



## Central Elementary School

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### NEWSLETTER: March. 2020

Welcome to March! I can't believe how quickly the year is moving. I just have a few reminders in this Newsletter. Of particular note, is the parking lot. If you plan to drive here to pick up a child, please remember that you will not simply be able to quickly drive in and out; you will need to be patient and wait for the traffic to flow. Your patience with this is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Also, just a reminder that you can avoid the parking lot, by walking. Walking is an excellent form of exercise, and this will model and promote a healthy and active lifestyle for your children (and of course, yourself). 😊

#### Parking Lot:

- Please monitor and walk **WITH** your child(ren) as you walk around or enter the parking lot
- When driving in the parking lot, please **follow the directional arrows**. Thank you.
- Do **NOT** stop in the travel areas of the parking lot. If you must stop, please use the parking spaces available.
- Please do not leave your vehicle unattended unless you are parked in a defined spot.
- Please be **PATIENT**. The parking lot usually clears in about 10 minutes. If you must drive, please **be ready to wait**.
- Please do **NOT** park in the **accessible parking spaces**, as we do have staff, students and parents who require these spots.
- Walking is great exercise, and a nice way to spend time with your children, so **AVOID** the parking lot, and **walk**. 😊



#### REMINDERS:

- Please **do not** bring any **food with nuts or nut products** to school. We have several children with 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 however, your child will be absent or late, please use the SafeArrival process (for details please refer to our September Newsletter, or check the school website at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/central/](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/central/))
- Please contact the office with your email address or to update any changes. Thank you.

#### Dressing for Cold and Wet Weather



- 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. Thank you.
- Also, please do not stand/linger by the entry door in the lobby. Crowding in this area is a safety concern. Thank you.



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**Indoor Shoes** – in addition to dressing appropriately for cold, wet weather, please bring a pair of indoor shoes for students to wear inside.

**Checking in at the Office:** When visiting Central School, please ring the buzzer, and upon entry, **go directly to the office to check in**. Please do not escort your child to the classrooms, we will do that for you. For the safety of all, we cannot have parents/guardians in the hallways. Many of our students are afraid of strangers, and our halls get very crowded. Thank you. If you are dropping off something for your child, please leave it at the office, and we will deliver it to your child. 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 your own lock). Also, we cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. Please **DO NOT** leave unattended children in a stroller alone. Thank you.

**Valuables and Treasured Toys/Items:** Please do not bring any valuables, or treasured items to school, as we cannot ensure their safety. We will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Also, please speak to your child(ren) about giving away and trading their toys and treasured items. We cannot be responsible for items lost, given away or traded, etc. Thank you.



### 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 March 13, 2020, will be donated** to a local charity organization. Thank you.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 in the school Library, at 6:00 p.m.