



Central Elementary School

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October, 2017 Newsletter

Well, October has started and the classes are settling quite nicely.

We look forward to participating in the **Terry Fox Walk**, on October 11th (Rain Date is Friday, October 13th). Thank you to Ms. Scharf and Mrs. Coleman for organizing and running this event. Please feel free to donate to this worthy cause – for more information, please see the following website: <http://www.terryfox.org>



SAFETY REMINDERS:

No Nuts or Nut Products Please: We have several children who have life threatening allergies. Please check all foods and food packages to be sure they do not contain any nut products, or nut oils. Thank you.

Please be sure to drop off and pick up your children at the following times as we do not have supervision at the school outside of these times. Thank you.

Drop Off: 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
Pick Up: 3:05 pm.

Absences/Lates: Please call the school to let us know the following:

- Child's name
- Reason for absence/late (and timelines)
- Child's grade
- Child's teacher

Please call the school prior to the absence, so we know that they are safe. We will now be doing our attendance electronically, and if we have not received a reason for your child's absence, you will receive a phone call from our Synervice System.

Checking in at the Office: In order to visit our school, please ring the buzzer, and upon entry go directly to the office to check in. If you are dropping off something for your child, please leave it at the office, and we will deliver it to your child. Thank you.

No students are permitted in the school before and after school hours (unless they are enrolled in the YWCA Before/After School Program). This is very important. We have had students running in our halls, jumping down stairs, and vandalizing our bathrooms. This is of course a great safety concern. We cannot be responsible for students in our building before and after school hours. Thank you very much for helping with this matter.

Parking Lot:

- Please monitor your child(ren) as you walk around or enter our parking lot.
- When driving in the parking lot, please follow the directional arrows in the parking lot. Thank you.
- Also, please do not stop in the travel areas of the parking lot. If you must stop, please do so in a parking spot.
- Please be PATIENT.
Thank you.



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Lice: Head lice are tiny bugs that live only on the scalp of human beings and are the size of a pinhead. They do not have wings so they cannot fly or jump, and they are not found on cats, dogs or any other household pets. The bites from head lice can cause itching and scratching. Scratching may cause sores which can get infected. Anyone can get head lice. School children get lice more than adults. When children play, their heads often touch. Lice crawl from head to head. Head lice are spread by direct head to head contact only. (*Facts of Lice*, 2003, Hamilton Public Health and Community Services Department). Based on the current medical research, it is essential that head lice be **treated with two applications** of an approved pediculocide seven days apart. As long as the treatment has been administered properly, the presence of nits does not necessarily indicate an active infestation. Additional information can be obtained from:

City of Hamilton Public Health Services
Phone: 905-546-CITY (905-546-2489)
Email: publichealth@hamilton.ca

IMPORTANT DATES: Please see the attached **calendar** for the important dates for this October.

Halloween Parade: We will hold our annual Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Students are welcome to wear their costumes on October 31st to school. Please note, we **cannot** permit any toy **weapons** (e.g., swords, knives, guns, sticks, etc.) or **masks** at school. The parade will proceed outside around the school yard in the morning, should any parents/family members wish to watch.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first School Council Meeting was held on September 28, 2017. Thank you to all who attended. All of the elected positions were acclaimed and are as follows:

Chair: Mrs. Katherine Graham
Parent Representatives: Ms. Ayla Genc
Ms. Melike Yilmaz
Teacher Representative: Mrs. Flavelle
Community Representative: Ms. Barb Stares

The **next meeting** will be held on October 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the main office.