



HAWK'S EYE VIEW

Central Public School

▶ HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

Celebrating 105 Years of Excellence

JUNE

2011

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are now headed into the last month of the 2010-2011 school year. It has been a busy year with many reasons to celebrate. The Central staff are very proud of the achievements of all our students this year.

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We are also very proud of our grade 8 graduating classes. We look forward to recognizing their achievements on June 27th. The final newsletter for this school year will be sent home at the end of June. It will contain information regarding staff changes for next year.

Mrs. N. Hardyman ~ Principal

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LAST SCHOOL DAY

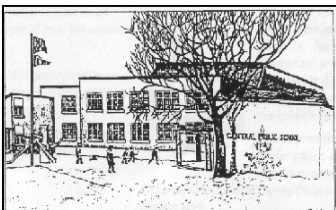
Wednesday, June 29th is the last day of school for our students. Dismissal will be at the regular time. **June 30th** is a Professional Development day. The staff will be involved in planning for the next school year and attending workshops.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

The year end assembly will be held on **Wednesday, June 29th at 9:15 am**. At this time, we will say goodbye to staff who are leaving Central. Parents are welcome, as always, to attend.

MOVING?

If you know that you will be moving out of our school area during the summer, please let us know as soon as possible. We would like to take this information into consideration when preparing for next year's classes.



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
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Important Dates 2011/12

September 6: 1st Day of School
September 23: Early Release Day
October 5: World Teachers' Day
October 7: PA Day
October 10: Thanksgiving Day
November 11: Remembrance Day
December 26 - January 6:
 Winter Holiday Break
January 20: PA Day
February 2: Kindergarten Open House 4-6
February 20: Family Day
March 9-16: March Break
April 6: Good Friday
April 9: Easter Monday
May 18: PA Day
May 21: Victoria Day
June 8: PA Day
June 28: Last Day of School



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**PIZZA WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR SALE ON THURSDAY,
JUNE 2 AND THURSDAY,
JUNE 9TH ONLY.**

**THERE WILL BE NO PRE-
ORDERS.**

**ALL SALES WILL BE FIRST
COME FIRST SERVED.**



Do you have a child between the ages of 4 and 6?

If so, please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that he/she has received a:

- 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 your child has not yet received these vaccines, he/she can be immunized free of charge at:

- One of our regular immunization clinics. Please call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment OR
- Special 'catch-up' immunization clinics are also held across the Niagara region in late August, specifically for children and teens (4 to 18 years of age) that need to get caught up on their immunizations prior to school starting. Visit www.niagararegion.ca for a copy of this schedule.

You can also call your child's doctor to make an immunization appointment or visit a local walk-in clinic.

Once your child has received his/her immunization(s), please report this information to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

INTERNET: 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

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with a legal exemption document (i.e., a statement of

OFFICE UPDATE



REPORT CARDS

Final report cards will be issued on **Monday, June 27th** for students in JK to grade 7. Parents are asked to **complete the response form and return it to the school on Tuesday, June 28th.**

Our grade 8 students will receive their report cards at graduation.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

We will be holding our Grade Eight Graduation Ceremony on **Monday, June 27th at 7:00 pm.**

As in past years, our graduating class is very large and it will once again be necessary to limit the number of tickets available to families. In order to be fair to all families, each student will receive 4 (four) tickets to distribute to family members. We regret that we are unable to provide any additional tickets - **there are no extra tickets. IF YOU ARE NOT USING YOUR ALLOTTED 4 TICKETS, PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Thank you.** The ceremony will be followed by a reception.

RETURN LIBRARY MATERIALS

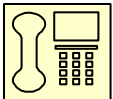
All materials on loan from our library, including books, CD's, videos, etc. must be returned by Thursday June 9th.

We are preparing for our annual inventory: Please be aware that if you have materials that are not returned, you will receive a notice indicating the replacement cost.

Please be prompt in returning loaned items, as this will greatly help us to be ready for student use in September!



STUDENT ATTENDANCE



A reminder that **it is very important that a phone call be made to the school when your child is not in attendance.** Sometimes students opt out of a class trip and do not attend school on that day. We must still account for all of our students and expect that parents will call the school regarding absences.

It is also expected that parents will contact the school if students are not attending on the last three days of school.

Your help in making sure that all students are safe and accounted for is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL VANDALISM

We earnestly seek your cooperation in reducing vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at the school in your neighbourhood, please call in confidence, either of the following emergency numbers:

905-682-8065

905-563-1293

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

The weather is getting warmer and we would like to remind all students of our dress code. At Central School we believe in presenting a positive image of our school. We want our students to be dressed comfortably and neatly. At school or while representing our school on school trips, students may **not** wear:

- hats or head-coverings (when in the building)
- torn or ripped pants/shorts
- low-riding pants, short skirts or short shorts
- clothing with distasteful or potentially hurtful messages or images
- clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages or drugs
- tops that reveal bare backs or midriffs (e.g. no spaghetti straps).

Please note that shoes must be worn at all times due to fire/safety regulations.

DANCE-A-RAMA JUNE 9TH



Thank you to Mrs. Spadaro and the school council for all their work in organizing the Dance-A-Rama for our students. Our theme this year is "I am Canadian". The student council will decorate the gym for this special event. In order to participate, students are required to collect **\$5.00 in pledges**. Special cash prizes will be awarded to those students who collect the highest pledges.

LOST AND FOUND

During the course of the year, our students have left many items behind and now our Lost and Found tables are overflowing with many items of clothing, shoes, hats, gloves, lunch bags, umbrellas, and many other items.

Now is your chance to check for lost items.

Items are displayed outside the library. Please take the time to come and look for items that belong to you before June 1st.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On Thursday, May 19th we recognized our volunteers at a special assembly. Once again, thank you to our dedicated helpers who make special things happen for the students at Central School.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our final school council meeting was held on May 24th. Thank you to all of our Council members who have worked hard on behalf of the Central students.

Mrs. Spadaro - Chair Mrs. Lawson - Treasurer Mrs. Baker - Secretary

Ms. Muir and Mrs. Ivins - Pizza Fundraising Mrs. Rangaratnam - Fundscrip Fundraising

We also thank Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Paling, Ms. Jonz and Mr. Digweed for their support this year.

Mrs. Spadaro will be stepping down as the Chair of our School Council at the end of this year. She has been a strong leader and a great ambassador for Central School. We have appreciated her leadership.

SOS—SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS

We will be running our annual magazine subscription campaign again in the Fall and would appreciate your continued support. This year we will be using the services of Canadian Community Reading Plan (www.ccrp.ca), **a 100% owned and operated Canadian company.**

They have over 650 magazines to choose from and guarantee product satisfaction and delivery. Although you may have received notices from publishers for your new and/or renewal magazine orders, it would be very much appreciated if you didn't renew your subscriptions through them, but waited for our campaign to start in

September so the students can take your orders. However, hold onto your renewal notices – if that price is lower than offered through the school program, you will pay the lower price by attaching the coupon to your order. A large portion of the funds stays here in our school community. Thank you in advance for "saving" your magazine orders and helping make our future campaign a great success!



C-HAWK AWARDS

Finnegan Quirk	Trinity Svoljsak	Jessica Garr	Jaylin Vaughan
Spencer Shepherd	Abby Douglass	Shyla Kimmell	Chris King
Bayan Afnan	Kloe Kreft	Jennifer MacIntyre	Andrew Nicholl
Rhys Jones	Emily Pruder	Jack Miller	Mac Uhler
Jadyn Chowen	Valerie Bisland	Chase Cummings	Chris Salvisburg
Julia Coutts	James Duncan	Aaron Haslam	Thomas Grummett
Cadence Babcock	Bryce Mainprize	Sean Principi	Jason Gibson
Connor Wells	Carter Hall	Travis Doyle	Jade Sproston
Noah Pollard	Jacob Baker	Shannon Colling	Olivia Garr
Macquire Baker	Riley Schellenberg	Hannah Dabbs	Elias Vitali
Tyzel Miller-Johnson	Mary Blanchette	Melanie Felker	Emma Bonafiglia
Emir Pobric	Sammy Lawless	Megan Hunt	Rebecca Thompson
Bryn Thomas	Danielle Ames	Melanie Kuras-Coomber	Savanah Wiseman
Kylie Typer	Chloe Rossi	Evan Moss	
Cora Macquire	Cole Schellenberg	Daniel Panteleev	

ART IN THE SCHOOLS

Once again Central has art on display from the Grimsby Public Art Gallery. We recently had new tracks installed by the gym. These displays will be changed regularly by the Art Gallery during the school year.

KARATE CLUB

Fantastic year for the Central Karate Club! Great performances at our Tournament. I'm very proud of how hard you have all worked. Have a great summer (if I don't see you at Camp!). I look forward to teaching everyone again in the Fall! Happy Kicking - The Karate Guy "Mr. Patterson"



SILVER BIRCH STUDENT CELEBRATION OF LITERACY CONFERENCE - May 6th



The following students attended the Silver Birch Conference with Mrs. Salierno and Mrs. Grayson. These students qualified to vote in the Province-wide Silver Birch reading program. Congratulations to Jessica Abell, Lucy Cook, Shyla Kimmell, Jennifer MacIntyre, Dorothy Paling, Lucas Penny, Nina Robinson and Chloe Rossi.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Central's Battle of the Books team will compete at the Grimsby Public Library on Friday, June 17th from 9:30—11:00 a.m. Central's team is ...

Jacob Baker -- James Dunn -- Zinan Ahmed
Noah Ferguson -- Skyler Burke -- Hanna Puffer



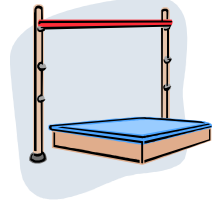


The Ontario Elementary Mountain Biking Championship were held north of Barrie on Friday May 27th. Congratulations to Jake Lamb who placed 1st among the grade 6 riders and 13th overall. For more information about the Elementary Competitive Mountain Biking racing, please see Mrs. Lamb if interested. Thanks for recognizing Jake in this accomplishment!

SPORTS

TRACK AND FIELD

Central School had an outstanding day at the Zone Track and Field Meet held at Mohawk Sports Complex on May 20th. We sent 70 athletes who competed against the finest athletes in our region. Many of our Central athletes achieved personal bests in their events and should be very proud of themselves. We are thrilled to announce that 21 Central athletes now move on to the District School Board of Niagara Track and Field Meet on Monday, June 13th, where they will compete against the best of the best in Niagara. We wish them good luck and know that they will continue to make Central proud!



The following athletes will be competing at the DSBN on June 13th:

Kai Scott, Jake Lamb, Lucas Penny, Skylar Ferris, Nolan Procyshyn, Shannon Colling, Cory Kimmel, Brett Reid, Luke McLeod, Gavin Smith, Brandon Saigeon, Taylor Walters, Melanie Kuras (Coomber), Amanda Melitzer, Laura Kowaleski, Lily White-Mitchell, Brady Cranwell, Ashley Gayle, Olivia Garr, Liam Dunda, Nicole Spadaro, Rob Spencer.

BALL HOCKEY

The Central School ball hockey team played in a tournament on May 7th. They played 4 tough games with the championship being the toughest but nonetheless they came out victorious and won the final game.

The team members in no particular order are. Laura Kowaleski, Brady Cranwell, Olivia Garr, Rob Spencer, Cole Miller, Daniel Scotland, Christian Scotland, Mac Uhler, Ryan Quanz, Kevin Herale, Brandon Saigon, Brendan Watson, Jacob Page, Zac Campbell, Geoff Stone and coach Mr. Nicholls. Absent from picture: Liam Dunda, Liam Pollock and Kendall Fraser.



FUNDRAISING MONEY

Our school sold magazine subscriptions in the fall, and we know that parents like to know where these funds have been used. Many extras that the school budget does not provide for, were purchased with the proceeds. This year we have used fundraising money for the following:

- § Carousel Players for primary classes (\$500 per performance)
- § Incentive prizes for student activities, i.e. Turkey Trot, Spirit Days, Joy Day
- § Benevolent support for student needs
- § Science in the Classroom workshops
- § Central C-Hawk pins, crests and honours pins
- § Grade 8 graduation costs
- § Bussing costs for school events (track and field meets, cross country, skating)
- § Subsidizing costs of student agendas
- § Open House Family BBQ
- § Pizza dinner for Grade 5 students and parents (Puberty Night)
- § Increased technology (Smartboards)
- § EQAO treats for Grades 3 and 6 students
- § Volunteer Appreciation
- § Subsidizing Junglesport
- § Additional Triple Hoop ordered for Backyard
- § 20 iPads for classroom use
- § Power of One Assembly
- § Art in Schools tracks
- § Composers in the Classroom
- § Talent Show refreshments
- § Supplies for Young Chef's Club
- § Honours Breakfast



Healthy Kids

It's that time of year again when hay fever and allergies are becoming more prominent. That means runny noses, sneezes and coughs. While we can't prevent students or staff from getting sick, we can all do our part to make sure that germs don't spread to others. At Central Public School, we will continue disinfecting our desks, door handles and commonly used areas every day. We also have new Purell stations for students to clean their hands after sneezing or coughing. For a fun and interactive presentation that has more tips and tricks to keep yourself and your children healthy throughout the year, please log on to the DSBN website at www.dsbn.org/plant/infectious_diseases/



PLANNING TODAY TO ENERGIZE EDUCATION TOMORROW

During the 2009/10 school year, the DSBN engaged in a system-wide review of our school buildings which enabled trustees to gain an overview of how our facilities are being used, and to identify potential areas for growth and revitalization in the future.

The majority of school boards throughout Ontario are facing the challenge of declining enrolment because of changing demographics. Parents are having fewer children later in life, which reduces the number of students starting Kindergarten each year.

One way school boards can address the issues of declining enrolment and aging facilities is through accommodation reviews. Through this process, education can be rejuvenated by building some new schools, consolidating some schools, renovating some schools and closing some schools.

At their most recent meeting, Trustees passed a Facilities Planning report which examines how to provide optimal learning spaces for students by initiating three phases of accommodation reviews beginning in September, 2011. Phase one accommodation reviews will undertake an in-depth study of central and south St. Catharines and Thorold secondary schools as well as elementary schools in Fort Erie.

Over the coming months, Board staff will begin to assemble an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the two reviews. Each committee will undertake an in-depth study of the school planning areas and provide recommendations that will help guide Trustees in their decision making. Each ARC will include a business community member and/or a municipal representative, parents, a trustee, and DSBN staff. All ARC meetings will be open to the public, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide feedback during specially scheduled public meetings.

Moving forward, our goal is to continue serving students with excellent programs. The accommodation review process will ensure that funding is spent on enriching the educational opportunities for students

The full report, along with information about accommodation reviews is available at www.dsbno.org/arc.