



HAWK'S EYE VIEW

Central Public School

HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

Celebrating 105 Years of Excellence

NOVEMBER

2011

Mrs. S. Niznik, Principal - - Mr. M. Herfst, Vice-Principal

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November is always a time of reflection of how lucky we are to live in Canada, away from famine, war, and violence. Please take some time to discuss with each other ways you can demonstrate your thankfulness for those who helped create a safe and affluent Canada.

Staff would like to invite you to a Parent information night on **November 9th at 7:00pm.** We will be discussing assessment and evaluation. You will discover the difference between assessment for and of learning.

Staff are focusing on various aspects of teaching this year. We have three groups focusing on: Critical Thinking, Assessment FOR learning and Differentiation using Technology.

Later this month, we will begin to collect food and clothing items for our Community. If you know of a family who could use assistance, please notify me so we can make their holiday a happy.

November will go quickly as we have several activities happening: Volleyball, Me to We activities, Intramurals at Breaks, Library Club, Remembrance Day, Food collection, Progress reports and interviews.

Thank you and Congratulations to our Intermediate students who are helping throughout the school in various roles: lunch monitors, Kilean Lodge volunteers, announcements, tuck shop, mentors, recycling and secretarial work.

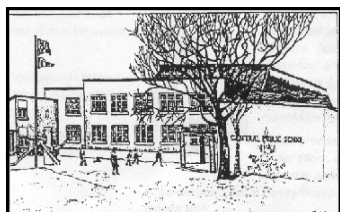
PLEASE DONATE GENTLY USED/OUTGROWN WINTER CLOTHING THIS WEEK.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Friday, November 11th

Assembly begins at 10:45 a.m. in the gym.

A poppy will be distributed to each student prior to the assembly. Students are reminded to bring a donation for the Royal Canadian Legion poppy program, if possible.



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Mr. John Dickson, Superintendent - john.dickson@dsbn.edu.on.ca

Mrs. Cheryl Keddy-Scott, DSBN Trustee - cheryl@communitycarewn.ca

NEEDED: WE ARE IN NEED OF A NUTRITION/FITNESS BREAK SUPERVISOR. THIS POSITION DOES MAKE YOU AN EMPLOYEE OF DSBN. YOU WOULD BE NEEDED 10:30 – 11:15 AND 12:50—1:40 EACH DAY. A POLICE CHECK IS REQUIRED. PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST TO MRS. NIZNIK. WE CAN BE FLEXIBLE IF YOU ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ONCE PER DAY.

FIRE SAFETY — We have 6 fire drills each school year and it is our hope that you too in your homes have a fire safety plan in place for exiting your home in a hurry. Please check your SMOKE ALARMS, and discuss what to do in case of fire in your home. Special thank you to our Grimsby Fire Department who gave us some great tips at our last drill. They are the largest Volunteer Fire Department in the Region ! Be Proud!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

21st Century Learners: Where Parents Fit In

The DSBN Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join us for an evening of learning, sharing and networking with a focus on ideas to make your School Council bigger and better as you support student learning.

All parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Eden High School - 535 Lake St., St. Catharines

Free registration includes a light supper and child care.

Register online at: www.dsbns.org > parents > click on the Online Registration link.

MAGAZINE SALES GRAND PRIZE WINNER: ALEX MCNIVEN WON A TABLET FOR PERSONAL USE! CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THIS CAMPAIGN.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports for students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be sent home on November 15th, 2011.

Please contact your child's teacher for an interview.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering to help with GARDENING, BREAKFAST CLUB or LIBRARY.

PIZZA DAYS

Pizza days began on October 13. November pizza forms went home the week of October 24th. Forms and money are due back to Central on October 28, 2011. We appreciate your support. As a reminder pizza days are run by parent council volunteers. There can be no late orders and exact change is required. Central is unable to give change back. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KILEAN LODGE / MAPLECREST OUTREACH PROGRAM

We are very proud of a group of Central students who are volunteering at Kilean Lodge and the Maplecrest Retirement Home. Each Monday this group of students walks to the lodge to spend time with seniors in our community.

We thank the following students for their work in our community:

Mackenzie Williamson, Ben Wynperle, Ryan Clark, Emily Sproston, Jessica Abell, Hannah Dobbs, Taylor Laister, Melanie Coomber, Sydney Gill, Ishmeen Sandal, Andrea Wasyleczko, Madison Blaschuk, Laura Andreychuk, Roxanne Monaghan, Aidan Manley, Jordan Fraser, Maddison Jones, Jack Miller, Kathleen Lampman, Jennifer MacIntyre, Shyla Kimmell, Taylor Walters, Melanie Felker, Geoffrey Stone

OCTOBER C-HAWK AWARDS

Hannah Puffer	Maxwell Hall	Spencer Russell
Chloe Rossi	Griffin Owen	Jack Douglas
Racheal McCleary	Gurjot Sandal	Nik Bannister
Vince Gibson	Rys James	Hannah Dabbs
Leah Csermak	Emma Macquire	Jack Miller
Serena Willis	Landon Verrall	Cooper Melnychuk
Lily Wilson	Liam O'Quinn	Dennis Stapleford
Nathaniel Day	Cadence Babcock	Carter Hall
Alexsandra Cenic	Levi VanRyn	Luke McLeod
Jaiden Bailey	Hayden Jeffery	Melanie Felker
Alexander Zydownyk	Roxie Andrews	Kristen Smith
Emily Rintjema	Brayden Wenzel	Andrea Wasylecko
Nyomi Sheppit	Jessica Abell	Megan Hollingsworth
Kirsi O'Quinn	Lily Savidant	



DSBN STUDENT FAMILIES IN ST. CATHARINES AND SMITHVILLE ARE INVITED TO PROVIDE A ONE-MONTH HOMESTAY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

International students are participating in The District School Board of Niagara's **KOREAN WORLD CLASSROOM PROGRAM** International students in participating schools in St. Catharines are in Grades 7 & 8 International students in participating schools in Smithville are in Grades 4-6 The homestay timeframe is Jan 11-Feb 7, 2012

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION BEING HELD

Wednesday, November 9 @ 6:30 – 7:30 .pm. at the DSBN Education Centre 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines

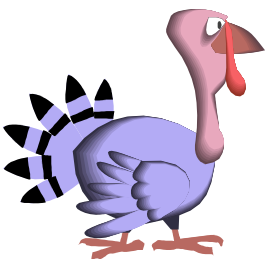
- open to families in St. Catharines who ideally have a Grade 7 or 8 child themselves (other ages may be considered)
- open to families in Smithville who ideally have a Grade 4-6 child themselves (other ages may be considered)

your child will build intercultural awareness and leadership skills as a host buddy. Registration for the information session is not required

Please direct inquiries to: **Ligia Tobon, Canadian English Scholar Program
ligia_tobon@hotmail.com - - 905-354-6916 - www.cespica.com

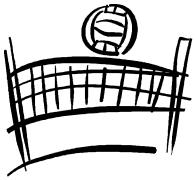
TURKEY TROT

Each day for one week before Thanksgiving, all staff and students at Central School participated in the "Turkey Trot". This was a fun and fitness activity which gave everyone an opportunity to enter their name into a class draw. The grand prize in each division was a gift card to Sobey's to help buy the turkey for Thanksgiving Dinner.



Congratulations to the following students who won a turkey for Thanksgiving.

Spencer Shepherd - Chloe Aitchinson - Sydney Foster - Dylan Jones
 Tessa Mainprize - Karl Tsekrekos-Lawson



SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL Intermediate

Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team

Noah B, Jake B, Cory K, Lucas P, Nolan P, Jake L, Brandon S, Sean P, Rowan M, Eric S

Coaches: Mrs. Clutterbuck and Mrs. Meecham

Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team

Melanie C, Melanie F, Kendall F, Megan H, Shannon C, Tinelle P, Taylor W, Andrea W, Roxanne M, Jessica G, Kallie F, Ceara D, Mackenzie W

Coaches: Mr. Tempest and Mr. Felker - Mr. Nicholls too!

VOLLEYBALL Junior

The junior volleyball season is just beginning. Team members are listed below. Best of luck!

Junior Girls Volleyball Team

Alyssa S, Tessa L, Kiara M, Serena W, Abby B, Lauren N, Stephanie G, Chloe R, Skyler B, Hanna P, Maddie P, Brianna K, Hope G

Coach: Ms. Kurzawa and Ms. Wainwright

Junior Boys Volleyball Team

Jordan W, Lucas L, Nick C, Ben C, Ethan K, Ethan W, Cole S, Zinan Ah, Jacob W, Colin H, Andrew H, Julien R, Dylan J, Gabriele V

Coaches: Mr. Herfst and Mrs. Meecham

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The junior girls had a successful day at the soccer tournament this year! They won 2 out of their 3 games and just missed getting the "wild card" for the semi-finals. They should be congratulated on a wonderful day! Well done girls!!

Team members include: Hanna Puffer, Sammy Lawless, Stephanie Glover, Skyler Burke, Chloe Rossi, Melanie Colyn, Hailey MacDonald, Kenwyn Fecik, Kiara Mohr, Lauren Nugent, Samantha Leavers, Serena Willis, Tessa Lacasse, Nicole Salvisburg, Lily Wilson, Daniella Ames.

We would also like to thank all the parents who supported us by driving and cheering us on. Go c-hawks!!!



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all Cross Country runners! Our season wraps up with success once again. We had 13 DSBN runners compete in Niagara Falls against the best in Niagara. Representing Central: Griffin Owen, Jakob Baker, Lucas Lamb, Jake Lamb, Lucas Penny, Summer Halladay, Cecila Muys, Kendall Fraser, Kallie Francalanza, and Sean Principi. Our top winners were Gavin Smith placing 10th in Midget Boys, Shannon Colling placing 8th in Midget girls and Nolan Procyshyn winning silver in Bantam Boys. Congratulations to all runners....competing with the top runners in Niagara is something to be very proud of! Central C Hawk Proud!

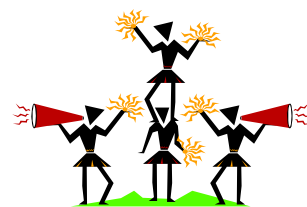
Thank you to our coaches Mrs. Lamb and Mr. Tempest!

CENTRAL CHEERLEADING TEAM

The following students are members of Central's Cheerleading Team:

Kathleen, Roxy, Roni, Laura R, Laura B, Andrea, Chloe, Emily, Summer, Sierra, Melanie, Sydney, Hailey, Amanda, Taylor, Stephanie, Cecilia, Madison, Tanelle, Skylar, Hannah

They had a fun time CHEERING with the HAMILTON TICAT cheerleaders at a Game on October 22nd.



Central's Student Leadership Team 2011-2012

Congratulations to the members of this year's student Leadership Team!

Olivia Ingram, Brooke Ferris, Alyssa Scott, Abby Brannen, Kenwyn Fecik, Melanie Colyn, Daniella Ames, Skyler Burke, Lucas Penny, Colton Sample, Jake Lamb, Jennifer MacIntyre, Lily Savidant, Kristen Smith, Ceara Dickey, Evan Moss, Melanie Coomber, Melanie Felker, Luke McLeod, Andrea Wasyleczko

Central's ME to WE Club 2011-2012

Melanie Coomber, Lucas Penny, Mackenzie Williamson, Kristen Smith, Olivia Redding, Megan Hunt, Melanie Felker, Jack Miller, James Bullock, Andrea Wasyleczko, Kendall Fraser, Matthew Matos, Evan Moss, Megan Hollingsworth, Ben Wynperle, Alek Filipovic, Madison Jones, Rowan Martin, Jessika Brown, Lily Savidant, Spencer Russell, Taylor Laister, Amanda Melitzer, Noah Badgerow, Jessica Abell, Nina Robinson, Zach Renwick

ECO CORNER

Many students at Central participated in the Waste-free Lunch Challenge that took place between October 17- 21. Knowing that school lunches are a major source of waste in Ontario, these students made a decision to only bring reusables to school. Each participant made a difference, and should feel great about his/her efforts. But, let's not stop there! Please consider reducing waste in lunches over the course of the entire year! Imagine the difference we could make.

FREE

**NATIONAL CHILD DAY SKATE FROM 1:00-2:30 ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT THE PEACH KING CENTRE ARENA.**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Please mark December 15th on your calendars. This will be the date for our Intermediate Christmas Concert.



EQAO SCHOOL RESULTS

EQAO school tests results and individual results have been distributed. Below are the results for our school, the DSBN, and the province from the testing completed in June, 2011. As a staff, we have been reviewing the test results, and will continue to work toward achieving high

Information from Student Survey

Students expressed that they spend approx. 4 hours/day watching TV, video games or computer games. A small % said that parents read with them or ask about their school day.


PRIMARY	School	Board	JUNIOR	School	Board
Reading	48	67	Reading	82	76
Writing	64	73	Writing	79	72
Math	72	67	Math	62	57

Percentage of Students at or above the Provincial Standard as based on the 2011 Primary and Junior EQAO Assessment

M & M Meat Shop — Supports Central Public School

Please consider shopping at M & Ms on Main Street in Grimsby on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21/11. We will receive a 10% rebate from all of your purchases and YOU'LL get a FREE bag of Meatballs. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!!

DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED WINTER CLOTHING IS BEING ACCEPTED AND COLLECTED HERE FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER. IF YOU HAVE ANY, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE SCHOOL AND WE WILL FORWARD ON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.



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Shirley Kuyvenhoven, Nicholas Kazan and Nicolas von Bredow from HomeLife Power Realty Inc along with James Jacobs, Manager of Sobeys's Grocery store in Grimsby will be having another "SNACKS FOR SCHOOLS" snack drive located at Sobeys, Grimsby on Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm collecting donations for the area schools.

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.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites: www.dsbns.org **OR** www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features: DSBN Facebook or Twitter OR NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone: Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Television Stations:

CH – Hamilton

CityTV Breakfast Television

CTV Toronto

Cogeco Channel 10



THANK YOU

The students and staff of Central School would like to thank everyone who assisted in making our recent magazine subscription campaign a great success!!! Without the support of our community we would not have been able to raise the money that the campaign generated. Thank you so much for helping us raise these much needed funds. All of your subscriptions are guaranteed 100% and if you have any service concerns, please contact CCRP at 1-800-665-5133 (11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. EST) or service@ccrp.ca. (not the school office). Please allow 12 – 16 weeks after the campaign ends before you receive the first copy of your subscription. As a reminder you may continue to order on-line throughout the school year at www.ccrp.ca – our school code is ON2651.

Getting Involved In Your Child's Learning

The schools of the DSBN welcome parent involvement in their children's learning experiences. Studies have found the greater the support that families provide for their children's learning and progress, the greater the likelihood that their children will succeed at school.

Parent involvement can take many forms:

- Reading newsletters to keep informed about school and classroom happenings that are part of your child's school experience
- Asking questions to better understand how your child is achieving and how you can support next steps
- Working with your child at home, supporting what is happening in the classroom
- Making sure there is a time and place set aside to do homework
- Participating in parent teacher conferences, sharing your insights that will provide a richer knowledge of your child
- Meeting with teachers and taking an interest in their programs
- Serving on school councils and Parent Involvement Committees
- Volunteering for field trips and school activities
- Seeking ways to volunteer from home to support classroom activities

Your involvement will enrich your experience as a parent, and will also benefit your child. Students are more likely to be motivated, earn higher grades, and continue their education to a higher level when their parents are actively engaged in supporting their success at school.

Homework Help



Starting in fall 2011, all 600,000 English-language math students in Grades 7 to 10 have access to live, interactive online math help through the expansion of a pilot project funded by the Ministry of Education. Homework Help is free, real-time math tutoring by certified Ontario teachers. Students can log in from Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. EST for 20 hours a week of individualized confidential math tutoring. There are discussion rooms for each grade where students can join in and see what questions other students are asking, watch the tutors draw on the whiteboard – and ask their own question for on-the-spot help.



Eco-CORNER

brought to you by: DSBN Environmental Sustainability Committee

EYE ON WATER AT SCHOOLS...encouraging an environmentally friendly and healthy living initiative

Facts to consider when it comes to water and water bottle use:

- 60 Billion single use water bottles were purchased in North America in 2008.....less than 25% were recycled
- Plastic water bottles are typically the most prevalent source of pollution found on beaches and waterways (rivers, lakes, oceans)
- Plastic water bottles can take up to 1000 years to break down
- No guarantee that bottled water is 'healthier' or 'safer' than tap water
- Drinking water is a much healthier option for students compared to many other options marketed at them (no caffeine, no sugar, keeps them hydrated)
- \$\$\$: bottled water can cost more per litre than the gasoline used in your car

The DSBN Environmental Sustainability committee encourages all students, families and staff to continue to drink a healthy amount of water and consider the following environmentally responsible strategies:

1. Use....and re-use refillable water bottles (many plastic, stainless steel and aluminum options)
2. Provide convenient locations at schools to re-fill water bottles
3. Last year many DSBN schools installed "Elkay EZ-H2O" water bottle filling stations that dispense chilled and filtered water using a clean 'touch-less' system
4. Schools, Eco-teams, and parents can receive grants of \$1000 to start an eco-initiative (e.g. purchase of water bottles for school or purchase a bottle filling station) through the Metro Green Apple Grant Program sponsored by Metro Grocery.

<http://www.greenapplegrants.ca/home.en.html>

Oral Language matters

Children who have strong oral language skills often have strong reading and writing skills. The following is a list of specific strategies to help you promote your child's oral language and literacy skills! **Let your child lead** the conversation. Children often love to talk about their friends, families, and favourite activities. If your child is less talkative, you may want to start a conversation by telling him/her something about your day that you think would be of interest. Your child may then respond with a comment about his/her day. If s/he does not respond, avoid asking lots of questions; rather, say, "Tell me about _____".

Get close, listen and be animated when speaking with your child. Your child should be able to see your lips and facial expressions, hear your voice clearly, and make eye contact with you. Making sure that you 'get close' helps ensure that your child keeps an interest in what you are saying.

Keep the conversation going. For example, if your child says, "Look at the truck", you might say, "It's a tow truck. I wonder where it is going."

'Think' out loud about what you are doing, using simple language. Activities such as making meals, watching TV, playing or walking outside provide many opportunities for oral language development. For example, when baking, you might say, "Next I'll stir the batter with the spoon. The batter is thick and hard to stir but the more I stir it, the easier it is. The batter is getting smoother and smoother." This type of talk helps children learn vocabulary and conversational skills, and develop sequencing skills. These are all needed at school.

Provide 'toys' that promote oral language. These may include microphones, old telephones, puppets, or even paper towel tubes. Dressing up and pretending to be someone else encourages children to copy the vocabulary, facial expressions, and body language that they see and hear from others.

Remember: the way that you talk to your children influences their ability to talk, think and learn! The most effective way to improve child's language is to let your child lead and keep the conversation going.

Adapted from Prince, Audrey W. (2006) Promoting Oral Language in Young Children: Super Duper Publications.

ONE WORLD ONE PEOPLE

Racism originates not in the skin but in the human mind. Remedies to racial prejudice, xenophobia, and intolerance must accordingly address first and foremost those mental illusions that have for so many thousands of years given rise to false concepts of superiority and inferiority among human populations.



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Honour the UN Inspired Vision of: The Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Sunday, Nov 6, 2011
YMCA-McBain Centre
7150 Montrose Rd.
Niagara Falls
1pm-3pm

Celebrate the UN
Vision of elimination of
racism through creative
expressions to be
displayed on Nov 6th@
the YMCA - NF.
**SUBMIT YOUR
CREATIVE
EXPRESSIONS.**

WINNERS to be
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Creative expressions
can be any of the
following: poetry,
music, artwork, or
narrative.
**1st prize \$100, 2nd
prize \$50, 3rd prize**

**\$25 for both
elementary &
secondary.**

All Creative Expressions to
be submitted to DSBN by
Mon. Oct 31st, 2011 c/o
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