



HAWK'S EYE VIEW

Central Public School

HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

Celebrating 103 Years of Excellence

OCTOBER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a busy start to the school year. It has been a month of change and re-organization for our staff and students. Through the staffing process, Central was given additional staff. As a result, we have had to make adjustments to several classes. Our new organization is found in the newsletter. We thank everyone for their flexibility.

Thank you to all of our families who made the effort to attend the Open House BBQ. Our teachers appreciate the opportunity to meet and visit with the families of their students.

I would like to thank all parents for their support and commitment to our school learning community. Our staff is focused on providing the best educational experiences for your children.

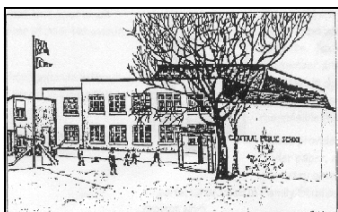
Character Trait: RESPECT

This year at Central students will be participating in Character Education activities in their classrooms. The focus has been on the character trait of "respect":

Respect is treating others as you would like to be treated. Respect is being considerate of other people's feelings. Respect means recognizing the value of people, property, the environment and oneself. Parents can reinforce these behaviours at home by encouraging children to play fairly, listen to others, use courtesy words such as "please" and "thank you", and accept people's differences.

BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES

Students often use bicycles, skateboards and rollerblades as a means of transportation to school. As a staff, we encourage our students to be physically active. However, for the safety of all students, bicycles must be walked on school property. Skateboards must be carried and rollerblades removed. Students must come directly to school and remain on school property once they have arrived at school.



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
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School Re-Organization

Below is our new staff list. We have re-organized because we were allocated additional staff since the beginning of the school year.

~ Central School Staff 2010/2011 ~

Teaching Staff

111 JK/SKA Mrs. Hoffer
 110 JK/SKA Mrs. Larock
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 212 Gr. 1 Miss. Donders
 210 Gr. 1/2 Ms. Wainwright
 211 Gr. 2 Mrs. DeGraaf
 213 Gr. 3 Mrs. Braukmann
 102 Gr. 3/4 Mrs. Drummond
 108 Gr. 4/5 Ms. Jonz
 107 Gr. 5/6 Mr. Huebert
 208 Gr. 6 Ms. Code/Mr. Herfst
 104 Gr. 7 Mrs. Clutterbuck
 105 Gr. 7 Mrs. Fraser
 204 Gr. 7 Mr. Tempest
 206 Gr. 8 Mr. Nicholls
 205 Gr. 8 Miss Johnson
 203 Gr. 8 Mrs. Minor
 101 SEBE Mrs. Lamb

Administrative Staff

Principal Mrs. Hardyman
 Vice Principal Mr. Herfst
 Secretary Mrs. Wilson
 Secretary (AM) Ms. Bertrim

Support Staff

Educational Assistant Mrs. Meecham
 Educational Assistant Mrs. Sheldrake
 Youth Counsellor Mrs. Horton
 Child Care Worker Ms. Holder
 Head Caretaker Mr. Counsell
 Night Caretaker Mr. Bjelan
 Cleaners Mrs. Thibeault
 Mrs. Fedetsova
 Mrs. Tenbrinke

Intermediate French Mrs. Kelly

Junior/Intermediate French Ms. Violate/Mrs. Farquhar

Prep Mrs. D'Cunha
 204 LRT Mrs. Meldrum
 ISP Mr. Digweed

Lunch Supervisors Mr. Pollock
 Crossing Guard Mr. Cook

Teacher-Librarian Mrs. Hoffer
 Mrs. Salierno (Days 3 and 7)

At GSS:

Science and Technology Mr. Hauer

Mrs. Farquhar will return to Central on October 12th. We thank Ms. Violante for her time at Central.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY PROGRAM

Ms. Wainwright's Grade 1/2 class will be participating in the Roots of Empathy program this fall. The instructor is Jan Mars. This is a program which involves a new baby visiting the class once every three weeks. The mission of Roots of Empathy is to build caring, peaceful, and civil societies, through the development of empathy in children and adults. We look



forward to meeting Central's baby.

Grade 6 Boys

Any grade 6 boys that are interested in playing travel basketball, tryouts are taking place over the next few weeks. The Niagara Rangers welcome any boy (Grade 6, born in 1999) to come try out.

Students who compete in the travel leagues will contribute to their home school team after positive exposure to competitions against other teams across the province. Eligible players include any students who want to improve their skills, have fun and enjoy a rewarding experience. The focus is on skill acquisition, positive team play and sportsmanship.

For further information contact Gregg Loucks at

Gregg@regattasport.com or at

905-688-4892

Thank you



Support for Families Living with ADHD

Niagara Region Public Health continues to provide ongoing support to families who are living with the challenges of ADHD. How are they doing this?

- This year Niagara's four HOPE groups have been combined into one group facilitated by a public health nurse. Meetings will be at the St. Catharines Regional Day Care Centre Located at 179 Carleton Street, next to St. Denis School.
- The first two meetings will take place on **September 15 and October 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The entire fall schedule is available on the website listed below. All adults are welcome.
- Support is also available by calling **905-688-8248 ext. 7400, or 1-888-5055-6074.**
- Contact them via email at hope@niagararegion.ca or find them online by searching ADHD at www.niagararegion.ca

OFFICE UPDATES

PEANUT/NUT ALLERGY ALERT

This year we have several students with a life threatening allergy to peanuts, peanut products, and tree nuts. We are asking for the cooperation and understanding of all families in refraining from sending foods to school which may contain nut products or peanuts.



LOST AND FOUND

During the school year, a tremendous amount of student clothing and other belongings are left at school. The clothing is collected and placed outside of the Library. Please encourage your child to check the lost and found regularly and take items, that belong to them, home. Due to the large volume of clothing collected, we are not able to store these items for a long period of time. At the end of each term, (ie. Christmas, March Break, end of school year) these items will be donated to charity if they are not claimed.

NO DOGS, PLEASE!

A REMINDER, that we have a "no dogs" policy on the school grounds. For the health and safety of our children, please do not walk your dog on our school property. This policy applies outside of school hours, as well,.

Help keep our school yard clean for our children

Seeing eye dogs are allowed

PHOTO RETAKES

Photo retake day is **OCT.19th** If your child missed picture day or you were not satisfied with the photo that was taken, their picture can be retaken on the morning of October 19th. Kindergarten students that attend in the afternoon should be brought to the school by their parent in the morning if they wish to have their photo retaken.



BUS SAFETY/STUDENT DISMISSAL

In order to ensure the safety of our students at dismissal time, students will not be allowed to go into the back parking lot without an adult. Bus students will be taken to their buses by a teacher. Students who are being picked up by their parents must be met on the school yard by an adult. We are very concerned about students running into the parking lot to meet their parents.

Please help us by meeting your child on the schoolyard.

YOUTH CONNECTION NURSE

The youth connection nurse assigned to our school is Susan Munford. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. Her role is to influence Niagara's children and their families to make healthy lifestyle choices. Our nurse can be reached at:

The Niagara Region Public Health Department

1-888-505-6074 ext.7228

Monday—Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

As you are undoubtedly aware, Central has a large student population. Not only does this keep our office staff very busy but our telephone lines as well. In this regard, we are asking that,

Parents please plan ahead and inform your children of their after-school plans, appointments and messages before they leave home each day.

This will also help to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. Although our office staff want to be helpful, many times the volume of messages cannot always be delivered in as timely a manner as requested. Therefore, we would ask that you

Please limit messages to extremely urgent matters or emergencies.

As always, we appreciate all calls regarding student attendance.

OFFICE UPDATES CON'T

NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE LIASON PROGRAM

The "Walk About Program" will continue this year. This program involves a police officer visiting the school once or twice a month. The officer walks about the school visiting classes and speaking with students. The purpose of the program is to introduce young students to the officers and to allow the students to familiarize themselves with the role of police in our community. The officers may also provide presentations on topics such as bike safety and personal safety.

Constable Lori Emick is the coordinator of the program, for the town of Grimsby schools and the officer assigned to Central. Our students are familiar with Constable Lori and enjoy talking with her.



BROCK UNIVERSITY—STUDENT TEACHERS

We are very pleased to have a large group of student teachers from Brock University in field placements at our school. The Central staff is well known for their ability to train teacher candidates. We welcome the following teacher candidates to Central School:

Ms. Donders - Ms. Feddema

Miss Wainwright- Mrs. Carroll-Fraser

Mrs. Drummond - Mr. MacPherson

Ms. Jonz - Ms. Warren

Mr. Huebert - Mr. Rimnyak

Mrs. Farquhar - Ms. Crandlemire

Mrs. Fraser - Mr. Hendricks

Mrs. Clutterbuck - Ms. Snow

Mrs. Minor - Mr. Raby

Ms. Johnson - Mr. Poirier

Mrs. Kelly - Ms. Eggleton

CO-OP STUDENTS

We are very proud of the Grimsby Secondary School students who have chosen to do their co-op placements at Central School. We welcome the following students:

Courtney Watson Matt Arcari

Ryan Knapman Joelle Vaughn

HALLOWEEN AT CENTRAL

On Friday, October 29th,

Students should not come to school dressed in costumes (except JK/SK students)

Rather, students may bring their costumes to school so that they can change into them at the second fitness break.

JK to grade 6 students will be involved in games during the afternoon. More information will be sent home at a later date.

Gr. 7 & 8 students will also be involved in a Halloween activity during the afternoon.

Parents, please insure that your child(ren) adhere to these costume guidelines:

Happy Halloween

**No violent costumes, Absolutely
NO weapons,
No "gory" makeup**

C-HAWK AWARDS

Congratulations to each of the following students who were recognized for their personal achievements at our Recognition Assembly.

Aleksandra Cenic	Ryan Clark	Breanna Kool
Alexander Zydownyk	Amanda Melitzer	Colin Henry
Liam O'Quinn	Melanie Kuras	Ben Catapano
Landon Verrral	Rachel Groothedde	Dorothy Paling
Hayden Jefferey	Ben Wynperle	Stephanie Glover
Kate D'Cunha	Brett Read	Lucas Lamb
Emily Bailey	Rowan Martin	Anna Woiceshyn
Lindsay Bisland	Melanie Felker	Chamsie Loum
Emir Probric	Billy Mackie	Michael Andreychuk
Beatrice Bromley	Jacob Page	Sydney Gill
Kirsi O'Quinn	Breanne Kent	Shyla Kimmel
Sawyer Lewis	Mike Swanson	Connor Montecalvo
Griffin Owen	Ali Ammar	Nevada Gale
Nicholas Shawanda	Jocelyn Benard	8 M Class

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HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME!

Star-Reading Strategies

"Star Strategies" are those which help the reader with fluency and comprehension. Two strategies on which we are focusing are:

ACTIVATE YOUR SCHEMA: Good readers activate schema (prior knowledge) to provide direction and focus to their reading. If readers lack the schema necessary to be able to understand the text effectively, you can help build schema by reading texts aloud, take your child on a trip or talk about the experience. Encourage your child to think:

What do I know about...? - Have I ever...? - Think about...

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Good readers connect what they already know to what they encounter in texts. They draw upon their personal experiences (text-to-self), knowledge of the world (text-to-world), and previous books (text-to-text). Encourage your child to think:

This reminds me of... - This is the same as... - This author always

MAKE MATH AN ENJOYABLE PART OF EVERY DAY!

Try these easy tips in your routine: Point out the many ways in which math is used in everyday life!

Include your child in everyday activities that include math (such as making purchases, mixing ingredients, setting the table).

Play games (non-screen) that involve math including counting, time, measuring, patterns and logic.

In addition to math tools such as calculators and rulers, use handy household items, such as a measuring cup and containers, when doing math with your child.

Encourage your child to give explanations when solving math problems—have him or her tell you specifically what doesn't make sense if they are having trouble. Talking about how solutions are reached develops mathematical reasoning.

SPORTS

JUNIOR SOCCER TEAMS

Both our junior girls and boys teams participated in a tournament held on Wednesday, September 29th at the Leisureplex in Smithville. Even though our teams were not the champions, they enjoyed a great day of soccer, fun and sportsmanship. Below are the members of both teams:

BOYS

Julien Robinson
Zinan Ahmed
Steven Bosnic
Ben Catapano
Lucas Lamb
Eric Bell
Dylan Bajic
Nolan Procyshyn
Brayden Wenzel
Jack Miller
Lucas Penny
Jake Lamb
Connor Montecalvo

GIRLS

Lucy Cook
Peyton Peters
Hailey Everingham
Melanie Colyn
Mary Blanchette
Chloe Rossi
Stephanie Glover
Nicole Salvisburg
Anna Woiceshyn
Samantha Lawless
Hannah Puffer
Talia Loreti
Savannah VanSoelen
Hailey MacDonald
Daniella Ames

Nicole Spadaro - Assistant coach

Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Braukmann and Mrs. D'Cunha for their work with our teams.

CONGRATULATIONS to the junior boys soccer team! Our boys won the Area 3 tournament. Way to go boys!

COLOUR TEAMS

All students in grade 1-6 have been placed on a colour team for house league activities. Our kick-off assembly will be held on Friday October 1st. Our grade 7 and 8 students are the team captains. We hope you will encourage your child to participate in our house league activities during fitness breaks.

INTERMEDIATE SOCCER TEAMS

Both our intermediate girls and boys teams participated in a tournament held on Friday, September 17th at the Leisureplex in Smithville.

Congratulations to the intermediate girls soccer team! Our girls won the Area 3 tournament. Way to go C-Hawks!

Below are members of the intermediate teams:

GIRLS

Andrea Wasyleczko
Shannon Colling
Amanda Melitzer
Ceara Dickey
Laura Kowalski
Nicki Spadero
Francesca Boncoddio
Ashley McDougall
Kendall Fraser
Lindsay Colyn
Caitlin McMaster
Olivia Garr
Kaitlin Vanderwater
Tristan Sutherland
Georgina Dremetsikas
Rebecca Thompson

BOYS

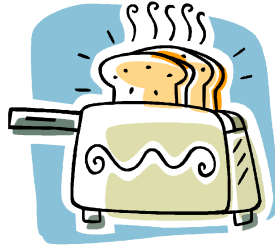
Brady Cranwell
Jacob Page
Rob Spencer
Zac Campbell
Liam Dunda
Cole Miller
John Bell
Brandon Saigeon
Brendan Watson
Gavin Smith
Christian Scotland
Daniel Scotland
Rowan Martin
Geoffrey Stone

Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Clutterbuck and Mrs. Drummond for their work with our teams and to Mr. Huebert who convened the tournament.

TURKEY TROT

Each day (weather permitting) all of our students (JK to Gr. 8) are participating in 20 minutes of physical activity. The students run, walk or jog around the school yard. For each lap completed, students receive a ticket for a classroom Thanksgiving draw to be held on Thursday October 8th.





Parents,

The Central Staff are excited to once again be offering the Breakfast Club to students. The program will run Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 8:45 in the back of room 105. Students need to come to the back of the school and enter through Mrs. Fraser's room.

This year we are asking parents who are interested to enroll their children in the program. The program will be offering nutritious breakfast choices. Our goal is to provide students with a healthy start to their day. As we all know, breakfast can be the most important meal of the day. Unfortunately, many children regularly miss breakfast or resort to snacking on the way to school.

Each morning breakfast will be served and supervised by students from Grimsby Secondary School along with a parent volunteer or a Central staff member. If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please let us know by indicating below.

The program will begin Monday, October 4th, 2010.



Breakfast Club



My child _____ will be participating in the Breakfast Club this year.

I _____ would like to be a volunteer in the Breakfast Club.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

The primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning.

The following seven fundamental principles lay the foundation for rich and challenging practice. When these principles are fully understood and observed by all teachers, they will guide the collection of meaningful information that will help inform instructional decisions, promote student engagement, and improve student learning.

The Seven Fundamental Principles

To ensure that assessment, evaluation, and reporting are valid and reliable, and that they lead to the improvement of learning for all students, teacher use practices and procedures that:

- are fair, transparent, and equitable for all students;
- support all students, including those with special education needs, those who are learning the language of instruction (English or French), and those who are First Nation, Métis, or Inuit;
- are carefully planned to relate to the curriculum expectations and learning goals and, as much as possible, to the interests, learning styles and preferences, needs, and experiences of all students;
- are communicated clearly to students and parents at the beginning of the school year or course and at other appropriate points throughout the school year or course;
- are ongoing, varied in nature, and administered over a period of time to provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate the full range of their learning;
- provide ongoing descriptive feedback that is clear, specific, meaningful, and timely to support improved learning and achievement;

develop students' self-assessment skills to enable them to assess their own learning, set specific goals, and plan next steps for their learning.

(Ontario Ministry of Education, *Growing Success*, p. 6)

We know that parents have an important role to play in supporting student learning. Studies show that students perform better in school if their parents or guardians are involved in their education. This is the basis for the principle that students and parents should be kept fully informed about the student's progress. Our schools have procedures in place to ensure that parents are aware of the expectations for their child in the various grades.

2010-11 School Year Reporting Timelines

November 15, 2010	Grades 1-8 Elementary Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Progress Report
November/December	Junior Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Observation and Follow-up
February 9, 2011	Grades 1-8 Term 1 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Term 1 Report Card
June 27, 2011	Grades 1-8 Term 2 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card Senior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card

At any time throughout the year, parents/guardians are invited to communicate with the school about their child's progress and achievement.