



# HAWK'S EYE VIEW

## Central Public School

HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

*Celebrating 106 Years of Excellence*

JANUARY

2012

### Happy New Year!

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Happy Holidays and New Year to families. We hope that you will have an exciting and fun holiday. Remember to bring back your indoor shoes. It would be awful to have an emergency that required us to leave the building and you didn't have any footwear on. Please remember to label your clothing too. Emergency School closure procedures are noted later in the newsletter. Hopefully this expanded list will ensure you know what is happening on a snowy day.

Thank you to those families who donated to our food and family boxes. I'm sure the recipients were appreciative.

Just a reminder that we have a strict policy on throwing snow. Please review the expectations with your child so they are aware of the consequences for not respecting this policy.

Thank you to Mr. Tempest for organizing a wonderful holiday concert. We were very proud of all of our students.

January brings planning for our Grade 8 students. Grimsby Secondary School Open House is Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 -9 pm.

**EXCITING NEWS FOR 2012/13 SCHOOL YEAR:** Central and Lakeview schools are welcoming the **French Immersion Program as a team!** Registrations for the program will take place beginning January 9th until February 29th.

(online – <https://app.dsbn.edu.on.ca/fsl/> and applications will be available at DSBN schools)

**Central will have entry for Grade 1, Grade 4 and Grade 5 classes for next year.**

Lakeview will deliver the grade 6, 7 and 8. An information night is planned here at Central School on **January 30th at 7:00pm.** Look for more details to be sent home in January.

(Currently our Gr. 5 French Immersion will remain at Central School for Grade 6).

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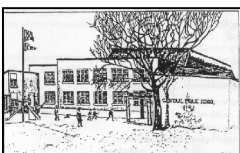
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### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION / OPEN HOUSE

An Open House and registration for our future Central C-Hawks will be held on **Thursday, February 2nd, 2012 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.** Children who will be 4 years of age before December 31, 2012 are eligible to register for Junior Kindergarten for September 2012. We also will register any students for Senior Kindergarten if they have not attended Junior Kindergarten. Students currently in Junior Kindergarten do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten. In order to register for school, please bring the following information:

- birth certificate
- proof of immunization
- health card number

Please inform your friends and neighbours of the Kindergarten registration/open house date. We would like to register as many students as possible on this night.



**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**  
Achieving Success Together

## OFFICE UPDATE

Have you **changed your home phone number, business number, or cell number**? If so, please contact the school and be sure to let us know of the changes. We may be trying to contact you if there is an emergency at school.

**Please call the school when your child or children are going to be away or late.** The answering machine is on 24 hours a day to receive messages. Thank you.

## CAMP WAHANOWIN

### REMINDER:

**Next payment is due January 27th 2012**

**\$100.00**

## SNOWBALLS

To ensure the safety of students on our playground during the winter months, it is necessary for us to ban the throwing/kicking of snow/ice. The students are constantly reminded of this rule during in-class discussions, at assemblies, and over the morning announcements. Should it be found that a student has violated this rule, his/her name is recorded in the office and the appropriate consequences are instituted. These include suspension for repeat offenders who endanger the safety of others. **REMINDE YOUR CHILDREN OF THESE RULES!**

Also, please remind your children to stay off the snow banks that will build up by parking lots.



Congrats to the Me to We Club and all the other students who raised \$749.00 on the Vow of Silence Day to recognize those in the world who have no voice for their way of life or are not free to speak out against wrong doings.

## GRIMSBY BENEVOLENT FUND

A huge **THANK YOU** to our families and students who donated food items to this fund. Congratulations to Mr. Tempest's class for bringing the most number of items. In total they had 342 items! They earned a **PIZZA** party for their efforts.



Thank you to everyone that shopped at **M&M Meat Shops** and helped raise money for our school. Your participation raised **\$29.00** through sales.

## Skating Dates and Times for January

**January 16th - 1:00-2:00 - 2/3-Nicitopolpous, 3-Drummond, 4-Jonz**

**January 16th - 2:00-3:00 - JK/SK PM Larock, 1-Donders, 1/2-Wainwright, 2-Lobb**

**January 30th - 1:00-2:00 - 5-Nicholls, 5- Kurzawa, 6-Huebert**

**January 30th - 2:00-3:00 - 8- Clutterbuck, 8-Lamb, 8-Johnson**

Please ensure your child brings skates, gloves or mittens on their scheduled day. We will not permit phone calls home for forgotten skates. Helmets are Strongly Recommended.



## JungleSports

We are very excited to provide an adventure experience for the students at Central School. During the week of **January 23-27, 2012** our gymnasium will become a jungle experience. We have been fortunate to book Junglesport Inc., to be at Central during this entire week. An indoor climbing structure will be set up for students appropriate to their age group. Each class will have several opportunities during the week to participate in activities which may include swinging on vines and giant swings, rock climbing, and zip lines. The activities are lead by qualified instructors. Participants are able to safely explore heights, discover fundamental movement skills and limitations, explore team building and develop leadership qualities.



## Christmas Concert



Thank you to family and friends who were a part of the audience for our Christmas Concert on December 19th. It was wonderful for our singers and performers to have the gym filled with supportive fans. A special thank you to Intermediate staff especially our director: Mr. Tempest. Students took responsibility for writing, set design and performing. Thank you to Mrs. Grayson for her accompaniment. It is great to see the spirit of the season alive at Central.

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Congratulations to the following students for selling the most Avon during our fundraiser. We have a winner from each division! Kallie Francalanza from 8J, Olivia Ingram from 4J and Emma Macquire from SK Larock. They each received a stuffed interactive Christmas plush. Also to Mrs. Larock's class, for selling the most orders as a class!

### **CELL PHONES / CAMERAS / IPODS**



Many students will have received special gifts at Christmas. These gifts are often very expensive and can easily be lost at school. We will not be responsible for their replacement. Parents and students are also reminded that cell phones should not be turned on or used in our classrooms without teacher direction and for instructional purposes. According to the District School Board of Niagara policy, we require that all cell phones must be turned off as soon as students arrive on school property. All cell phones must be stored in student backpacks.

**We ask that staff, students and visitors not wear perfumes and scented products.**

**This will help give everyone healthy air to breathe.**

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th, 6:30 p.m.

Please join us in the LIBRARY

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

In preparation for High School, grade eight students and their parents are encouraged to attend the pertinent upcoming Open House sessions:

Grimsby S.S.	January 17, 2012	7:00-9:00 pm
Beamsville District S.S.	January 17, 2012	6:30-8:30 pm
South Lincoln S.S.	January 18, 2012	7:00-9:00 pm

**Come and find out about:**

**Academics, Athletics, Clubs and Activities, Leadership Opportunities and much more!!**

## DECEMBER C-HAWK AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following students who received awards in December.*

Maddison Jones	Rachel Tylee	Emily Sproston
Kallie Francalanza	Jamie Disher	Ted Sullivan-Coombes
Gavin Smith	Jorja Weicker	Ceara Dickey
Lucus Penny	Jessica Abell	Zachary Renwick
Jessica Garr	Jessika Brown	Trevor Potten
Dylas Stevens	Cecilia Muys	Taylor Laister
Valerie Bisland	Nakita Day	Cora MacQuire
Brianna Kool	Anna Woiceshyn	Cole Wells
Maddie Pidsadny	Samantha Marucci	Kaelan Polmanter-Gentle
Laura Bajic	Summer Halladay	Kate D’Cunha
Skyler Burke	Jack Hayden	Lauren Bozich
Hailey Everingham	Joshua Lawless	Emily McCleary
Sammy Lawless	Preston Mainprize	Chloe Kreft
Jacob Shepherd	Roxy Monaghan	Connor MacDonald
Emma Shipley	Nina Robinson	Mitchell Wilson
Kenwyn Fecik	Spencer Russell	
Lauren Nugent	Ishmeen Sandal	
Joshua Seabrook	Lily Savidant	

### More Thank You’s...

A big thank you to all those who have helped in the library from the beginning of the year - Ben Afnan, Valerie Fast, Nicki Manley, Gayle Greensides, Elaine Muir, Melissa Prowse and Sherri Salvisburg. Their help is absolutely essential to the smooth operation of the library here at Central!!

A huge thank you to the Pollard family for their generous donation to Mrs. Grayson’s JSK classroom.

Some of you may be aware that we have angels that donate food items to our breakfast and snack bin programs. They are ...

*Shirley Kuyvenhoven, Nicholas Kazan and Nicolas von Bredow from HomeLife Power Realty Inc. along with James Jacobs, Manager of Sobey’s Grocery store in Grimsby*



**HOPE** (*Helping Others Parent Effectively*) group's next meeting is January 18, 2012 at the St. Catharines Regional Child Care Centre-179 Carlton Street, St. Catharines. The topic will be: Healthy Eating Tips for the Whole Family - Sandy Maxwell, Registered Dietitian, Suggestions for weight, sleep and physical activity concerns

### **Junior Girls Volleyball**

Congratulations to the junior girls volleyball team who ended the season in second place in our region. The girls participated in the DSBN tournament on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mlle. Kurzawa and Ms. Wainwright for their time spent coaching our team. Team members: Tessa Lacasse, Alyssa Scott, Kiara Mohr, Chloe Rossi, Serena Willis, Abby Brannen, Hope Glumac, Lauren Nugent, Stephanie Glover, Brianna Kool, Skyler Burke, and Hanna Puffer.



### **SCHOOL COUNCIL BOOK DRIVE**

The week of January 23<sup>rd</sup> is a USED BOOK DRIVE sponsored by Central's School Council to support our school's library! It's a great opportunity to clean off your bookshelves and help build the library collection. Only gently used books appreciated. Books will be collected in the homeroom classrooms. The class who collects the most books will win a pizza lunch.

## **FEBRUARY 2ND IS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

**KiNdeRGaRTen  
CoUNTDOWN**

Going to school for the first time is a major step for children and their parents. At the DSBN, families start that journey together at the 'Kindergarten Countdown' open houses. Families can visit our school, meet the Early Learning teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

**FOR 2012-13, WE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING FULL DAY EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM FOR ALL JK/SK STUDENTS.**

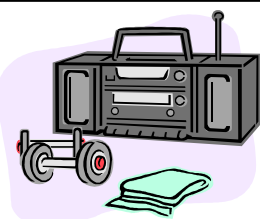
Mark your calendar for **Thursday, February 2, 2012** from 4-6 p.m. for our Kindergarten Countdown open house. Visit [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org) for more information.

## Karate News...

Happy New Year! I hope the students have been sharing with you the stories and skills taught. Last week was all about Body Language and having “positive and healthy” Body language. The different school forms can be seen on my website [www.thekarateguy.com](http://www.thekarateguy.com)

The winter session starts January 9th when school returns. Winter is always very popular, as there is a session on Nunchaku (foam ones) and some fun eating with chopsticks. As well as preparing for our karate tournament.

Keep kicking,  
Mr. Paterson



### *NEW for February 2012*

#### Central School Fitness Fund Raising Event

#### INTERVAL CARDIO + LATIN FUNK

A dynamic fitness program that will blow you away!!!

Come and have loads of FUN

**Offering 4-sessions (2-“Latin Funk” and 2-“Interval Cardio”)**

**Where: Central School Gym**

**When: Mondays Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 to 8:00 pm**

**COST: ONLY \$25 for all 4 sessions**

Open to all Central School parents, teachers, staff, friends and family  
Hurry as space is limited...

**If you have any questions please feel free to contact Barb Gibson at [bgibson16@cogeco.ca](mailto:bgibson16@cogeco.ca).**

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**Please have your submission in by Feb. 1st, 2012.**

**Teacher:**

**Name:**

**Phone #:**

**E-mail:**

**Payment enclosed \$25:**



## *District School Board of Niagara*

### *Expanding French Immersion for 2012*

The District School Board of Niagara is pleased to now offer French Immersion beginning at the Grade 4 level across the system. In addition, as of September 2012, we will be implementing a Grade One French Immersion Pilot at 5 locations. As well as the new grade 4 entry, Grade 5 entry will continue across the Board for the 2012-2013 school year (Grade 7 entry will continue in St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake).

Information re: entry levels and the application process is on the DSBN website [www.dsb.org](http://www.dsb.org). Click on the Parent Tab, under Programs, click on French and International Languages, click on French Immersion Registration. Applications for Grades 1, 4, 5 and 7 (at select schools) will be online. Application packages will also be available at your child’s school starting January 9, 2012. Further program information will be sent home with your child in January.

“The ability to communicate in French is a valuable skill, because French is **one** of Canada’s two official languages and because it is a language used widely around the world. Research confirms that knowledge of a second language strengthens first-language skills and that the ability to speak two or more languages generally enhances reasoning and problem solving skills, as well as creative-thinking skills. Learning a second language not only strengthens students’ ability to communicate, but also develops their capacity to understand and respect other cultures. In this way, second-language learning prepares students to participate more effectively in the workplace and in the global economy, and provides them with a distinct advantage in a number of careers, both in Canada and internationally.” (pg 3 of the E.F./F.I. Curriculum Document (C.D.) 2001)

Parent Information Evenings will take place during the weeks of January 30 – February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to find out more details about the French Immersion program, please attend one of the Information Evenings listed below or call your school.

Central	January 30, 2012	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Alexandra	January 30, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Parliament Oak	January 31, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Dalewood	January 31, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
McKay	January 31, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Prince Philip (Niagara Falls)	February 1, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan Park	February 1, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Gordon	February 6, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Princess Elizabeth	February 6, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Oakridge	February 6, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Briardale	February 7, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Queen Mary	February 7, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
John Marshall	February 8, 2012	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

# **Bienvenue!**

*An important message about  
Inclement Weather Procedures...*



There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

**Websites:**

www.dsbn.org  
www.nsts.ca

**Television Stations:**

COGECO Cable 10  
CHCH Television  
City TV

**Radio Stations:**

CKTB 610 am  
CHML 900 am  
KLite - 102.9 fm  
EZRock 105.7 fm  
Y-108 - 107.9 fm  
Wave 94.7 fm  
Htz 97.7 fm  
The River - 105.1 fm

If early dismissal becomes necessary, we will use the emergency numbers you provided on the confidential form which was sent home in September. If your contact numbers have changed, please call the office with your updated information.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The school may be open even though student transportation has been cancelled. The decision to send children to school is always at the parent's discretion.

## THE NEW PROVINCIAL REPORT CARD

The new provincial report cards for grades 1-8 will be arriving home on February, 9, 2012.

On this report card, students in grades 1-6 will receive letter grades (e.g., A, B, C, D) and students in grades 7 and 8 will receive percentage grades (e.g., 84%, 72%, 67%) to indicate how well they are achieving the curriculum in each of their subjects.

The Learning Skills and Work Habits are the same as the ones that are on the Progress Reports. These are essential skills that will help students to be successful in both school and also as an active member of their community.

The Learning Skills and Work Habits are:

- Responsibility;
- Organization;
- Independent Work;
- Collaboration;
- Initiative; and,
- Self-regulation.

If a particular subject or strand is not part of a student's program this term, then the NA box will be checked. This subject or strand will be reported on in June.

Finally, we hope that you are also pleased to see the excellent work that our teachers are doing to ensure that the comments are written in parent-friendly language. Each comment will identify strengths that your daughter or son is demonstrating and some next steps that will help their learning during the next term. We will not be holding an "Official Interview Evening or day", so if you would like to have an interview, telephone conversation with your child's teacher/s, please indicate on the form that will be sent home and we will contact you to arrange a convenient time. You are also welcome to call the school at any time to speak to teachers.

**“Hey Parents! Do you know what your kids are watching?”**

**Vaccines and elementary school children**

**Young people look to celebrities for reassurance about their fashion and behaviour.**

**The evidence is clear....**

**The more youth see smoking in movies, the more likely they are to start smoking.**

**Ways to Protect our Kids:**

- **Be aware** of what your children are viewing and learn which movies have smoking in them. Updates available every Thursday at: [facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood](http://facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood).
- **Talk to your children** about tobacco and movies and teach them to be media aware.
- **Show your support** to get tobacco out of youth-rated films in Ontario at [smokefreemovies.ca](http://smokefreemovies.ca).
- **Spread the word** to other parents and join the discussion on facebook and twitter.

[www.smokefreemovies.ca](http://www.smokefreemovies.ca)

[facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood](http://facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood)

Niagara Region Public Health is conducting 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 letter and questionnaire from us in the mail later this month (January, 2012).**

Please follow the instructions for reporting your child's vaccinations to us, as outlined in the letter. Various options for reporting are available.

If your child is overdue for one or more vaccinations, you will need to make an appointment with your child's doctor to get your child vaccinated. You can also make an appointment for your child at one of Public Health's General Immunization Clinics by calling 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to vaccinate your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with an original legal exemption document.

Students under 18 years of age attending Ontario schools must have proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella (German measles). We are required to have this information by law (*Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990*). **Please provide us with your child's missing vaccination information by March 8, 2012 or your child may be suspended from school.**

For more information, please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.