



HAWK'S EYE VIEW

Central Public School

HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

Celebrating 105 Years of Excellence

FEBRUARY

2011

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Term 1 report cards will be sent home on February 9th. There is not a designated interview day for this reporting period. Interviews will be scheduled by each teacher as requested by a parent or the teacher. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's report card, please contact the homeroom teacher.

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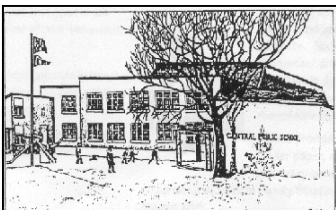
Please mark March 1st on your calendar. We are planning our Family Literacy evening for this date. We hope your family will join us for some fun and games involving literacy. Stay tuned for more information.

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Central school is a positive place to teach, learn and grow because of the cooperation between our students, parents and teachers. Thank you to all of these groups for their involvement in our school.

Sincerely, *Mrs. N. Hardyman ~ Principal*

REPORTS GO HOME FEBRUARY 9, 2011



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
Achieving Success Together

OFFICE UPDATE

FAMILY DAY

Monday February 21st is a statutory holiday to celebrate Family Day. All schools will be closed on this day. We hope that all families are able to enjoy this additional time together.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Did you race out of the house without breakfast? The Central School breakfast club is open each day at 8:25 am. All students are welcome.

GRADE 3&6 MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT

The District School Board of Niagara is undertaking a mid-year assessment of the skills of our Grade 3 and 6 students. The students will complete these assessments in their classes. The assessment will be over a 3 day period, one hour on each day. The teachers will use this information for program planning.

YMCA CHILD CARE at Central School

Registering for September 2011

Half Day Care JK/SK

Before/After School

7:00-9:00 am and 11:00 am-6:00 pm

905-945-6761



DENTAL SCREENING

Grades JK/SK, 2, 4, 6, 8 will be having a free dental screening on either February 14 or February 16, 2011. Please contact the Public Health Department at 1-800-263-7248 ext. 7280 if you **DO NOT** wish for your child(ren) to participate in this free service.



Are you on Fundscrip yet? Join us and you can raise money for our school when you do your regular shopping!

How does it work?

Instead of paying with cash at the store, you use a gift card that you purchased through our school. It costs you nothing extra, but Fundscrip pays the school a percentage of every card purchased. Fundscrip has gift cards for all the major grocery chains, as well as gas stations, drug stores, restaurants, bookstores... So far parents just like you have raised over \$450.00 for Central School through this program!

Sign me up!

Register online at www.fundscrip.com, using our invitation code: **7VFBV2**. While you are there, download an EFT form to make payment faster and easier. The order deadline is every Thursday morning by 9:15, and gift cards can be picked up in the office the following Wednesday.

Questions? Contact Sarah Rangaratnam at sarah@rangaratnam.com

JANUARY C-HAWK AWARDS

Kylen Azem Simmons	Griffin Owen	Laura Andreychuk	Rebecca Thompson
Andrew Furtney	Hayden Miller	Chelsea Duff	Jesse Vanderwal
Glenda Castle	Brooke Ferris	Chaz Alway	Kendall Fraser
Emma Macquire	Savannah VanSoelen	Megan Hunt	Aidan Heximer
Quinn Glumac	Jacob Wynperle	Luke McLeod	Megan Hollingsworth
Emma Parker	Abby Brannen	Katie Durst	John Bell
Owen Blackwood	Jordan Wedzinga	Laura Shaver	Katrine Stephens
Alex McNiven	Steven Bosnic	Julia Hayes	Jacob Baker
Paige Owen	Joseph Marucci	Samantha Trach	Vincent Gibson
Ada Fast	Nina Robinson	Liam Dunda	Rachel McCleary
Mark D'Cunha	Gavin Derksen	Christian Scotland	Nathanial Day
Sophie Horton	Jack Miller	Daniel Scotland	Roman Svoljsak
Sawyer Lewis	Madison Blaschuk	Rob Spencer	

GRADE 7 & 8 TRIP TO OTTAWA

The trip to Ottawa for our Grade 7 and 8 students is scheduled for February 15-18th. Students who are **NOT** participating in this trip are expected to be in regular attendance at school.

If a student will not be attending school during this time, a **NOTE MUST BE SENT TO THE OFFICE!** Mrs. Clutterbuck, Madame Kelly and Mr. Digweed will be at the school to cover the remaining students.

SPORTS

SKATING

Please check the calendar for our remaining skating dates. Thank you to the many parents who tie skates and help our students on the ice.

HOUSE LEAGUES

Our primary colour teams are playing cosom hockey during the second fitness break. Thank you to our Grade 7 and 8 captains and officials for being leaders during these games.

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

Best of luck to our Central C-Hawk Cheerleaders. They have entered a competition at the Hershey Centre on Saturday, February 26th.

Thank you to Coral Mason, Mrs. Braukmann and Mrs. DeGraaf and all of the high school coaches for their dedication to our team.



Claude Haggerty - Magic Man

On February 14th, Claude Haggerty - The Magic Man - will provide a “magical” presentation to our students.

We thank Mr. Heywood of Grimsby Secondary School for providing this opportunity to our students.

SILVER WISHES FOR WEST LINCOLN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

During the month of February, we will be collecting change for West Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Each year a piece of hospital equipment is purchased with the coins collected in the Town of Grimsby Schools. Last year a photo-therapy Light for use in treating newborn babies born with jaundice was purchased. Thank you in advance for your support of our local hospital.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

Tuesday, March 1st

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

The New Provincial Report Card

On February 9, 2011 all Grades 1-8 students will bring home the new elementary report card. The Progress Report in November provided you with information about how your child was learning in the classroom and gave an indication of progress towards achieving the curriculum expectations for all subjects.

Learning Skills and Work Habits are an important focus of the new report card. These are critical life skills that students will work on from Grades 1 to Grade 12. Teachers evaluate how well students are achieving these skills for their grade level and include a comment about each student's strengths and some next steps for continued growth.

For each subject being taught this term, your child will receive either a letter grade (Grades 1-6) or a percentage grade (Grades 7 & 8). If a subject is only being taught in Term 2, then the teacher will check NA (not applicable) for that subject on the report card. For each subject, there will be a comment that describes your child's strengths and some next steps that will support learning in Term 2.

You may notice some minor changes regarding how the subjects are reported. For example, some subject areas are now reported separately. These include: Music, Drama, Dance, and Visual Art; and Health Education, and Physical Education.

Communication between teachers and parents/guardians is an important support for student success. We encourage all parents/guardians to discuss the report card with your child. All parents/guardians are invited to contact the school if you would like to schedule an opportunity to discuss your child's achievement and next steps for learning with his/her teacher.

CANADIAN MEDICALERT FOUNDATION'S "NO CHILD WITHOUT" PROGRAM

The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation has developed a **free** program to protect children living with chronic medical conditions, allergies or special needs. This program is called No Child Without. It was developed to ensure children across Canada from Junior Kindergarten up to their 14th birthday receive MedicAlert protection at no cost to the parent, school or Board of Education. The No Child Without program is fully funded by the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation in partnership with the Lions Clubs of Canada, a grant from the Government of Canada and by individuals, local businesses and corporations.

Each child in the participating school will receive a No Child Without bar-coded brochure specific to the school. Review the brochure, if you choose to have your child participate in the program, please follow the information provided in the brochure. If your child is already a member, call MedicAlert to see if you should transfer your child to the No Child Without program.

Students will have a choice of pre-selected MedicAlert identification, listing their medical conditions and membership number. As a member of MedicAlert, you will receive a wallet card with all of the member's information (this can be used as an information card for parents). Access to the 24 Hour Emergency Hotline, notification of personal emergency contact at the time of an emergency and a follow-up with parents after the emergency call has been made to the Hotline. Should your child move to another school in Canada, they are still protected. Visit www.nochildwithout.ca to learn more about the program.

STUDENT SAFETY

Arrivals:

Just a reminder that the doors to our school are locked at 9:00 am. Anyone coming to the school after 9:00 am must use the doorbell.

Please remember to report directly to the office and identify yourself immediately after you enter the school.

Leaving the School:

Parents and students are reminded that prior to leaving the school for any reason (appointments, illness, etc) students

must be signed out at the office.

There is no other way for us to accurately maintain the whereabouts of our students unless this is done. Similarly, when students arrive late or at any other time during the school day, they must sign-in at the office.

We cannot make exceptions.

Your co-operation is appreciated.

EMERGENCY WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION

As in the past, DSBN representatives will be contacting local radio stations regarding any bus cancellations or school closings in the event of early morning inclement weather situations. The following radio stations are contacted prior to the 7:00am news broadcast:

<u>AM Stations</u>	<u>FM Stations</u>
CKTB 610	CHTZ 97.7
CHSC 1220	CHRE 105.7
CKOC 1150	CKEY 105.1
CHML 900	K-LITE 102.9
CHAM 820	Y108 107.9
	SPIRIT 91.7

Should there be any questions in respect to weather on any particular day

PLEASE LISTEN TO A LOCAL RADIO STATION. Please, **DO NOT** call the school or the bus company.

BUSES

Parents please be aware that if the buses are cancelled in the morning, there will be no buses at dismissal time. Parents will be required to pick up their children at 3:20.



MAKE CHANGE FOR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN 2011

February 14th

The Education Foundation of Niagara is the DSBN charity and all funds raised go directly back to our students for program enhancements and poverty relief. The Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund supports the extraordinary, emergency, personal and school related needs of individual students brought about by financial hardship.

Since 2008 over 3000 DSBN students have been assisted with \$65,000 in support.

We all know at least one of these children...torn windbreaker that is worn as a jacket throughout winter, worn shoes, no lunch, absent from every field trip. And, all too often, a tragedy touches one of our students by the way of fire, illness, or death in the family.

To continue to do our best at helping children in need we are engaging in this year's campaign and invite you to participate in a small way. On February 14th, please send a Loonie or a Toonie with your child or just *make some change* and do what you can to help us help the kids. Email efn@dsbn.edu.on.ca or visit www.efnonline.ca for more information on how they support our youth. We look forward to working with you to raise the funds needed to support students-in-need!

Vaccines and Elementary School Children

At this time of year, Niagara Region Public Health conducts an annual review of vaccination records for all elementary school children in the Niagara region. If the vaccination information we have on file for your child is NOT complete, you will receive a suspension letter in the mail from Public Health next month (March 2011).

Please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that you have reported your child's vaccinations to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

WEBSITE: www.niagararegion.ca

TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line): 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459

FAX (a copy of your child's Immunization Record): 905-688-8225

In most cases, we are missing vaccination information about your child's:

booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; **and**, second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with an original legal exemption document (i.e., a statement of medical exemption, or a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit).

Please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 if you have any questions or concerns.

SOLVING PROBLEMS IN MATHEMATICS

Asking questions to get your children talking about solving problems in mathematics is a great way to deepen their understanding about what they are currently learning in math. Questions that require children to justify or explain their solutions encourage them to reflect on their learning. The following are just a few examples of questions that you can ask your children at home:

- How did you solve the problem?
- What did you do?
- What strategy did you use?
- Would your strategy work for other numbers or problems? Why or why not?
- What math words did you use or learn?
- What did you do first, next ...?
- What did you learn today?

**Questions taken from A Guide to Effective Instruction in Mathematics*

ECO-CORNER

Eco-Corner ... brought to you by: DSBN Environmental Sustainability Committee

Waste reduction: Suggestions for Valentine's Day

February 14th is just around the corner ... why not show someone you not only care about them but also the environment ... try Valentine E-Cards for a zero waste option.

[http://www.123greetings.com/events/valentines day/](http://www.123greetings.com/events/valentines%20day/)

<http://www.care2.com/sendcatvalentine2.html>

Eco Leader staff, students and families can share their waste reduction initiatives and ideas with our committee ... go to dsbn.org/esc/ and "submit your ideas". We are always looking for great creative ways to live sustainably.

HOMEWORK HELP PROJECT

Is your student having difficulties in math class? Here are some things they can do:

1. Talk to their teacher as soon as they have difficulties.
2. See if their school has a "Math Help" clinic after school or at lunch.
3. Talk to guidance and ask about a peer tutor.
4. Make use of the new Homework Help website: www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org

Would your student benefit from free math tutoring provided by certified Ontario teachers?

Online math homework help is available for all Grade 7 to 10 math students. Register right away to be ready for Term 2. There are over 3100 DSBN students registered and those who have visited the site have returned an average of 5 times. It obviously is very popular!

Registered students can log in at <http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org> from Sunday to Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. for 20 hours a week for one-on-one confidential tutoring, all within the comfort of their own home. Contact your student's Math teacher or Guidance counselor to register.



ASK YOUR CHILDREN QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT THE READING PROCESS

Readers who are actively involved in reading ask themselves questions before, during and after reading a selection. This not only increases their comprehension of what is being read, but it fully engages them in the reading process. As readers, when we are fully engaged in the reading process, we are more likely to remember important details and information. Asking questions is a great way for readers to monitor their comprehension of a text. In class, your child has learned that successful readers generate their own questions and that not all questions generated will be answered.

Learning to ask questions throughout the reading process is an important reading strategy because it teaches a reader to think aloud. It helps readers review important points in the text, evaluate the quality of the text, make connections, and refine predictions.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. Model this questioning process by reading to your child and stopping during the reading to question what is going on in the text. Use questions such as:
 - “What does this mean?”
 - “Is this important?”
 - “How do I think this story will end?”
 - “What does this word mean?”
 - “Do I need to read this again?”

Then, have your child practice asking questions independently.

2. Pre-select several stopping points in a text to stop and ask questions. Have your child verbalize questions s/he has at each stopping point.
3. Encourage your child to write down their questions as they read. Be sure the focus is not about finding correct answers but that it is on curiosity, wonder, and asking thought provoking questions.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

** ideas and strategies are taken from: The CAFÉ Book, written by Gail Boushey and Joan Moser*



DSBN Academy information session

for families of grade 5 and 6 students who would like to learn more about the program.

DSBN Academy will be a Grade 6–12 public school that focuses on supporting and empowering students to be the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.

DSBN Academy strategies for success:

- School-wide shared beliefs focused on post-secondary preparation
- Committed and motivated students, families and staff
- Single track academic program
- Advisory program support
- After school “encore” programs
- Programming that encourages parent involvement
- Transportation

Families of children attending:

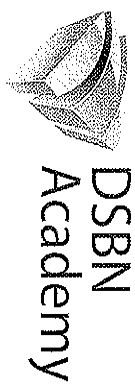
Central, Grand Avenue, Lakeview, Nelles, Park, Smith

Please join us on:

Wednesday,
February 9, 2011
6:00pm

in the library at:

Central School
10 Livingston Ave.,
Grimsby



ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY



For more information about the DSBN Academy or the information session, please contact your school principal.

905-641-1550
www.dsbni.org