th to 24th, NSTS prepared letters for the known courtesy riders to notify parents that transportation would no longer be available. Many parents of courtesy riders had questions and concerns and, as a result, NSTS fielded over 2400 phone calls in 48 hours.

NSTS is solving issues in a priority order, including: Special Education students, eligible riders, hot spots, riders who are not eligible under the policy. If you have called NSTS and your call has not yet been returned, check with your principal. It will be the end of September or beginning of October, before NSTS can deal with calls about students who are not eligible by policy.



### BROCK UNIVERSITY—STUDENT TEACHERS

We are very pleased to have a large group of student teachers from Brock University in field placements at our school. The Central staff is well known for their ability to train teacher candidates. We welcome the following teacher candidates to Central School:

Madame Kelly	Ms. Slack
Mr. Herfst	Mr. Harber
Mrs. Minor	Ms. Bowey
Mrs. Clutterbuck	Ms. Eaton
Mrs. Farquhar	Ms. Thomas
Mrs. Huebert	Mr. Dupuis
Mrs. Chambers	Ms. George
Mrs. Nicitopoulos	Ms. Hoover
Mrs. Brooker	Ms. Goed
Mr. Tempest	Ms. Vittorio
Mrs. Grayson	Ms. Cox
Ms. Wainwright	Mr. Otten
Ms. Donders	Ms. Beaumont

### CO-OP STUDENTS

We are very proud of the Grimsby Secondary School students who have chosen to do their co-op placements at Central School. We welcome the following students:

Brendan Stewart, Carly Beauchamp and Sarah Quider

### HALLOWEEN AT CENTRAL

On Friday October 31st,

**Students should not come to school dressed in costumes.**

**(except JK/SK students)**

Rather, students may bring their costumes to school so that they can change into them at the second fitness break.

JK to grade 6 students will be involved in games during the afternoon. More information will be sent home at a later date.

Gr. 7 & 8 students will also be involved in a Halloween activity during the afternoon.



Parents, please insure that your child(ren) adhere to these costume guidelines:

**NO violent costumes**

**Absolutely NO weapons**

**NO "gory" make up**

# CENTRAL NEWS

## NEWS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first School Council meeting was held on September 23rd.

The staff at Central School would like to thank the school council for their continued support. The teachers are thrilled to have \$100 to purchase resources for their classrooms. The School Council has provided \$2200 to allow each teacher the opportunity to purchase resources for their individual classroom.

The school council will also be undertaking several fundraisers. The focus for these funds will be improvements in the back school yard. Fundraising will be done through weekly pizza days and Dance-a-Rama in June. This fall the school council will also sell chocolates, coffee and gifts through catalogues. This campaign will be held from October 9th—24th. The orders will be delivered to the school and picked up on Dec 4th & 5th (parent teacher interviews).

The participation in fundraising is voluntary and a decision made by each family. Occasionally families have indicated that they would prefer to make a monetary donation rather than participate in a fundraising program. Families wishing to make such a donation should submit a cheque to the office. Any cheques should be written to the District School Board of Niagara in order to receive a tax receipt.

Information regarding pizza days will be sent home on October 2nd. Envelopes will be distributed to each student which will cover ordering pizza for 4 weeks. All pizza orders must be returned to the office in the pizza envelopes by October 9th and the first pizza day will be Thursday October 16.

**Next School Council meeting: Tuesday October 28th 6:30pm**

### SOBEYE'S GROCERY RECEIPTS

Sobeye's grocery receipts are being collected by our school council. The tapes can be redeemed for cash. Please put your grocery tapes in the Central School slot located by the door at Sobeye's or send your tapes to the school.

### MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING

The magazine fundraising campaign has once again been very successful. The total orders have exceeded \$16,000. The profits from magazine sales will be used to update the school library. Plans are underway to renovate our library. Renovations will include new books, new furniture, new shelving as well as painting the library. Thank you to everyone in the community who supported Central School by purchasing magazines.

### USED BOOK SALE

Thank you to Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Karry-Bonneau, Mrs. Smith and Brendan Stewart, for their work organizing our book sale. Proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase new books.

### HEATHERBEL'S CHRISTMAS SHOW

Please join Heather at her Christmas show!!

Saturday November 1st, 11am—7pm

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Sunday November 2nd, 11am-5pm

746 Winston Road, Grimsby, 905-643-9896, [www.heatherbels.ca](http://www.heatherbels.ca)

Heather donates baskets to Central at Christmas and Easter.

Custom orders, candles, florals and many gift items & ideas.

# SPORTS

## JUNIOR SOCCER TEAMS

Both our junior girls and boys teams have participated in a tournament held on Tuesday September 23rd at Smith School. Even though our teams were not the champions, they enjoyed a great day of soccer, fun and sportsmanship. Below are the members of both teams:

Summer Temple	Alexander Gris
Kayla Baker	Brayden Wenzel
Nicole Spadaro	Cole Miller
Tristin Sutherland	Mac Uhler
Francesca Boncodd	John Bell
Mackenzie Williamson	Lucas Penny
Lily White-Mitchell	Aidan Heximer
Amanda Martin	Gavin Smith
Katrine Stephens	Jake Lamb
Harmony Clark	Daniel Marr
Maddison Jones	Kai Scott
Olivia Garr	Nolan Procyshyn
Gwen May Siozios	Dylan Bajic
Sierra VanSoelen	Jack Miller
Hilary Phelps	Michael Andress

Thank you our coaches for their work with our team—Mrs. Farquhar, Ms. Jonz, Mrs. Nicitopoulos, and Mrs. Meecham.



## TURKEY TROT

Each day (weather permitting) all of our students (JK to Gr. 8) are participating in 20 minutes of physical activity. The students run, walk or jog around the school yard. For each lap completed, students receive a ticket for a classroom Thanksgiving draw to be held on Thursday October 9th.



## INTERMEDIATE SOCCER TEAMS

Both the intermediate girls and boys teams participated in a tournament held on Thursday September 18th. After a long challenging day, the girls took the wildcard in the semifinals but lost to Senator Gibson in shoot outs. Even though the boys did not make it to the finals they showed dedication and fairplay throughout the tournament.

Below are members of the intermediate team:

Dylan Reeve	Brittany Wilson
Troy Smith	Lexie Penny
Riley Dunda	Olivia Fraser
Brock Martin	Savannah Cochran
Brendan Blythe	Mary Uttley
Eric Dunn	Hannah Kowaleski
Clayton Cranwell	Olivia Colling
Josh Turner	Rachel Reid
Ty Keca	Sylvia Bloomfield
Isaac Seabrook	Kayla White
Devin Wenzel	Carlie Smith
Tyler Paton	Melissa Saigeon
Cody McConnell	Arden Fairbrother
Jack Struiksma	Kristen Moore
Doug Murdock	Sarah-Teresa Marinelli
Zack Williamson	Natalie Anderson
Jamie Lawless	Brianne Henderson
Ben Posavad-Manager	

## COLOUR TEAMS

All students in grade 1-6 have been placed on a colour team for house league activities. Our kick-off assembly was held on Wednesday September 24th. Our grade 7 and 8 students are the team captains. We hope you will encourage your child to participate in our house league activities during fitness breaks.

# C-HAWK AWARDS

Congratulations to each of the following students who were recognized for their personal achievements at our Recognition Assembly.

Chloe Konkle	Lucas Lamb	Nathan Landry
Connor MacDonald	Sydney Gill	Nicole Niemeyer
Brianna Greensides	Jake Tsekrekos-Lawson	Emma Oettgen
Kirsi O'Quinn	Lucas Penny	Keijon Burgess
Liam Benner	Kai Scott	Lucy Haines
Sophie Horton	Tucker McSwain	Emily Lawson
Laila Melynychuk	Kayla Baker	Raven Foster
James Dunn	Tessa Swackhammer	Melissa Saigeon
Maddie Pidsadny	Brendan Gratton	Nicholas Filipovic
Carter McMaster	Katie Durst	Yianni Philippeos
Emily Stuart	Nick Strileski-Thring	Jim Swanson
Anna Woiceshyn	Caitlin Muhl	Paige Hutchings
Nakita Day	Hannah Deroche	Watson VanSoelen
Emily Puffer	Brittany Wilson	Pierce Shadbolt
Cole Schellenberg	Kevin Bonneau	Hannah Kowalewski
		Amy Cleaver



## **COMMUNICATION MATTERS: Good Communications**

### **"Smart talk from your DSBN Speech-Language Pathologists"**

Communication is at the core of learning and developing self-esteem. Learning how to communicate effectively with others is critical for social and academic development. Knowing the rules, communication, and behaviours that will help students to learn and live more harmoniously with others may be the most important tools they will acquire throughout their years in school. Children become more receptive to learning when they feel good about themselves, and they are more willing to risk academically since making mistakes is less devastating. Good communicators do the following:

- use eye contact
- notice body language
- take turns
- speak clearly
- act interested
- allow adequate space between the listener and speaker
- observe before they communicate
- listen
- use a polite tone of voice
- use an appropriate rate of speech
- remain on the topic

To help your child focus on good communication, your family might spend some time noticing all the "habits" good communicators use. For example, if someone accidentally interrupts you and apologizes, you might comment on their good communications. You might also like to have each family member identify their best communication skill. Dad might be a good listener, while mom might be a good turn-taker. Once everyone is aware of communication, enhancing and learning new communication will be far easier.



Parents,

The Central Staff are excited to once again be offering the Breakfast Club to students. The program will run Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 8:45 in the back of room 107.

This year we are asking parents who are interested to enroll their children in the program. The program will be offering nutritious breakfast choices. Our goal is to provide students with a healthy start to their day. As we all know, breakfast can be the most important meal of the day. Unfortunately, many children regularly miss breakfast or resort to snacking on the way to school.

Each morning breakfast will be served and supervised by students from the Grimsby Secondary School along with a Central staff member or parent volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please let us know by indicating below.

The program will begin Tuesday, October 14, 2008.



***Breakfast Club***



My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be participating in the Breakfast Club this year.

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to be a volunteer in the Breakfast Club.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# LITERACY AND NUMERACY CORNER

Central Public School is working through our school growth plan goals and they will align with the D.S.B.N. focus on Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers are constantly being in-serviced and are delivering the best program possible to your son/daughter. The staff looks forward to working closely with parents to ensure the best possible experience for your child.

To support the your child's education, please consider some of these strategies and look for ways that you can implement them at home.

## LITERACY

- read with your child daily and have them make predictions based on the cover or back information
- ask questions to help clarify comprehension of text
- have your child retell the story
- take your child to the library or buy quality reading material (monthly Scholastic Book Orders) that he/she has an interest in
- for the independent reader discuss the author's purpose, make inferences, connections to real world experience and draw conclusions



## MATH

- practice daily mental math with your child, this can be one digit addition and subtraction, multiplication and division tables, or BEDMAS
- problem solving skills that apply to real life situations (build in real world relationships to make this relevant)
- when doing your groceries, ask your child to estimate your running total of money spent

