



HAWK'S EYE VIEW

Central Public School

▶ HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

Celebrating 105 Years of Excellence

OCTOBER

2011

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Thanksgiving! I look forward to my first TURKEY TROT this week and hope that we have sunny weather. Meeting many of you on Open House night was a wonderful experience and THANK YOU for making me feel so welcome. It is wonderful that you take such a great interest in your child's education. You have the most impact on their success by just asking about their day, coming to school events, and supporting them with a quiet place to do homework within your home.

Our teachers have been focussing on learning how to engage students by using the technology that we have purchased. Your children should be telling you how they are learning on the IPAD and mini laptops. We will continue to work towards creating critical thinkers so they can master whatever career they may choose in the future. Our Professional Development day will be

spent analyzing data from our Report Cards and EQAO to determine areas of foci for our school.

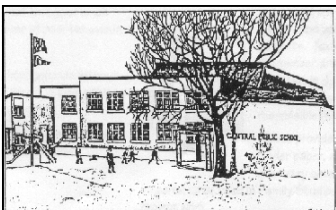
Individual Education Plans — If your child has an Individual Education Plan, please look for these to come home before October 19th. If it doesn't, please call the school and we will enquire what happened to it. If all is well, please sign and return one copy of the IEP and keep the other for your files.

EQAO results - If your child was in grade 3 or 6 last year, they will be receiving their EQAO reports this week as well. Please look for these. We keep them on file in your child's OSR as well. Staff will be reviewing the data to determine next steps for students.

Each year we are asked by several community groups and organizations to assist them with fundraising projects. We are cognizant that this can cause a financial drain on families. But we also realize that we are trying to teach students to help with financial means and/or volunteer within their community, so we will be supporting a few outside agencies. Please only give what you can and don't feel obligated if this creates a financial difficulty for you. We will be supporting — Unicef, the Grimsby Benevolent Fund, West Lincoln Hospital, Education Foundation of Niagara and the Heart and Stroke Foundation this year. In addition to these, small groups may raise funds for special events/projects throughout the year.

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.



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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.



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

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.

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:

Ciara Wagner, Christy Trojner, Courtney Labelle, Danielle St. Jean, Maddy Firth, Taylor Chambers and Shalya Wiley

PHOTO RETAKES

Photo retake day is **October 27th**. 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 27th. 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

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.

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. Jovic - - Miss Wainwright- Ms. Sarginson
Mrs. Nicitopolous - Ms. Pham - - Mrs. Drummond - Ms. Welbourn
Mr. Nicholls - Ms. Veitch - - Mr. Huebert - Ms. Veres
Mrs. Fraser - Ms. Bagnariol - - Mrs. Clutterbuck - Mr. Barnim
Ms. Johnson - Mrs. Cerminara - - Mrs. Lamb - Mr. Pachan

HALLOWEEN AT CENTRAL

On Monday, October 31st, we will hold various activities.

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 a parade and games during the afternoon.

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

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

No violent costumes, Absolutely NO weapons, No “gory” makeup

Do you want to raise money for our school without having to buy things you don't need? Join our Fundscrip program! This great system pays our school cash back for gift cards that you buy. The gift cards can be used for purchases like groceries, gas or clothes, in stores where you already shop every day. Fundscrip sells cards for over 100 retail and restaurant chains, including many in Grimsby. They are exactly the same as the cards sold by the stores and there is no extra cost to you.

How does it work? You purchase gift cards on the Fundscrip website, and pick them up at the school. You can use the cards at the retailer's store or online instead of cash or a credit card. Our supporters use the cards to do their own shopping or give them away as gifts.

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 using EFT, a credit card or INTERAC any time you like, and will be processed on Thursdays at 9:30am. Your gift cards can then be picked up in the office the following Wednesday.

Questions? Contact Sarah Rangaratnam at sarah@rangaratnam.com



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



ROOTS OF EMPATHY PROGRAM - Central will once again be participating in the Roots of Empathy program this school year. 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.

C-HAWK AWARDS

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

Sarah Shawaf	Emily Duff	Andrew Quanz
Frost Folz	Steven Bosnic	Eric Spiece
Bronwyn Lewis	Steven Cutler	Amanda Melitzer
Andrew Furtney	Cole Schellenberg	Makayla Aitchison
Ben Shipley	Daniella Ames	Ben Wynperle
Ivy Rowan	Chamsie Loum	Spencer Hickingbottom
Brianna Greensides	Hailey MacDonald	Madison Blaschuk
Brendan Yates	Ethan Wellings	Evan Moss
Sawyer Lewis	Alyssa Scott	Liam Pollock
Beatrice Bromley	Hannah Kot	Anarthan Jeyaratnam
Mark D’Cunha	Roxanne Monaghan	Skylar Ferris
Anastazija Cenic	Ted Sullivan-Coombes	Emilee Lozecki

CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL - PIZZA DAYS

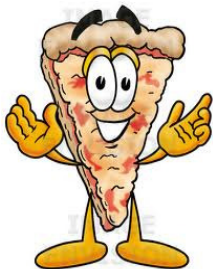
Starting OCTOBER 13th weekly Pizza Days are back at Central School!

Our weekly pizza days support Central School Parent Council fundraising efforts. Through our fundraising we have been able to provide our Central Students with – 36 Netbook Computers, Athletic Jerseys, Seminars/ Speakers, Various Playground Equipment and much more!

All orders are due by the date on the envelope that will be provided to each student . **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Please ensure ALL information (Student Name FIRST AND LAST, Classroom, Pizza selection) is completed.

EXACT CHANGE is required in the envelopes. Teachers/Staff/Pizza Volunteers WILL NOT provide change.

If your child is absent on pizza day their pizza WILL NOT be “saved” or “added” to the following week or money refunded.



If a student does not receive his/her pizza order on the day please have them come down IMMEDIATELY to the main hallway and speak to the “pizza moms”. Pizza is provided by Pizza Pizza in Grimsby. It is trans fat free and meets all the nutritional requirements as set by the DSBN. Further information is available on request. There will be extra pizza on sale in the main foyer on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE basis after all orders have been processed. Choice of cheese or pepperoni - \$1.50 per slice.

Pizza day is organized by volunteers of the Parent Council and any questions/concerns, etc should be directed to ELAINE MUIR (905) 309-1261 or via email at elainemuir@cogeco.ca

Thank you for your continued support!!!!

SPORTS

INTERMEDIATE SOCCER TEAMS

Both our intermediate girls and boys teams participated in a tournament held on Wednesday, September 29th at Smith School. Even though our teams were not the champions, they enjoyed a great day of soccer, fun and sportsmanship.

BOYS

Alek Filipovic, Luke McLeod, Ben Henderson, Gavin Smith, Jack Miller, Nolan Procyshyn, Lucas Penny, Rowan Martin, Brandon Saigeon, Noah Badgerow, Sean Prinicipi, Jonathan Filipovic, Jake Lamb, Brayden Wenzel

GIRLS

Once again, the intermediate girls had an amazing day at the soccer tournament this year! Winning 3 out of their 4 games, and with only 1 goal against them, the girls advanced to the semi-finals. In the last minute of the game against Vineland School, an unfortunate unlucky ball bounced in the back of the net which would cause the girls to end the game in a 1-0 loss. There is no doubt however that all girls played their hearts out as well as every last ounce of energy they had in them, in this tiring one day tournament. We are all proud of all of your efforts, girls! Congratulations on a fantastic day of "football".

Shannon Colling, Laura Andreychuk, Ceara Dickey, Kallie Fancalanza, Hannah Dabbs, Mackenzie Williamson, Kendall Fraser, Sydney Foster, Megan Holingsworth, Cecilia Muys, Taylor Walters, Amanda

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 6th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our first meeting was held with approx. 25 families being represented. We held elections and are pleased to announce our new executive:

Co-Chairs—Sarah Rangaratnam and Susanne Reniewick

Treasurer—Jennifer Wessels

Secretary—Nancy Baker

Fundraising Co-Chairs—Elaine Muir and Barb Gibson

Council approved spending \$1900 to give to teachers to purchase resources for their classrooms.

Fundraising was discussed and will be planned for November.

Pizza Days will proceed with PizzaPizza providing the pizza.

Funscrip sales will also continue — NEED Shopping Cards—please register and support your school!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE

We would like to thank Mrs. Lesley Spadaro for her years on our School Council. She led the group with dignity and purpose. Thank you for making Central School a happening place for students.

We also want to shout out a THANKS to Mrs. Jennifer Lawson for acting as the School Council Treasurer for the past several years. Your ability with numbers is amazing.



Free Dental Screening Coming to Your School

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on Wednesday, October 19th and Thursday, October 20th, 2011 to provide dental screening to students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6 and 8.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program for any of the following:

If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening.

If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

Call the Dental Health Information Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email dental@niagara-region.ca.

To better support the understanding of the reporting and assessment practices of our school, we are planning an information evening for families on November 10th at 7:00pm. We will highlight the changes in assessment practices we have adopted so you have a clear understanding of how your child's progress is tracked and reported.

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. We will be engaging in discussion with each parent regarding their child's progress and have set aside Thursday, November 17th's evening for meetings. Other times will also be made available at your and the teacher's convenience.

2011-12 School Year Reporting Timelines

November 15, 2011 Grades 1-8 Elementary Progress Report

Senior Kindergarten Progress Report

November/December Junior Kindergarten Parent/Guardian

Observation and Follow-up

February 9, 2012

Grades 1-8 Term 1 Elementary Report Card

Junior Kindergarten Progress Report

Senior Kindergarten Term 1 Report Card

June 26, 2012

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.

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.

The District School Board of Niagara is pleased to announce:

VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL Aboriginal Student *Self-Identification*



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA POLICY

It is the policy of the District School Board of Niagara to provide programs to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit students who may be experiencing gaps in their education by putting into place measures that respond to particular needs. All First Nation, Métis and Inuit students have the right to voluntarily self-identify so that they may receive supportive programming and instructional practices that better serve their learning needs. The first such measure in recognizing this right is to establish self-identification procedures to identify, collect and aggregate student achievement data for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

DEFINITION

Aboriginal identification refers to the definition in the "Constitution Act, 1982, Section 35 (2)", in that "Aboriginal peoples" include "Indian, Inuit and Métis."

These groups include the following categories:

- First Nations students who attend provincially funded elementary or secondary schools under tuition agreements.
- Métis students who attend provincially funded elementary or secondary schools.
- Inuit students who attend provincially funded elementary or secondary schools.

FRAMEWORK GOALS

The District School Board of Niagara believes that all students can learn. The Voluntary, Confidential Aboriginal Student Self-Identification Policy is designed to support this mission by establishing the following goals for Aboriginal education within the Board's jurisdiction:

- To provide high-quality learning opportunities that are responsive, flexible, and accessible to all learners;
- To continue to set high expectations for learner achievement in supported learning environments;
- To improve the retention rate of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students;
- To ensure that learners are well-prepared for participation in post-secondary studies and the world of work;
- To use achievement data from a variety of sources to determine possible gaps and areas for focused intervention;
- To promote effective, respectful working relationships and partnerships with First Nation, Métis and Inuit parents and the general First Nation, Métis and Inuit community.

VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL Aboriginal Student Self-Identification

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1

Who can identify?

Any student of Aboriginal ancestry can identify. This process is completely voluntary and confidential and no proof of ancestry is required.

2

How will the data be collected?

Once the policy has been developed, students will be able to identify by filling in the student registration form or the student information update form at their local school.

3

How will the data be used?

The information provided can assist the Board in making program planning decisions. Data can be used to measure student achievement, discover potential achievement gaps and respond to students at risk. Data can be used to set goals, such as increasing graduation rates and promotion to post secondary education. Knowing who our Aboriginal students are allows us to appropriately designate resources.

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Other than the DSHB, who else will use this data?

The Ontario Ministry of Education will have access to this data. The Ministry is committed to addressing the specific needs of all students using an evidence-based approach. Reliable, student-specific data is necessary to support improvement planning, accountability, and to inform policy, funding decisions, measurement and reporting. The Ministry is engaged in ongoing dialogue and partnerships with the provincial Aboriginal organizations, including the Chiefs of Ontario, Métis Nation of Ontario, and the Ontario Federation of Friendship Centres.

5

How is this Voluntary and Confidential?

The choice to self-identify is the sole decision of the student (18 or older) or parent/guardian. The DSHB will continue to support the needs of Aboriginal students, whether they have identified or not. Students and their families may 'un-identify' at any time if they choose. All student information will be securely stored to respect privacy and used only as a means to enhance Aboriginal education programs. Individual data will not be communicated and will be treated in the same manner as the Ontario Student Record and is protected by the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.

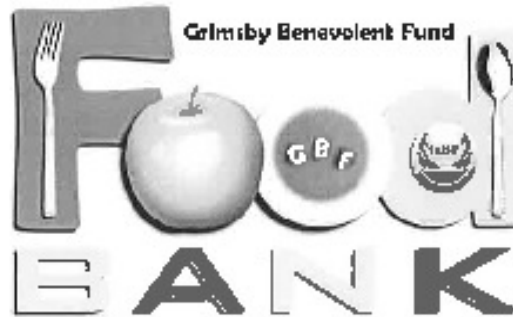
BACKGROUND

The recent Ontario Ministry of Education's report, released January 2007, entitled "Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework" indicates Aboriginal education as one of its key priorities. The focus is on improving student achievement and closing the gap between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal students in areas of literacy and numeracy; retention of students in school; graduation rates and advancement to post secondary studies. For us to close the gap, we need to understand our student success rates for all students as a whole, what programs and supports are working and/or what additional supports/programs are needed to help our students be successful in school.

DSHB



School Support Services
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Season of Sharing

The need for food for our residents is greater than ever this holiday season and all year-round!

We invite you to generously donate non-perishable food items that will benefit the individuals and families served at the Grimsby Benevolent Fund.

Most Needed Food items:

- * Canned fruit
- * Canned stews
- * Pasta
- * Pasta sauce
- * Potatoes (canned/boxed)
- * Fruit juice
- * Rice mixes
- * Cold Cereal
- * Granola bars
- * Fruit cups
- * Juice boxes
- * Coffee (instant/ground)
- * Laundry soap / cleaning supplies
- * All personal hygiene products
- * Thanksgiving items - canned cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, fresh harvest vegetables

Please drop off donations at the Food Bank between our hours of operation Monday to Friday 10:00am - 4:30pm.

Hunger is a year-round issue that doesn't end on Thanksgiving weekend. You can help the Grimsby Benevolent Fund families year round by making a donation at www.grimsbybenevolentfund.ca. Thank you for helping to put a smile on the faces of those we serve this holiday season!

Stacy Eja
Executive Director, Grimsby Benevolent Fund