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Central News

HOME OF THE BULLDOGS

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From the Principal's Desk

What busy, challenging, and productive times we have enjoyed this past October at Central! Our Buddy Day quilt project, one example of what cooperative teamwork can do, hangs proudly in our foyer; Interlink and grade three choral groups are off to promising starts; JK, SK, and SK/1 classrooms underwent smooth transitions to accommodate increased JK enrolment; Grade 5 students met the challenge presented by the grade six entertainers in September and our fives provided energetic and entertaining performances for everyone to enjoy on Buddy Day; increased strategies to inhibit the spread of flu's have been implemented by all staff and students; CHASA's Hallowe'en fundraiser, thanks to your support, has been very successful; teachers have been very busy assessing students from SK to Gr. 6 using PLAB, DRA and/or GB+; all of Central's assessment data has been entered and Interim Reports have gone home, thanks to the dedication and commitment of our teaching staff; engaging orange and black activities were everywhere on the 30th!

We continue to work hard to promote understanding and raise awareness of the need for respect for all, regardless of differences. Our students of all ages identified four sound reasons why 'Good Behaviour' is necessary at school: to make school a safe, happy place for everyone to make friends and to become the best people they can be! Grade three student, Jeanelle Trahan, summed it up well with these words, **"School is fun when there is no bullies, just buddies!"**

We certainly appreciate your calls in the morning regarding students who are ill or will be absent. **With the current flu season, we would ask everyone to call, leave us messages or access the school website with the reason for each student's absence. Right now, our secretary, Mrs. Dal Pai, is spending every morning through to 12:30 p.m. making phone calls to confirm student absences.**

Winter has given us a premature and harsh reminder of the cold and snow to come. Please ensure our children are dressed appropriately for our changing weather. **Linda Henry**

November Virtues

HONOUR

UNITY

BLACK AND ORANGE DAY

Thank you, Mrs. Wallace for organizing a most engaging and fun Black and Orange Day. Our JK to Grade 6 students enjoyed a variety of cooperative activities supervised by our staff. Thank you to volunteers who helped out with snacks and drinks. We appreciate McDonald's donation of the "Orange Bowl" with all the trimmings. Thank you to our snack program volunteers for our healthy treats and of course, we thank CJKL for its **Spooktacular** initiative on behalf of a safe and happy Hallowe'en for our students.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Mme Diane and her Grade 6 students will leave at 9:15 a.m. to prepare to participate in the candlelight vigil at 10:00 a.m. at the cenotaph the morning of Nov. 4th. This community tribute will initiate Veteran's Week. Please ensure students are dressed for the weather.

NEW MICROWAVE SCHEDULE

Due to some electrical complications, the following schedule will be in effect until June:

Monday and Wednesday

Grade 3	-	Room 7
Grade 4	-	Room 8
Grade 1/2	-	Room 2
SK	-	Room 1

Tuesday and Thursday

Grade 2/3	-	Room 9
Grade 5	-	Room 12
Grade 6	-	(Room 10)
Grade 1	-	Room 3
SK/1	-	Room 6

CENTRAL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

You are receiving CHASA cheese order sheets today, Friday, October 30th. Please return order forms with sales' money by November 17th. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child's cheese project. Please ensure orders are identified, tallied and full payment amounts have been submitted. **Allcheques are payable to CHASA**, please. (Central Home and School Association)

Cheese has been another effective fundraiser from which our students benefit, thanks to the efforts of our hard working Home and School Association and you. Please adhere to the time-frame for sales so that

Thornloe Cheese Factory can fill our cheese orders to meet our December 3rd and 4th order pickup dates for sellers. We hope that your family and friends will enjoy additions to our selection of cheeses and will support this second fundraiser.

HOT LUNCHES!

Finally, yes, hot lunches begin the first week of December! We will send home the menu for Tuesday hot lunches very soon. Should you want to participate, you will have the opportunity to choose the hot lunch item for your child or children by checking the appropriate date. Only one hot lunch item will be offered on each Tuesday. The cost will be \$3.00 for a 12 ounce portion and \$2.50 for an 8 ounce portion. Items may change for later months, but we will start with: a pasta bowl for Dec. 1st, home-made chicken noodle soup for Dec. 8th, chili bowl for Dec. 15th, and chicken fried rice for Dec. 22nd, pasta bowl on Jan. 12th, chili bowl on Jan. 19th, and chicken fried rice on Jan. 26th. We will ask you to pay in advance for the items you check.

If you choose to pay by cheque, please make it payable to Central Public School. Should your child be absent on a Tuesday when a lunch has been ordered, we would ask your generosity in allowing us to give the hot lunch to a child in need. Please watch for the December/January lunch order form. Please direct any questions and suggestions to me.

EXTRA HANDS

Central School appreciates having many "extra hands" to support our students. We welcome our Katimavik students, Amaelle Lebreton and Andrew Hanson, our French Language Assistant, Hugues Fournier, KLDCS COOP student, Caroline Gionet, Northern College ECE student, Amanda Herron, E. A. apprentice, Sandy Godin, regular JK parent volunteers, Steve Melanson and Tim Skjonsby, and Grade 3/4 volunteer, Mrs. Morash....all who provide additional personal attention to and support for our students, as well as support for our diligent and grateful teaching staff. As well, we are enjoying student teacher, Kelly Brand, who is working with Mr. Armstrong and his grade 5 and 6 classes. Central School is most fortunate, indeed!

USED CLOTHING FOR KIDS

If your children, ages three to 11 years, have outgrown pants, t-shirts, sweaters, and/or sneakers, we would certainly appreciate having them in our community clothes closet for emergency situations. Thank you for your continuing support.

STUDENT MONITOR TRAINING

Bonnie Sackrider will provide our student snack and lunch monitors with basic emergency training at 2:30 p.m. on November 4th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

All parents are invited to attend our November 18th at 5:30 p.m. meeting.

REMEMBRANCE DAY/"PROUD TO BE A CANADIAN" DAY

Our Grade 6 students will present our Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:15 a.m. In conjunction with Remembrance Day, we are celebrating our pride in being Canadian. We would encourage students and staff to wear red and white to complement our Canadian flags and poppies on November 11th. You are welcome to join us.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS – NOVEMBER 16th and DECEMBER 4th

On Monday, November 16th, teachers will work on report cards and assessment. On December 4th, report card interviews will continue in the morning and Autism training for staff will take place in the afternoon on

OUTDOOR SKATING RINK

We are looking to set up our boards in preparation to flood to create the ice surface as soon as weather permits. We have two volunteers to flood the rink, and four students from ECJV to help set up the boards. We need a larger work party, including someone with experience to coordinate and supervise the setting up of the rink boards. Ours is the last outdoor rink in KL, and we would like to be able to continue to offer this recreation to our community. Can you help? Please call 567-4030.

FLU SEASON

When the flu shot is available for our children, you will be notified with a permission request form and be asked to return it to us, promptly.

Please continue to help us inhibit the spread of colds and flu by keeping ill children at home. We are told that, once a child is ill, the child can be contagious from 7 – 10 days, depending on the severity of the influenza. Symptoms are often fever, body aches and cough, however stomach and intestinal problems may also be signs of the H1N1 virus in children. We do have a variety of seasonal flus in the air, as well as H1N1. Please refer to previous memos for other details and be assured that we are doing everything we can to inhibit the spread of germs/bacteria. Please feel free to call me whenever you have questions or concerns.

BUDDY TIME

Our third "Buddy Afternoon" will be on Friday, November 20th when student entertainers will be Grade 4

students. Primary teachers will meet in the book room while Junior teachers will plan and supervise buddy activities. (Please note the date change from our school calendar.)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE

Our second Scholastic Book Sale will be ready for viewing on Monday, November 30th. Sales will begin on Tuesday, December 2nd until Friday December 4th at noon. The Book Fair offers great ideas for Christmas shoppers!!!

FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS – PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday, December 2nd, our first term report cards will be sent home for you to review before interviews on Thursday after school, December 3rd, or Friday morning until noon, December 4th. An interview appointment sheet will be sent home later this month. Please choose your interview appointment time and return it to us by Monday, November 23rd.

REMINDERS

- We will send home your child's picture proofs **as soon as** we receive them. Please do not call and ask about pictures
- Continue to check for head lice.
- **No nuts of any kind can enter our school for the safety of our students.** Please check and limit Halloween treats. We appreciate your efforts.
- Please, check agendas nightly and communicate with teachers.
- You can e-mail the school to report absences: Central.School@dsb1.edu.on.ca or call and leave us message.
- Visit our website at: www.dsb1.on.ca – schools – Central School. Newsletters are posted.

NOVEMBER EVENTS SUMMARY

November 4	Grade 6 class – Cenotaph Candlelight Vigil for Veteran's Week Student monitor emergency training at 2:30 with B. Sackrider
November 11	Remembrance Day Service at 11:15 a.m. in gym
November 16	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL!
November 17	Interlink: Practice for students and adults at St. Peter's Church Final day for Cheese Orders and Money to be returned to school
November 18	School Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
November 19	Le Chaperon Rouge (Little Red Riding Hood musical) CHASA (Home and School Association) Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
November 20	Buddy Day