



HAWK'S EYE VIEW

Central Public School

▶ HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

Celebrating 105 Years of Excellence

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

The month of February was extremely busy for our C-Hawks. Now that Term 1 report cards have been sent home, our students are hard at work mastering Term 2 expectations for their grade level.

We are proud of the achievements of our students in a wide range of activities. Our intermediate basketball teams have had a successful season. Both the boys and girls placed 1st in their division. Our TechKnowledge team placed first in the competition at Grimsby Secondary School.

It was also a pleasure to travel with our intermediate students to Ottawa. As a group, we received many compliments on the manners and behaviour of our students. What a wonderful experience for us all!

March Break will soon be here. We hope that you are able to enjoy time together as a family. We look forward to spring and working and learning together.

Sincerely, N. Hardyman

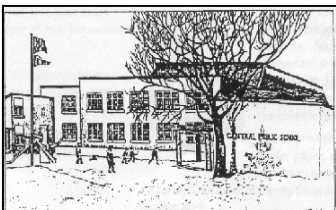
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It is not too late to register for Kindergarten for September 2011. If you have a child that will be four years of age by December 31 they are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September. If your child will be five years of age by December 31, 2011, they are eligible to attend Senior Kindergarten in September.

In order to complete registrations, you will need:

- **BIRTH CERTIFICATE** - Or other proof of birth
- **IMMUNIZATION RECORD**
- **HEALTH CARD**

If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten registration, please call the school office at **905-945-5459**.



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OFFICE UPDATE

Dear Central Parents

It is extremely important to contact the school if your child(ren) will be absent from school. When leaving a message, please provide the name of the child(ren), the reason for their absence (i.e. illness/ appointment/vacation) and the name of the teacher.

If the absence is due to the cancellation of busses, it is still extremely important to contact the school if your child is not attending—in most cases, the busses are cancelled but the school is still open. If transportation is cancelled, there are no busses to take students home at the end of the day. It would help the office staff tremendously to be informed if your child(ren) will be away. Thank you so much for your assistance.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION PHOTOS

Graduation photos will be taken on Tuesday, March 8th at the school. Students are reminded to bring their order form (to be provided by photographer).



Please mark Tuesday, June 28th on your calendar. This is the date of our grade 8 graduation.

REPORT CARDS:

Term 2 Report Cards were sent home on February 9th. Interviews will be scheduled by parent request. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

CO-OP STUDENTS

Welcome to our new Grimsby Secondary School co-op students. We are pleased to have Shalya Wiley, Ashley Irving, Tomis Filipovic, Alison Misch, Maddy Firth, Christy Trojner, Josh Visser and Amy Martin at Central.

SILVER WISHES FOR WEST LINCOLN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

For the month of February, Central staff and students collected coins for West Lincoln Memorial Hospital. We are C-Hawk proud of all the money donated by our students. This money will be donated to WLMH.



ME TO WE BAKE SALE

The Me to We team held a bake sale on Friday, February 11, 2011 and Monday, February 14, 2011. We are C-Hawk proud of the Me to We team as they raised \$400.00 to be given to Grimsby's Food Bank.

MAKE CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

The Grade 7 and 8 students held a Valentine's Day dance on Monday, February 14th. A whopping \$266.30 was raised to help support the EFN and their Make Change for Children initiative.

FAMILY VACATIONS

At this time of year many families are taking their children out of school for a family vacation. It is important that you notify the office of the dates of your trip.



Parents often request that teachers provide school work for students before they leave on their trip. Instead of this practice, our teachers will assign a class buddy to collect assignments for students who are absent. The students will be able to collect their assignments when they return to school. A suggestion for parents is to have your child write a journal entry about their trip each day they are away. The students could then share this journal when they return to school.

FEBRUARY C-HAWK AWARDS

Jaiden Bailey
James Romany
Skye Hepburn
Liam Prowse
Jimmy Lawson
Ivy Rowan
Jessica Murray
Laila Melynchuk
Delane Clark
Mitchell Wilson
Rachel Martin
Emma Gris
Kaitlin Kavanagh

Samantha Marucci
Nicole Salvisburg
Alexis Rude
Julien Robinson
Talia Loreti
Dakota Gallant
Joshua Lawless
Jake Lamb
Coleman Medcalf
Emily Sproston
Nik Bannister
Jordan Fraser
Liam Pollock

Karl Tsekrekos-Lawson
Summer Korhammer
Matthew Matos
Mackenzie Williamson
Baylea Toth
Kristen Smith
Matt Lalonde
Aly Derksen
Ashley MacDougall
Ashley Gayle
Aaron Deroche
Shayleen Fearn
Jakob Day

Grimsby Heritage Art Contest

Congratulations to Robyn Kelly! She won an Honourable Mention for her entry in the Grimsby Heritage Art Contest.

Grimsby Secondary Open House

Hurray for Emily Robateau! Emily won a draw at the GSS Open House. Her prize was a backpack filled with a variety of items from GSS.

Hamilton Spectator Creative Kids Ads

Congratulations to 2 Central Grade 7 students. Melanie Felker - 7C and Laura Andreychuk - 7F were both recently featured in the Hamilton Spectator. Both girls created ads for a selected business. Their ads were published in a special section in the newspaper along with a profile of each student. We are C-Hawk proud of Melanie and Laura!

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS Wii BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE



Central School is proud to support the Big Brother/Big Sister Wii Bowl event. We are very excited to participate in a Wii Bowl event right at our own school. Students are required to bring a minimum pledge of \$15 to participate. The Wii Bowl event will take place on March 24th at Central.

We are hoping to have lots of students participate in this event. Big Brothers/Big Sisters provides many mentors for Central students.

OTTAWA TRIP—Grades 7&8

Our grade 7 and 8 students had a successful trip to Ottawa February 15-18. We thank Mama Rae's Diner for soup donated for the Ottawa fundraising initiative. Each student received a portion of the money raised during the trip.

TECHKNOWLEDGE CHALLENGE

Central placed 1st at the GSS TechKnowledge Challenge on February 17, 2011. The team headed to the DSBN TechKnowledge Challenge on Wednesday, February 23rd. Our team placed 3rd at the DSBN competition.

The team consisted of:

Nik Bannister, Liam Pollock, Karl Tsekrekos-Lawson, Jordan Fraser

Thank you to our coaches ... Mr. Digweed, Mr. Tempest and Mr. Pollock

Way to go C-Hawks!

SPORTS

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

The Intermediate basketball season has concluded. The boys and girls both finished 1st in their division. The boys played in the DSBN Tournament on February 22. The girls will play on March 1st at E.L. Crossley School. Good Luck girls!

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The Junior basketball teams are preparing for their season. We look forward to their games as they begin their schedule after the March Break.

BOYS TEAM

Mr. Huebert was very impressed by all the junior boys that tried out for the school team. The energy and enthusiasm was at a high level, which made selecting the team very difficult. He would like to congratulate all of the boys who came out and applauds their efforts.

The team consists of:

Jake Lamb	Kai Scott
Jack Miller	Lucas Lamb
Nolan Procyshyn	Zinan Ahmed
Brayden Wenzel	Lucas Penny
Nick Clark	Cole Schellenberg
Jordan Wedzinga	

Good luck in the season boys!

Coach: Mr. Huebert

GIRLS TEAM

Skyler Ferris	Emily Sproston
Sydney Gill	Jessica Garr
Laura Roppel	Chloe Rossi
Dorothy Paling	Hanna Puffer
Melanie Colyn	Hailey MacDonald
Hope Glumac	Talia Loreti

Good luck in the season girls!

Coach: Mrs. Drummond



Play for Literacy - Central's Family Literacy Night

Tuesday, March 1st, 2011 -- 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Description of Events

Book Fair (Library)

The book fair will be held in the library throughout the week of March 1st - 4th during the school day (8:30 - 4:00). It will also be open on Family Literacy Night from 5:00 - 7:00 for your shopping convenience. Students who make a purchase are eligible to enter our draw for \$25 in free books for him/herself and \$25 in free books for her/his classroom library collection.

Build-A-Bunny (Mrs. Fraser's Room)

Families follow step-by-step directions to build a fruit bunny. After building their bunny they will create a character trading card for their creature.

A-Z Scavenger Hunt (Primary Classes and Hall)

Families roam the primary classes and hallway to find items for each letter of the alphabet. Upon completion, each student will be awarded a special pencil for their efforts.

Slam Dunk Spelling (Gym)

Families have 2 minutes (timed) to score as many baskets as possible given only 1 basketball per family. Each basket scored earns 2 letters to be drawn from a letter bin. Families must try to spell the longest word possible with their drawn letters. A family prize will be awarded to the family that spells the longest word.

C-Hawks Scrabble (Gym)

Letters for the words, 'CENTRAL READS' will begin this giant scrabble game. Families are invited to add a word onto the giant scrabble board on the gym floor. Then for an additional challenge, they can roll the dice and build a word with the number of letters shown on the dice.

Wacky Web Tales (Mr. Huebert's Room)

Families will use the site www.eduplace.com/tales to write a collaborative 'Wacky Web Tale' of their choice (it is linked to our Destiny home page). Families select a topic then work together to fill-in-the-blanks with the required part of speech. When they are finished, the website will spin a zany tale guaranteed to generate a few laughs!



FREE HOTDOGS AND PRIZES



Is your child up-to-date on his/her immunizations?



The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* requires every Public Health Unit to have one of the following on file for each child attending school:

an up-to-date immunization record, or

a legal exemption document (a statement of medical exemption, or a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit).

In mid-March, suspension orders will be mailed to parents/guardians of those elementary school children who do not have complete immunization records (or legal exemption) on file with Public Health. **Parents have until May 3, 2010 to provide the necessary information to Public Health** (otherwise their child will be suspended effective May 4, 2010).

Parents may contact their health care provider to obtain immunization records and/or immunizations. Public Health also offers immunization clinics. To book an appointment for your child or for more information call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.



What are you up to this March Break?

Consider ordering some Fundscrip gift cards for Cineplex, Chapters/Indigo, Blockbuster or Toys R Us! Shopping for Spring clothes? Order some gift cards for Gap, Gymboree or Payless. Will you need your Starbucks to help you get through a week with the kids? Fundscrip has cards for that too! Don't forget, Fundscrip cards can also come in very handy for a babysitter. Just hand over a gift card and eliminate the need to count out extra cash for food or activities. And, at the end of the week when you want to say "Thank you" – why not give a gift card for a favourite store?

How does it work?

You purchase gift cards on the Fundscrip website, and Fundscrip pays the school a percentage of every card purchased. So far, we have raised over \$625 with this program. The cards are exactly the same as those that come directly from the retailer, and there is no extra cost to you.

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. Orders can be placed online any time you like, and will be processed on Thursdays. Your gift cards can then be picked up in the office the following Wednesday.

Questions?

Contact Sarah Rangaratnam at sarah@rangaratnam.com

the *Fresh Air* fund
serving children since 1877

Contacts: Laura-Ann Morris / (905) 835-2896 or Laura_ann_morris@hotmail.com
Kate Brinkerhoff / The Fresh Air Fund / (900) 367-0003 ext. 8890

YOU CAN BECOME A FRESH AIR FUND HOST!

It doesn't take much to be a host family for The Fresh Air Fund - just a little room in your heart and your home – but the experience creates friendships and memories that last a lifetime! Since 1877, New York City children growing up in low-income neighborhoods have been able to experience simple summer pleasures in rural and suburban communities in 13 Northeastern states and Canada through The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town program. "You see different colours and places. I went to a farm...it was so much fun!" remarks seven-year-old Sidney from Queens.

Last year, close to 5,000 New York City children experienced the thrill of summer pastimes like roasting marshmallows over a campfire and flying kites in backyards and open fields. **The Fresh Air Fund is seeking more host families in the Niagara region to open their home to a New York City child for up to two weeks this summer.**

Fresh Air host families can choose the gender and approximate age of their visitor. First-time Fresh Air children are between the ages of six and twelve. Many families find their hosting experiences so rewarding that 65 percent of all children are re-invited to stay with the same host families year after year. In 2011, The Fund will be celebrating its 135th summer of serving children!

For more information on how you can share the simple joys of summer with a city child, please contact Laura-Ann Morris at 905-835-2896 or Laura_ann_morris@hotmail.com or Eileen Lucas at elucas@cogeco.ca. You can also call 800-367-0003 or visit The Fresh Air Fund's website at www.freshair.org.

CREATE SUMMER MEMORIES: HOST A FRESH AIR CHILD!

Summer vacation, that special time of year for all children, is not far away, and you still have the chance to make it memorable for a child from New York City! Thanks to many families in the Niagara region and throughout 13 Northeastern states, more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income neighbourhoods have experienced free summer vacations in suburban and small town communities through The Fresh Air Fund. The Fresh Air Fund is seeking more families in the Niagara region to give inner-city children a two-week vacation this summer. By volunteering as a host family for The Fund's Friendly Town program, you can help give a child a break from the heat and noise of the crowded city streets.

"I got to swim in a lake," exclaims Marquita, an 11-year-old girl from Brooklyn. "I felt the fish nibbling at my toes!" Last summer, 150 Fresh Air children visited volunteer hosts in the Niagara region.

This year, The Fund needs more host families to carry on its 135th summer tradition of sharing the joys of suburban and small town life, like picking fresh flowers, casting a fishing pole for the first time or hearing the crickets chirp. The friendships that develop between hosts and their Fresh Air visitors often last a lifetime.

There are no financial requirements for hosting a Fresh Air child. First-time visitors are six to 12 years old, and reinvited youngsters may participate in the Friendly Town program through age 18.

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Eco-Corner....by the DSBN Environmental Sustainability Committee

Reducing/Eliminating Single Use Plastic Water Bottles

Millions of single use plastic water bottles are purchased every day in North America....Where does that water and plastic come from? Where will that plastic go? Do some fact finding...here's some facts and websites to get you started.

Get involved at home, at school, or at work...

'Bottled Water Free Day' on March 10 (<http://www.bottledwaterfreeday.ca>)

World Water Day on March 22 (<http://www.worldwaterday.org/>)

Let the DSBN Environmental Sustainability

Committee know about your school's or family's plan to reduce waste with plastic bottles by uploading your idea to our website @ www.dsbn.org/esc/

Take Action

- Promote the use of reusable bottles.
 - View the video "The story of bottled water" by Annie Leonard, <http://storyofstuff.org/bottledwater/>. Hold a discussion with the students about bottled water issues.
 - Have the school or green committee logo printed on stainless steel bottles: sell these bottles as promotional items or fundraisers. Give as prizes for activities or draws.

Statistics

Only 23 percent of the water bottles that Americans use are ever recycled. This means that 38 billion water bottles are filling up landfills instead of being reused.

Decomposing

It takes a plastic water bottle 1,000 years before it will even begin to start decomposing.

Danger to the Environment

When water bottles are not recycled, they can do serious damage to the environment. If a water bottle is burned, it releases toxic smoke which destroys the ozone layer (which we need to protect us from UV rays and skin cancer).

Uses for Recycled Bottles

Recycled water bottles can be turned into many useful items such as carpet, clothing, new bottles, electronic parts and car parts.

STATS OR FACTS

1. Bottled water is 2000 times more energy intensive than tap water.
2. It takes 3 litres of water to produce 1 litre of bottled water.
3. Bottled water is 240 to 10,000 times more expensive than tap water.
4. Between April 2008 and April 2009 only 6% of bottled water producers in Canada were inspected by health authorities. And what about tap water? Municipalities often test public water 24 hours a day, and conduct thousands of sample tests for bacteria every day.

WAYS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD ENGAGED DURING MARCH BREAK

LITERACY

- Let your kids read the mail: ads, brochures, sales, coupons, letters.
- Subscribe to the newspaper. Share and discuss articles, cartoons and columns.
- Bus, train, or plane trips are for reading too. Put a bag of books and comics on board.
- Notice *life print* around you – ads, signs, menus – and point out examples of word play.
- Kids love to collect things. Help them arrange and label each artefact they collect during their holiday.
- Ask your kids to write out the shopping list, address an envelope or help make a calendar of weekly activities.
- Sing songs with your kids. Share the lyrics.
- Have kids check the internet to answer questions that arise.
- Let kids plan for and read maps on an excursion.
- Exercise everyone's mind doing crossword puzzles, word jumbles and word searches.
- Write a letter, short story or a song together.
- Question your child about the story you're reading together -
- What do you think happened next?
- Read all the descriptions on exhibits and displays on outings to the zoo, museums or galleries.

THE ARTS

- Search through your family's recycle bin for items to make an instrument. Join with your friends/family to create a band. Accompany your favourite songs.
- Many of the local museums and art galleries provide March break camps. Check out these links to a few of them:
<http://brocku.ca/rodman-hall/education/studios>
http://niagarapumphouse.ca/youth_program.htm
http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/wo_agh_kids.php#2
- Grimsby Art Gallery is running two March Break Camps, one for 5 – 8 year olds and another for 8 – 12 year olds. Contact the gallery by emailing gpag@town.grimsby.on.ca or call 905-945-3246
- *Today's Parent* website has game ideas for a road trip at http://www.todayparent.com/craftsactivities/article.jsp?content=20080602_105740_5700&page=1
- Texture Hunt. Arm yourself with pieces of scrap paper and crayons (with paper removed so you can use the 'belly' of the crayon). Place paper over various surfaces & rub over the paper firmly with a crayon. Experiment with different colour combinations. When you've collected a variety of rubbings, use them to create a collage by tearing them into shapes and gluing them onto a large sheet of paper.
- Use some recycled materials and your imagination to make puppets. Create a puppet show or write a story about your puppets. Check out this website for some ideas
<http://www.playscript-and-song.com/easy-to-make-puppets.html>
- Play games and learn about art at
http://cybermuseum.ca/cybermuseum/kids/index_e.jsp

NUMERACY

- In the car, estimate how many kilometres or how much time it will take to get to your destination, estimate how many cars you will see in 5 minutes, or how many licence plates it will take to see all the numbers from 0 to 100.
- Play Tic-Tac-Total by drawing a tic tac toe board and having each player print the numbers 1 to 10 off to the side. Players take turns crossing out one of the numbers and writing it in the board. The player who makes 15 first wins.
- Play Bizz Buzz as follows. Players generally sit in a circle. The player designated to go first says the number "1", and each player thenceforth counts one number in turn. However, any number *divisible* by three is replaced by the word *bizz* and any divisible by five by the word *buzz*. Numbers divisible by both become *bizz buzz*. You may change the numbers to counting by 2's and 10's or divisible by 6 and 2 etc., for variations. Players may either be eliminated if they make a mistake or you may play co-operatively.
- Bake with your child. Have them work with you to halve or double a recipe.
- Play card games and board games.
- Build with blocks, found materials or a model kit.

MEDIA AND LIBRARY

- Take a trip to your local public library. Find out about their March break programs for children.
- Download an eBook from your school library. Go to <http://destiny.dsbn.edu.on.ca> and click on the link for your school. Students can login using their school username and password.
- Enjoy a little Canadian film culture by accessing NFB's online film library www.nfb.ca and click on Explore.
- Hear your favourite actor read a well-loved story at www.storylineonline.net
- Have fun and learn at the same time with www.tvokids.com/games!
- Read books in many different languages from the International Children's Digital Library at <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>
- Find digitized photos and documents from local area museums at <http://search.ourontario.ca/search> (Do some early exploration to prepare for the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebrations!)

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.



ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

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



**Applications are due Thursday, March 10.
Please see your Principal for an application form.**

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