



CENTRAL NEWS

Home of the Bulldogs

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Partners, and Friends,

We were pleased to see so many families at our barbeque. It was a time for children to showcase their classrooms and their school. I trust that you enjoyed the experience as much as we did! Thanks to Central Home and School Association for facilitating the tasty BBQ!

World Teachers' Day is Monday, October 5th and we certainly have much for which to be thankful! I appreciate and applaud the dedicated, diligent, caring, cooperative, and collaborative efforts of all of our teachers.

Our new French Language Assistant will begin to work with us shortly, to provide support French language development and French culture among our students. We also hope to have a volunteer from the Katimavik program supporting our students and staff in the near future.

As the year continues, please bring any questions or concerns that may arise, to your child's teacher or to me. You are always welcome at Central. Together, we can provide the most positive learning opportunities and experiences for your children!

Sincerely yours in education,

Linda L. Henry

VIRTUES

Along with our two focus virtues, respect and courage from last month – we will focus on the following two virtues for October:

Courtesy

Enthusiasm

INTERLINK

Central School will once again be the host school for INTERLINK. Our Grade 5 students will partner with adults who love to sing and share time with younger people. Once a week, Interlink participants will work with choir director, Graham Ghent and accompanist, David Gillett to prepare songs for the Interlink Program to which you will be invited in the spring. Thank you to Graham and David, for sharing their special talents and their time! Throughout the school year, students and adults will correspond and share time together. The first meeting between students and adults will be a luncheon in early October. The adults will provide lunch for our singers. We look forward to continuing this wonderful partnership!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – October 5th to 9th

This year, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Morash have organized a fall book fair. Students will view the books on Monday, October 5th and Tuesday, October 6th. Books will be sold to the students and parents from 9:00 – 4:00 on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. **On Wednesday, the Book Fair will be open until 6:30 p.m. for parents to browse** with or without their children.

PICTURE DAY – Thursday, October 15

Our school pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 15th. Order forms will be forwarded to you as soon as we receive them.

BUDDY DAYS

Buddy days are an enjoyable time for Central students. We have matched students, older with younger, to become buddies for a variety of activities during the year. September's Buddy Day has produced an innovative quilt that will soon hang proudly in our foyer. Buddies enjoyed a positive introduction to each other in a variety of artistic, physical, and academic situations, planned by teachers of each division. Starting October 16th, once a month, Buddy Time will be usually held during last block. We will begin with an assembly in the gym. After the entertainment, buddies will go to classrooms to work together on activities planned by the supervising teachers. By alternating supervision and planning between primary and junior teaching teams, we are able to use this time for teacher Instructional Professional Learning Communities (PLC's), a time for a group of teachers to meet to focus on our Critical Learning Pathway.

INTERIM REPORTS

A short summary of your child's progress to date will be sent home on Friday, October 23rd. If you have Concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher for an interview.

Please return the signed portion as quickly as possible.

BLACK AND ORANGE AFTERNOON

To celebrate Halloween we will all wear black and orange coloured clothing. This celebration will take place on Friday, October 30th. Children will enjoy special activities in the afternoon.

UNICEF

Collection boxes will be placed in each classroom to collect donations to send to less fortunate children.

Nous nous aimons - Nous partageons...We care - We share

SNACK PROGRAM

Once again, Tanya McMillan will coordinate our snack program. Thank you, Tanya! We will resume serving nutritious snacks to all of our students this year on Wednesday's and Friday's starting this month. Two food groups will be served at each snack.

CLUBS AND TEAMS

T- ball has begun! Teams are organized and games are scheduled during outdoor recess times. Grade 3 Choral Club started September 29th. Dolores Bruckner-Bond is working with our grade 3 singers once a week, usually Tuesday's at 1:00 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity for these students to enjoy a musical experience with another one of our community's talented choir directors. We thank Mrs. Bruckner-Bond for thinking of us!

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE FORM AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

We know that snow and stormy weather will be coming and we must prepare, should we need to dismiss our children early. We must have forms completed and returned for every child in this school before October 9th. Please ensure that you have returned all forms, as we are developing our school plan now and want to account for all of our children. We continue to practise emergency procedures monthly.

CENTRAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (CHASA, formerly PTA) and the HALLOWE'EN FUNDRAISER

Halloween order sheets went home on September 21st and orders are expected back by October 14th to ensure delivery on time. Student sellers will be able to pick up their orders on Tuesday, October 27th from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the gym, and will deliver all orders Wednesday through Friday. Thank you very much for your support of sales as buyers and sellers! Home and School continues to support and facilitate special events, field trips and new playground equipment from the proceeds of such fundraisers. CHASA invites you to join. [To become a member costs \\$15.00, which is the fee, per member, to belong to the provincial organization. An information letter will be going home soon. Meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 here at Central.](#)

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

School Advisory Council met on September 30th. We are very pleased with the increased response from parents interested in volunteering for School Council this year. Minutes will be available on our website, soon, with details of discussions and decisions made, as well as future meeting dates. Even if you cannot commit to being a volunteer on School Council, you are always welcome to attend any meeting.

EQAO RESULTS

We are pleased with our EQAO scores from last June because we know that every student did his or her best. Our Grade 3 scores have greatly improved. We are working hard and we are progressing well toward our goal to move every student forward, thereby continuing to improve student achievement at Central.

Grade 3

Subject	Central PS Levels 3 & 4	Board Scores Levels 3 & 4	Provincial Scores Levels 3 & 4
Reading	76	53	61
Writing	76	58	68
Mathematics	72	66	70

Grade 6

Subject	Central PS Level 3 & 4	Board Scores Levels 3 & 4	Provincial Scores Levels 3 & 4
Reading	65	62	69
Writing	65	55	67
Mathematics	57	54	63

To respond to the most common questions parents and guardians are asking about elementary level EQAO assessments, EQAO has designed a pamphlet entitled "A Parent's Guide to EQAO Tests." Our school should receive multiple copies of this pamphlet this week. We will distribute this pamphlet to the parents of the students entering Grades 3 and 6 this school year. This pamphlet and other useful materials are now available in the "Parent Resources" section of EQAO's Web site, www.eqao.com.

TERRY FOX WALK

We collected over \$200.00 on our Terry Fox Walk that was held on Friday, September 18th. Thank you! We were pleased that some parents could join us and enjoyed the variety of hats that greeted us!

INTERNATIONAL PLOWING MATCH

We thank the 57 volunteers: parents, grandparents, partners, bus drivers, and friends, who came to help supervise students for the International Plowing Match on September 22nd. We thank Kirkland District Hospital for providing identification wrist bands, Frog's Breath Foundation and Mr. Peter Grant for their generous contributions toward our students' admissions, and to District School Board Ontario north East for paying for all transportation. As well as subsidizing student admissions. We would never have been able to have this wonderful experience without all of your contributions! Merci, aussi, à nos enseignants who worked so hard to personalize the day's activities for each class of students. Merci aux élèves qui étaient très, très respectueux et patients! Nous sommes très fiers de vous! This was a most enjoyable learning experience for everyone! Merci beaucoup à tous!

SWIM PROGRAM

Swim Program dates are not yet available, but we will send a message home as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

RINGUETTE

Ringuette season is here for girls from 5 years of age and older.

Check out the website, ComeTryRinguette.com or pick up a brochure and see the poster at Central!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- Keep all nut products at home – We do our best to be a “**nut safe**” school.
- Keep checking for head lice. (We know they have already invaded other schools.)
- Continue to distribute birthday invitations privately, rather than at school. If you have no other means, please give the invitations to your student's teacher, personally, and he or she will slip them into school bags.
- Save your pop can tabs, send them to school. We will deliver them to the Legion.

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 5	World Teachers' Day! Merci beaucoup!
October 6	Grade 4 Hilliardton Marsh Field Trip
October 5-9	Scholastic Book Fair
October 7	Scholastic Book Fair browsing for parents until 6:30
p.m.	
October 8	Please ensure all Early School Closure forms are
returned	
October 9	Fire posters to be submitted
October 12	Thanksgiving Day – No School
October 15	Picture Day
October 16	Buddy Afternoon
October 21	School Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Room 12
October 23	CHASA Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Room 12
October 23	Interim Report Cards sent home
October 27	Hallowe'en Snack Pack Pick-up – 4:30 – 6:00
October 28-30	Hallowe'en Snack Pack delivery!
October 28	Grade 1-6 Assembly: Respect the rules for a better life at
school!	
October 30	Black & Orange Day
October 30	UNICEF donations collected