



HAWK'S EYE VIEW

Central Public School

HOME OF THE C-HAWKS

SEPTEMBER

2011

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school! I am proud to have joined the excellent staff here at Central School. I am most impressed with your vision - Believe, Achieve, Succeed. Getting to know families will be my first priority so please remember to drop in and introduce yourself if you are near the school. I want to welcome all of the new students who will be attending Central school and hope that you are looking forward to the exciting events we have planned for you. I'd also like to welcome our new staff members: Mrs. Campbell-High, Mme Kurzawa, Mrs. Oakes (our new Youth Counsellor) and welcome back to Mrs. Lobb.

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You will find that we have updated our technology equipment and will focus on using it during instruction and for student use. We have netbooks, Ipads, Smart Boards, docucameras and some new televisions! Staff will also focus on Assessment strategies that promote student cognition and improved product. We look forward to having Mr. Digweed work with our teachers as he takes on his Academic Coaching role.

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Please plan on attending our OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, September 15th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. If you are unable to make it, then feel free to contact your child's teacher for a meet and greet. For parents who pick up their child, just a reminder to use the front of the school as a meeting place. This will help alleviate confusion in the bus area at the back of the school. We also ask that lunches come to school with students to avoid you having to make an extra trip here each day.

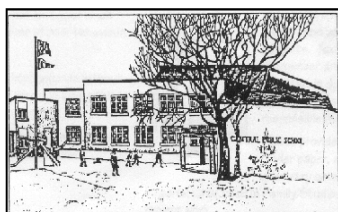
If you have an older student (Gr. 6 -8) and wish for them to leave school during second break on a regular basis - please send a note to the office, which we will keep on file for the year. Otherwise, every time a student leaves school property at lunch, a note from home is needed. We are also trying to reduce the office phone usage. Therefore, students will not be given permission to use the phone unless it is an emergency or they have been granted a phone pass from their teacher. (Forgotten items does not constitute an emergency.)

A bit about me: I have been an educator for 22 years. I have been a Principal for 11 years coming from College Street in Smithville, Westmount in Thorold and Rose Seaton in Fort Erie. I am married with three grown children and love to read novels. Some of my other interests are: gardening, golfing and baking. I am excited to be your new Principal and hope that we will work together to ensure that Central is the BEST school in the DSBN!

Sincerely, Mrs. Niznik

LUNCH SUPERVISOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Central is looking for 1 part time individual to cover lunch duty for approximately 3/4 hour per day. Please drop off a resume to the office if you are interested.



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
Achieving Success Together

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

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

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

There are two days designated as early release:

September 23rd, 2011 & February 17th, 2012

On early release days the morning Junior and Senior Kindergarten students will attend school. However, please keep in mind that there will **NOT be bus transportation home for our morning kindergarten students. Afternoon kindergarten students will not attend on these days.**

All Central students will be dismissed at 12:05pm. Buses will begin to arrive at this time (three hours earlier than usual.) Please make sure you have arrangements in place for your child(ren) on these days. For your information, secondary school students will also be released on these days.

STAYING GREEN

Central's Newsletter and Calendar went GREEN last year. Therefore, this will be the **ONLY** printed copy you will receive this academic year.

Each month the calendar and newsletter will be posted on the Central School website. We will no longer print paper copies of our newsletter or calendar. We encourage you to read the newsletter and calendar on-line.

Check us out at www.dsb.edu.on.ca/schools/central

If you wish to receive an electronic copy, please provide an email address to the office. Thank you for helping us help the planet.

KARATE

Karate will begin on Monday, September 19 during 1st nutrition break (10:30 am).

Registration forms will be available in the office as of Monday, September 12, 2011.



OPEN HOUSE -- Thursday, September 15th

Parents and students are invited to join us for a Family Open House on **Thursday, September 15th from 4:00-6:00 pm.** We hope you will be able to join us and to meet your child's teacher!

PEANUT / NUT ALLERGY ALERT

This year we have several students with a life threatening allergy to peanuts and peanut products.

We also have students with allergies to other nuts but not peanuts. We are asking for the cooperation and understanding of all families in remaining from sending foods to school which may contain nut products or peanuts.

SUGGESTED SNACKS

FRUITS and VEGETABLES make a great snack for school

Peppers and cucumber slices, baby carrots, cherry tomatoes, celery, broccoli or cauliflower (if your child prefers these with dip, include a dressing)

Orange segments, clementines, or grapes, cantaloupe or watermelon slices

Applesauce and mixed fruit cups, strawberries, blueberries and raspberries

Cheese and crackers

Please check all labels when choosing snacks for school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Join us in the staffroom. All parents are welcome.



A huge C-Hawk thank you goes out to Farm Credit Canada and the Education Foundation of Niagara for sponsoring and supporting our Breakfast Program!

Thank you!

OFFICE UPDATE

TUCK SHOP

Central School will again be participating in the Milk Program. As of Monday, September 12th, 2011, milk will be sold during the 1st Nutrition Break, Monday to Friday.



- Large White - \$1.00
- Large Chocolate \$1.00
- Small Chocolate - .75¢

PICTURE DAY

Central students will have their individual photos and class pictures taken on **Wednesday, September 21st**. Please come dressed in bright or light colours, bring a comb if necessary and remember to wear your best smile.



TURKEY TROT



Our students will be involved in a daily fitness activity beginning September 26th and ending at Thanksgiving. Each day (weather permitting) all of our students (JK to Gr. 8) will run, walk or jog around our school yard for fifteen minutes. For each lap completed, the students will receive a ticket for a classroom Turkey Trot draw to be held on Thursday October 7th.

**Important Dates
2011/12**

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

www.dsbm.org

MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

Once again, Central School will run a magazine campaign. This year we will be using a new magazine company - Canadian Community Reading Plan. This program will be run the same as in previous years, with a few minor changes, including some new and exciting incentives for Central students. During our campaign, you will receive the best price available for your reading materials while Central School retains a substantial portion as profit.

Thursday, September 15th is the kick off and campaign ends Thursday, September 29th

Please watch for more info regarding student prizes and incentives.

SCHOOL STAFF 2011/2012

TEACHING STAFF

JK/SKA	Mrs. Grayson
JK/SKA	Mrs. Larock
JK/SKP	Mrs. Larock
Gr. 1	Miss Donders
Gr. 1	Ms. Wainwright
Gr. 2	Mrs. Lobb
Gr. 2/3	Mrs. Nicitopolous
Gr. 3	Mrs. Drummond
Gr. 4	Ms. Jonz
Gr. 5	Mr. Nicholls
Gr. 5 Fr Imm	Ms. Kurzawa
Gr. 6	Mr. Huebert
Gr. 7	Mrs. Fraser
Gr. 7	Mr. Tempest
Gr. 8	Mrs. Clutterbuck
Gr. 8	Mrs. Johnson
Gr. 8	Mrs. Lamb
Int. French	Mrs. Kelly
Jr. French	Mrs. Farquhar
Prep	Mrs. D'Cunha
LRT	Mrs. Campbell-High
Inst. Coach	Mr. Digweed
Librarian	Mrs. Grayson

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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

SUPPORT STAFF

Educational Assistant	Mrs. Meecham
Youth Counsellor	Mrs. Oakes
School Nurse	Mrs. Munford
Head Caretaker	Mr. Counsell
Night Caretaker	Mr. Bjelan
Cleaners	Mrs. Thibeault
	Mrs. Fedetsova
	Mrs. Tenbrinke
Lunch Supervisors	Mr. Pollock
	Mrs. Lozecki
Crossing Guard	Mr. Cook

AT GSS

Science and Technology	Mr. Hauer
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ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

All students are required to have an Acceptable Use Agreement form signed for the use of information and Communication Technologies at school. The agreement and consent form is found at the back of the student organizer. Review this form carefully with your child.

Please sign the agreement and return it to your child's teacher by September 9th.

SCHOOL ORGANIZERS / AGENDAS

Each student (Grades 1-8) will be provided with a Central School organizer. A letter explaining the use of the organizer has been sent home. Please take time to review the information, that pertains to our school, that is printed on the front pages of the book.

Please send in \$5.00 to cover printing costs.

CENTRAL SCHOOL TIMES

"Balanced School Day" Schedule

8:30 am	Supervision begins
8:45 am	Students admitted
8:50 am	Period 1
9:40 am	Period 2
10:30 am.	Nutrition Break - 20 min
10:50 am	Fitness Break - 25 min.
11:15 am	Period 3
12:05 pm	Period 4
12:55 pm.	Nutrition Break - 20 min
1:15 pm.	Fitness Break - 25 min
1:40 pm.	Period 5
2:30 pm.	Period 6
3:20 pm	Dismissal



The second nutrition/fitness break is the time when students may leave the school property to go home/out for their lunch.

The crossing guard will be on duty at 12:55 pm.

Afternoon attendance will be taken after the second nutrition/fitness break.

It is very important that students do not leave the property without permission.

Please send a note with your child or call the office and leave a message if your child is planning on leaving for lunch. Thank you for your co-operation.



ABOUT CENTRAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL CLOTHING

We will be offering an opportunity to purchase Central School clothing. We encourage our students in grade 4 to 8 to wear Central School t-shirts and shorts for physical education classes. More information will be sent home at a later date.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Central School has a security access system which allows the office to control entrance to our school. All entrances to the school are locked at 9:00 am. If students or parents come to the school after 9:00 am., they will need to press the buzzer and identify themselves to the office staff in order to enter the school. Students who are arriving late to school must report to the office for a late/admit slip.

Parents of children attending the Y.M.C.A. Daycare will need to buzz at the back door of the school in order to be let into the school after 4:00 pm.

Please remember that the safety of our students is our first concern. These measures will allow us to better monitor the activity in our school.

ABSENCES, LATES AND ATTENDANCE CALLS

Please help us to ensure the safety of our students by calling when your child will be absent or late to school. Office hours are 8:00 to 4:00pm. Outside of these hours you may call anytime, day or night, and leave a message on our answering system.

If your child will be away from school, please help us by calling the office.

We always need to know the whereabouts of each and every student. Your co-operation in calling us will assist our office staff immensely! If you haven't called us, we'll be calling you. We will call your home first, followed by your place of business, and if necessary the numbers you have listed as emergency contacts.

Also, all students who arrive late to school (any time during the school day) must report to the office to receive an admit slip. In addition, students leaving at any time during the school day will be required to sign-out at the office.

IPODS, MP3 PLAYERS AND CAMERAS

Electronic devices are very popular with adolescents today, however the staff of Central School believe that these items do not have a place in our classroom. Many of these items are very expensive and they are the target of theft. These items should not be brought to school as we will not be responsible if they are lost or stolen. Students should not be taking photos of students or staff without their consent.

CELL PHONE USE

Students may bring cell phones to school, however according to the District School board of Niagara's policy, we require that all cell phones be turned off as soon as students arrive on school property. All cell phones must be stored in student backpacks. Cell phones are not to be used during the school day, unless under the direct supervision of the classroom teacher. Students are able to use the office telephones with a phone pass from their teacher. Our phones are also available for student use in the event of an emergency.



HOMEWORK

The purpose for homework is to extend and reinforce what has been learned in class and to develop a sense of self-discipline, personal responsibility and independent thinking. In the interest of variety and in order to give pupils an opportunity to develop different kinds of skills, not all assignments need to be written. Some may be to read, to interview, to cut art, to collect, to study, to research, to listen or to watch a special T.V. program. Teachers try not to give homework on weekends (other than project completion, etc) in order to allow students to engage more fully in family activities. However, if a student falls behind in their work it is their responsibility to get the work completed whether it is a weekend or not.

The following is a guideline for homework time allotment.

Primary Students (gr 1-3) 15 minutes per day - - - Junior Students (gr 4-6) 30-35 minutes per day

Intermediate Students (gr 7-8) 60-90 minutes per day

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

When buses arrive in the morning, students are considered to be at school and are not to leave the property to go to a store etc. If a parent would like to give their child permission to leave the school property, they must send a note dated and signed by a parent. The note must then be brought to school with them that day which in turn will be signed by the homeroom teacher and taken with them when they leave. If this is done, it is assumed that parents are responsible for their children when they are off school grounds. Once a student has returned to school following lunch they may not leave a second time. It is our expectation that all students be polite and co-operative while off school property. Our reputation in the community depends on their good behaviour. Students will lose offsite lunch privileges because of poor behaviour. No student will be permitted to leave school property without a note.

We will not be making phone calls for notes that have been forgotten.

SCHOOL POLICIES

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

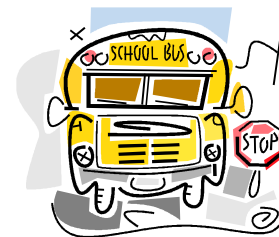
All visitors, including parents must report to the school office where they are to sign-in and pick up a visitor/volunteer badge prior to going to a classroom. If you are dropping off items for your child i.e. lunch, homework, clothing etc., please leave them at the office. We will see that your child receives it. **Please do not go directly to classrooms.** Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL BUS NEWS

OUR BUSES ARE FULL. Parents, please do not give your son/daughter permission to bring a friend home with them on the bus because there is no room. First student would appreciate your support as the teachers who are on bus duty, and the bus drivers will have no choice but to tell the students "No", they cannot get on the bus.

*** Students are not allowed to eat or drink on the bus. ***

Proper and acceptable behaviour on a school bus is critical to making every child's bus ride safe. The driver's responsibility is to get children to school and home again safely. Your child's responsibility as a rider, is to demonstrate excellent behaviour on the bus. If your child is not clear about the expectations they can ask the driver or the principal.



We ask that staff, students and visitors not wear perfumes and scented products.

This will help give everyone healthy air to breathe.

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury?

The DSBN does not provide medical coverage for students. If you have no other coverage it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been provided to each student to assist you in getting coverage. It costs as little as \$2 per student for basic school day/school activity coverage.

SCHOOL VANDALISM

We earnestly seek your co-operation in reducing vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at Central School, please call, in confidence, either of the following emergency numbers:

905-682-8065 or 905-563-1293

Your co-operation will be appreciated.

DRESSING FOR SUCCESS AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

At Central School it is the belief of teachers and parents alike, that student dress should be appropriate to an academic setting, create a separation between the street and the school, and contribute to an overall positive image of our school. The consistent enforcement of our dress code will enhance our educational environment and help create a tone conducive to the achievement of excellence. It is felt that in the interest of fairness, the dress code applies to all students regardless of age or grade.

1. **Hats or head coverings must be removed** upon entry into the school and not worn indoors.
2. **Shoes must be worn** indoors due to safety/fire regulations.
3. Students, regardless of age, are not permitted to wear inappropriate clothing which includes: - short shorts, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, "see through" tops or mesh tops (unless worn with an undershirt)
4. Exposed undergarments, bare midriffs and backs are not permitted. Shirts, blouses, T-shirts and sweaters must be long enough to cover the midriff.
5. Clothes bearing written statements, or diagram (pictures, logos, people) that do not promote a positive and safe environment; that are racist, suggestive, or in bad taste, or that advertise alcohol, drug or tobacco products are not permitted.



Remember a positive school culture and tone are integral to the creation and enhancement of a school environment committed to the achievement of personal and academic excellence.

IMMUNIZATION

Is your child's immunization up to date?

Every September our thoughts are turned towards preparing our children returning back to school for the school year. Have you thought about checking your child's immunization to make sure it's up to date for his or her age? Immunization is often neglected and that's why we remind you to check your child's yellow immunization card to make sure it is up to date. If you're unsure if your child requires any needles, you can call the Regional Niagara Public Health Department at (905) 688-3762 or 1-800-263-7238 ext. 7396 and speak to a public health nurse. In addition, you are required to report your child's immunizations to the Public Health Department. So each time your child gets a needle you need to let them know about it. Call our Immunization Report Line at (905) 688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext.7459. The line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it's confidential.

Remember, immunize your child on time and notify the Public Health Department every time.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT 905-688-3762 OR 1-800-263-7248

www.regional.niagara.on.ca



School-Based Immunization Clinics

Did you know that every year in Canada, 1,400 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and more than 400 will die from it? Almost all cervical cancers are caused by a Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection. The HPV vaccine is an important medical advancement that makes cervical cancer a preventable disease. Once again this year, the HPV vaccine called Gardasil® will be offered free to all female Grade 8 students through Niagara Region Public Health's school-based immunization clinics. In addition, the Hepatitis B vaccine and the Meningococcal vaccine called Menactra® will be offered free to all Grade 7 students. Parent/student information packages will be coming home with your child in September. Clinic dates and times will be announced through your child's school.

For more information, speak to your school nurse or call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.

MEDICATION POLICY

The safety of all students is of great importance to every staff member and parent. Taking into consideration the location and administration of medications is a delicate situation, which could result in a safety issue should medication fall into the wrong hands. It is for this very reason that the District School Board of Niagara has come up with a policy for the storage and administration of medication to students (in accordance with the Ministry Memorandum #81 (1984).

According to the administrative Procedure, 3-13, entitled "Administering Health Support Services to Students", authorized drugs "shall be administered by the Principal or designate and shall be provided through the parent in an appropriate container on which storage and safe keeping requirements are clearly indicated".

We must have an "Authorization of Administration of Oral/Topical Medication" form signed by parents and the physician to allow students to receive medications at school. Any parents that have concerns regarding this can call the office to discuss appropriate arrangements. Remember, we are here to assist parents with this process because we realize that it is difficult for you to get to the school daily. However, please feel free, at any time, to come and administer medications yourself if that is your wish. Forms are available at the office.

HEAD LICE

Early identification, prompt treatment & each family's co-operation will bring the problem under control. Head lice continues to be a problem, especially in school-aged children. Anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with whether you have clean or dirty hair, or the cleanliness of your home. Over the summer, head lice have been spreading mainly by head to head contact as children have been enjoying summer activities. Head lice will continue to spread at school and during after school activities causing a frustrating year-long problem, unless we have every family's co-operation to eliminate them completely.

To combat this problem, we need your help. Please check your child's head once a week.. Please look for:

Lice: 1/16—1/4" (2-6mm) Long, brown or black or grey, near the scalp

Nits: tiny, dark coloured or white (darker coloured eggs are especially likely to be alive)
tear-drop shape, glued to hair shaft especially close to scalp, behind ears, back of head and under bangs.

If you find lice or nits:

- notify the school right away - check everyone in the house -treat with head lice product
- remove all lice and eggs - vacuum house and wash clothing and bedding used the last three days
- remind children not to share combs, brushes, hats head-bands, etc.

For more detailed information: contact the school or the health department at 905-688-3762 or 1-800-263-7248

Achieving Success Together

September is an exciting time for students because they are entering a new grade, usually with a new teacher or possibly a new division. Students and parents alike may be a little nervous about some of these changes with the new school year.

Parents, the following are some tips for success, that you can implement to assist your student(s) to have a successful year.

Please talk to your student(s) about their first day. Nervousness about new situations and new people is a natural occurrence. Be positive with your child(ren) and let them know that you and the Central Staff are here to help and are always ready to answer questions.

Set up a regular "homework time" which occurs, as much as possible at the same time. Amounts of homework differ from grade to grade but a solid routine for any homework will only add to your child's success. This may include regular homework in the older grades such as projects or studying for tests. In the younger grades, this may be a time to share a favourite book with your child. Make sure to ask questions about how a student's day went at school.

It's important that students have a quiet, distraction-free area. This needs to be well lit and comfortable with minimal interruptions. Remember that it does not need to be fancy but conducive to a student's concentration.

Get involved! Please stay current with phone calls to your child's teachers. Come in and volunteer at the school. Offer to chaperone on school trips when there is a need. Show interest in projects and work that is brought home to build your student's confidence. Join the active and supportive School Council at Central and support your child(ren)!

CANADIAN MEDICALERT FOUNDATION'S NO CHILD WITHOUT PROGRAM

The Canadian MedicAlert Foundation has developed a **free** program to protect children living with chronic medical conditions, allergies or special needs. This program is called No Child Without. It was developed to ensure children across Canada from Junior Kindergarten up to their 14th birthday receive MedicAlert protection at no cost to the parent, school or Board of Education. The No Child Without program is fully funded by the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation in partnership with the Lions Clubs of Canada, a grant from the Government of Canada and by individuals, local businesses and corporations.

Each child in the participating school will receive a No Child Without bar-coded brochure specific to the school. Review the brochure, if you choose to have your child participate in the program, please follow the information provided in the brochure. If your child is already a member, call MedicAlert to see if you should transfer your child to the No Child Without program.

Students will have a choice of pre-selected MedicAlert identification, listing their medical conditions and membership number. As a member of MedicAlert, you will receive a wallet card with all of the member's information (this can be used as an information card for parents). Access to the 24 Hour Emergency Hotline, notification of personal emergency contact at the time of an emergency and a follow-up with parents after the emergency call has been made to the Hotline. Should your child move to another school in Canada, they are still protected.

Visit www.nochildwithout.ca to learn more about the program.

Go To: FirePreventionWeek.org
Protect Your Family From Fire
October 9-15, 2011 • It's Fire Prevention Week

You are invited to attend our annual open house!

Sun. September 25,
11:00 am-3:00 pm

Grimsby Fire Hall 261 Ontario Street

FREE PARKING
Fun for all ages! Indoor and outdoor activities!
EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Live burn demonstrations will be conducted at approximately
12:15 pm and 1:15 pm
(Weather permitting)

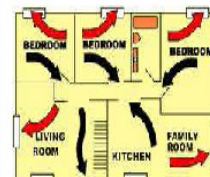
Complementary refreshments and gifts also available!

Fire safety starts with you!
BE PREPARED!!

For more info, contact the Fire Prevention Office
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30pm 905-945-2113



Test your smoke alarms monthly!



Make a home escape plan and practice it!

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LIBRARY ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help students in the library. During break times, children are invited to attend the library to work on projects, use the computer lab for research assignments, or just enjoy some quiet reading time. Volunteers are needed to supervise and assist students with accessing library and computer resources. So come out and enjoy some free coffee while you help inspire the joy of learning!

Please return this slip to school if you are interested in helping out our Central students. Please indicate which days and times you are available.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
- 10:50-11:15 1:10-1:40

BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with students in the Breakfast Club.

The program runs daily from 8:15-8:45.

Please return this slip to school if you are interested in helping out our Central students. Please indicate which days and times you are available.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PARENTS VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT CENTRAL SCHOOL!

Please indicate below, with a check mark what you are able to help with in any of the areas listed.

- pizza lunches assisting in library
- fundraising School Council member
- Breakfast Club

Name: _____ Phone # _____

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 helps our school by giving us cash back for gift cards that we buy. The gift cards are then used for everyday purchases like groceries, gas or clothes, in stores where we 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. Last year we raised over \$1400 for our school!

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 or a credit card 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

