



Central Elementary NEWS!

April 2025 Edition

Central Elementary School
**PROUD SCHOOL OF HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD**

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From the principals desk:

Dear Central Families,

It has been a pleasure to see all our Central Cyclone students and their families return from March Break, and we're excited to kick off an eventful month ahead. There are plenty of exciting activities lined up in the coming weeks, including our Spring Fling Dance, Walk to School Day, and the School Council Meeting, just to name a few. Please remember that the school will be closed to students on April 18th and 21st for a long weekend.

At Central, we are always finding ways to celebrate the wonderful creative learning happening every day. Our students are hard at work preparing for a special Celebration of the Arts during the Spring Concert, where we look forward to welcoming families into the school. Be on the lookout for more details soon!

As we approach the final stretch of this academic year, we encourage every student to make the most of each day—embracing the learning process, taking risks, and exploring something new every day. We are committed to fostering an environment rooted in the values of Compassion, Dignity, Trust, and Joy, as outlined in the HWDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan. We invite you to ask your child about the moments of JOY they've experienced at Central this year so far.

We also encourage parents to reconnect with your child's teachers to review any goals that were set during the fall interviews. As always, I'm happy to meet with any parent who would like to discuss their child's academic, social, or emotional progress.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our vibrant school community.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Nelson – Principal

Dates to Remember

April is Sikh Heritage Month

April 2– World Autism Day

April 12 – International Day of Pink

April 15– Grade 3/4 Trip

April 15– World Art Day

April 17– Spring Fling Dance

April 18– Good Friday-No School

April 21–Easter Monday-No School

April 22– Earth Day

April 23–Spring Walk & Roll Day

**Save
the
Date**



May 8th– Curriculum Night

May 15th– New to Kinder
Orientation

May 29th– Spring Concert

June 24th– Grade 5 Farewell
Celebration

Pizza Day

Pizza Days:

- April 2nd
- April 9th
- April 16th
- April 23rd
- April 30th

All orders due through School Cash Online.

Reminder that as pizza is ordered in advance we do not give refunds for absent students.

We also cannot hold pizza to give out the next day.

FROZEN YOGURT TUBE/ POPCORN DAYS:

- April 7th
- April 14th
- April 28th

Cash event, please bring in the **exact** amount as we will not provide change.



Spring Dance– April 17th

Central Elementary School is excited to announce our Spring school wide dance! The dance will take place during the school day in the Gymnasium on Thursday, April 17th. To help us celebrate and **fundraise** for our school, we will be selling “**Party in a Bag**” which will contain 1 glow stick and 1 bag of cotton candy for **\$3.50**. If you are interested in purchasing, you can preorder using School Cash Online from March 28th -April 2nd.



Spring Walk and Roll Day – April 23, 2025

On Wednesday April 23, 2025, we encourage students and families to walk or roll to school. Try parking 5 minutes away and walk the rest together. With no cars at the school, the kids will be safer, more active and the air around the school will be cleaner. Students will join a school wide walk in the schoolyard.



Check out our collaborative art piece :

"Kindness Grows at Central"



Students wrote about ways they show kindness and compassion.

MUNCHING MONDAYS!

On Mondays we MUNCH at Central!

We are selling Frozen Yogurt Tubes for students to purchase.

WHEN : Every Monday.

How Much? \$1 per frozen yogurt tube—this will be a cash event—send your child with their cash on Mondays !

We will have an assortment of flavours to choose from.



Interested in volunteering ?

We are always looking for volunteers to help with school trips, classroom events, fundraising, etc. Community support is so very important and crucial in order to host events and raise funds to keep our school successful and thriving! Volunteers will require a Vulnerable Sector Screening from the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Department. The Vulnerable Sector check is valid for 3 years, with a yearly Declaration to be completed by volunteer. If you are unsure whether a previous Sector check is still valid, need to fill out the yearly declaration or are a new volunteer looking to apply, please contact the school office.



Activities at Central



- **Art Club** will be continuing on day 5 for grade 3.
- **Cards Club** will be continuing on day 3 for grades 4 & 5.
- **Crochet Club** for grade 4 & 5



Recycling Crew



Ms. Grosso works with the grade 5's to organize the Recycling Crew. The students collect recycling from the school classrooms on Tuesdays and Thursdays during break. We really appreciate how serious they are about this. This crew will continue to do this throughout the year.

Recess guardians

Some interested grade 5's have begun their new role as Recess Guardians. Once per week they will be facilitating fun games with the primary students and modeling positive social behaviour. We are excited for these students to take on this leadership role in our school.



Choir

On Day 2 during First Nutrition Break, grade 3, 4 and 5 students are raising their voices together in the gym singing together Mr. Beattie and Ms. Pettit (and other guest staff from the Central community!) All are welcome as we explore the power of making music together with our voices.



Is your child at risk of school suspension due to missing vaccine records?

Hamilton Public Health Services is reviewing student vaccine records. The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) is a law in Ontario that requires children attending school to be immunized against specific diseases. Vaccines required include diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, and meningococcal diseases. Failure to receive these vaccines can result in future school suspensions.

You are recommended to consult with a health care provider for more details about the requirements, and to review your child's vaccination status. Public Health Services might not have your child's updated vaccine records because parents/guardians need to report them to Public Health Services. Health care providers do not report these automatically.

You can report your vaccine(s) to Hamilton Public Health Services using one of these options:

1. Online: <https://hph.icon.ehealthontario.ca/#!/welcome> (log in with Health Card Number)

2. FAX: 905-546-4841

3. Phone: 905-540-5250 (expect delays due to large call volumes)

4. Mail: City of Hamilton, Public Health Services,

Vaccine Program,

P.O. Box 897, Hamilton, Ontario,

L8N 3P6

When reporting, please include the following: Full Name, Address, Date of Birth, Phone Number, Health Card Number, Copy of the Vaccine Record

If your child requires a vaccine(s), the following options are available to you:

Family Doctor: Connect with your family doctor to ensure your child's vaccines are up to date.

Walk-in Clinic: if you do not have a family doctor but you have a health card or Public Health Community Clinic: book an appointment at [Hamilton.ca/awaiting](https://hamilton.ca/awaiting) For more information visit School Screening and Suspensions. Page translation available.

Unsafe drop off for our children

Central Elementary School can be safer for students, if there are less cars coming to the school. We can make it safer by not stopping in the parking lot or in front of the school. There is something simple we can do, it is called **'Drive to Five.'**

Try to park a block away from the school and walk with your child the rest of the way. With no cars at the school, the kids will be safer, more active, and the air around the school will be cleaner. The map below shows in **Green** the streets that are safe and legal to park on:

- Bold Street
- Park Street
- Duke Street

We all need to keep children safe. Let's work together and keep our neighbourhood safe! For more information, check out ActiveSchoolTravelHamilton.ca or email ActiveSchoolTravel@Hamilton.ca.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

- December 9th
- February 3rd
- April 7th
- June 2nd

School Council Chair: Christine Sandor

We are always looking for Extra Help! How to Get Involved: If you are interested in attending our monthly School Council meetings, are able to lend a hand, or have any questions or ideas please email: **CentralSC@hwdsb**



REMINDER:

This is a reminder to all families that indoor shoes are needed for all students.



Running shoes (with your child's name on them) are important for when your child has Physed in the Gym.

For safety reasons winter boots are not recommended for Physed.

PEANUT-FREE AREA



NO PEANUTS OR
PRODUCTS
CONTAINING
PEANUTS
ALLOWED.

THANK YOU.

PEANUT AND NUT SAFE SCHOOL

This year we have students with life threatening allergies to peanuts or nuts.

Please do not send your child with any nut products for lunch or snacks.

Working together we can help ensure the safety of all our children.

Birthdays/Celebrations

Due to allergies we will not be permitting food to be brought in for celebrations.

Students may choose to bring in something for themselves or you can bring non-perishable items for the class.



(Don't Forget to hit Subscribe to our Webpage and turn ON Notifications for School Cash Online!)

www.hwdsb.on.ca/central *Updates

SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:45 a.m. and ENDS AT 3:05

Students can be dropped off on the back school ground as early as 8:35 a.m. This is when a duty teacher/supervisor will be present.

If your child is late for school, please ring the door bell and the office will ensure they are supported in getting to their classroom.

If you know your child will be late or absent for the day please ensure that you put this into School Messenger.



Student Drop Off	8:35 am
Period 1	8:45-9:25 am
Period 2	9:25-10:25 am
Nutrition Break 1	10:25-11:05 am
Period 3	11:05-11:55 am
Period 4	11:55-12:45 pm
Nutrition Break 2	12:45-1:25 pm
Period 5	1:25-2:25 pm
Period 6	2:25-3:05 pm
Dismissal	3:05 pm

A reminder that smoking and vaping is not permitted anywhere on school board property at anytime!



Also, a friendly reminder to parents to please remain off school property during school hours unless necessary. Should you need anything please ring the doorbell or contact the office at 289-522-9690 and we will help.

ADDRESSING A CONCERN

Students and families with classroom concerns are encouraged to contact their student's classroom teacher as the first method of communication regarding the concern. It is with hope that this will rectify the situation before further escalation.

Early Pick-Up

It is important that your child remains at school until the final bell at 3:05 p.m. Please keep in mind, as a courtesy to teachers, the learning of students, and the office, which can be a very busy place, that early dismissals do cause interruptions to class. If you need to pick up your child from school early, due to an appointment, we remind you to please allow some extra time for your child to arrive at the office. Students will be called down once you are here and it can take a few minutes for your child(ren) to gather their things and get to the office area. Please let your child(ren)s classroom teacher know, ahead of time, if you will be picking up early and the time so they can ensure that your child is ready.

ATTENDANCE



Phone
(Home, cell or both)



Email



Text



SchoolMessenger
App/Website

Safety is our number one priority! At Central we have many safety procedures in place to ensure your child(ren)'s safety. Attendance is taken twice a day, once in the morning and again after second break. It is a crucial that this is completed in a timely, accurate fashion. To ensure accuracy and safety, absences must be reported to the School Messenger App before school. These reported absences ensure that all students are accounted for and safe. [SchoolMessenger | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/schoolmessenger/) * should you have any issues with the app, please call the school at: 289.522.9690 to report an absence.