



Central Elementary School

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November, 2018 Newsletter

I can't believe it is already November! We have several weeks behind us, and rules/routines are settling in very nicely.

I would like to extend a congratulations to our Cross Country Team who represented us very well at the HWDSB Meet. I would also like to say thank you to our Volunteers for helping us on that day, and to our teachers – Ms. Fothergill, Mr. Sinke, Mr. Ordowich, Ms. Scott, Ms. Knapp, Ms. Caven and Mrs. Flavelle for all their hard work with this team!



SAFETY REMINDERS:



No Nuts or Nut Products Please: We still have some students bringing in items that have nuts or nut products and/or oils. 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.

Absences/Lates: Attendance and punctuality is critical for your child's learning, achievement and well-being. If your child is going to be absent or late, please contact the school at 905-522-9690, and provide the following information:

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

Any student arriving late must check into the office upon their arrival. Our **start time is 8:45 a.m.**, and many of our classes start with Literacy, while the students are most alert. That being said, all of the classes are important to your child's education, and if your child is late regularly, he/she will be missing a significant portion of these important lessons.



Start Time: 8:45 a.m.



Pick-up Time: 3:05 p.m.



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Checking in at the Office: When visiting Central 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. Also, in order for your children to lose less class time, it would be helpful to make appointments after 3:05 p.m.

Visitors/Volunteers: If you are visiting or volunteering at Central, please sign-in on the appropriate sign-in list in the office. This is very important, as if we have an emergency in the building, we need to know that everyone in the building is accounted for, and safe. Thank you very much for this.

Strollers: Unfortunately, we **cannot allow** strollers into our school, as it **does not meet with Fire Regulations**. We are sorry for this inconvenience. As an alternative, you may wish to lock your stroller to the fence outside (you would have to provide the lock yourself). Also, we cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. I apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for following this rule.



Valuables and Treasured Toys/Items

Please do not bring any valuables, or treasured items to school, as we cannot ensure their safety. If items are brought to school, and they are lost or stolen, we are unable to replace these.

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

Website Information: Please note, any notices, or news items that come up in between our monthly newsletters, will be posted on our school website (usually these would be found in the “News” section of the website, on the Home Page. Also, a reminder that all Newsletters and School Calendars will be posted in the “Newsletter” section of the website.

PHOTO RETAKES: **Photo retake** day is on **November 21st**. The **class photos** will also be taken on this day.

Photos: If you have taken photos that include students who are not your own children, please remember the confidentiality around this, and do not publish any photos of students (who are not your own) on the internet or anywhere else. Thank you.





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Cold Weather

As the cold weather approaches, please be sure your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately for the weather. Students will be waiting outside before and after school, and they will be going out for recess each day – weather permitting.

On rainy, or extremely cold weather days, students will be brought into the gym, in the morning. Please say good-bye to your child(ren) at the door as we do not have enough room in the gym to accommodate parents and children. Also, please do not congregate in the vestibule at the entry door. Crowding in this area is a safety concern. Thank you.

SCHOOL CLOSURES: “The decision to cancel School and Board Administrative Operations is often a difficult call to make. Please be assured that the decision to remain open or to close is always made with the safety and security of our students and staff in mind. In order to determine whether or not schools will be closed, please refer to the HWDSB Website at www.hwdsb.on.ca or listen to the following stations:” (HWDSB)

- KLITE FM 102.9
- FM CJXY-Y108
- FM 107.9 FM
- CHAM 820 AM
- CHML 900 AM
- Oldies 1150 AM
- CHKX-KX94.7.FM
- 94.7 FM CKPC
- Brantford 1380 AM
- 92.1 FM
- CHCHTV Hamilton

Lost and Found: We are starting to accumulate a number of items in our lost and found. Please double check the lost and found and/or have your child(ren) double check for any items that have been misplaced. Any items remaining as of November 30th will be donated to a local charity organization. Thank you.

Emergency Drills: As previously stated, we will be holding drills for the various procedures throughout the school year. Please refer to our September Newsletter, and/or the Board Policies (see the HWDSB website for the policies) for more information.

We had our first three fire drills, and one lockdown drill. So far all drills have all been successful – thank you to everyone for following the appropriate procedures. Please contact your child’s teacher should you have any questions about any of these drills/procedures.

News from SCHOOL COUNCIL

Once again, Central School will be having its annual

Holiday Bazaar/Fundraiser. The Holiday Bazaar is a fun event where students get to purchase small items for family and/or friends that have been donated by the Central School Community and parents. Any funds generated from this event, will go towards a Pizza Day for Central students. The number of Pizza Days, will depend on how much funds are raised.

Where: Central School Gym

When: December 11th and 12th

Format: It will be similar to last year, where teachers will bring their classes down to view and/or purchase gifts for their families, or themselves.



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- How can parents help: If you have any lightly used, or new items that you would like to donate to the school for the Bazaar, please bring them to the school on the morning of December 11th. Typically, students like to purchase gifts for their parents, or siblings, or themselves. Any items you have that you think any of these people would like, please feel free to bring them to the gym, the morning of December 11th. (Examples of items include, new or lightly used toys, ornaments, books, DVDs, craft supplies, etc. – please, do not send toy weapons or items that would not be safe for young children. Thank you.)
- Volunteers: If you are able to volunteer for parts (or all) of either of these days, we would greatly appreciate it. Volunteers will require Vulnerable Sector Police Checks. See our school website for more information, or contact the main office.

Let's make this a great Holiday Bazaar! For more information, please feel free to contact Barb Stares (Community Rep. for Central School Council) at 289-389-4231.

The **next School Council meeting** will be held on **November 28th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Office. Please note, this is a change from the original date.