



Central Elementary NEWS!

May 2025 Edition

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

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From the principals desk:

Dear Central Community,

April has been a wonderfully busy month at our school, with many visitors coming to see the incredible efforts of our staff and students as we bring the HWDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan to life. We were proud to welcome our Director and Associate Director, as well as special guests from the Ministry of Education. Our students truly shone during these visits, impressing everyone with their dedication and hard work. We couldn't be more proud of them!

STUDENT SAFETY

Student safety remains our top priority, and we kindly ask for the community's continued support and awareness.

Please be mindful that during the school day—particularly during Nutrition Breaks—students are outside on the yard. To maintain a safe and secure environment, we ask that community members refrain from walking through the school grounds or waiting along the fence lines. Not all staff are familiar with every community member, and the presence of unknown adults can be concerning when it comes to keeping students safe.

If you are picking up your child during the day, please come directly to the school door and wait to be assisted by a staff member.

END OF DAY PROCEDURES

At dismissal, we've noticed increased congestion around the main entrance. This makes it challenging for staff to safely and efficiently ensure that each child is dismissed to the correct adult.

To help us maintain a safe and smooth end-of-day process, we kindly ask families to avoid gathering near the main doors. Instead, please wait for your child near the playground or by the portables.

We truly appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping our students and staff safe every day.

We have many fun upcoming events in the last few months of school. A reminder that if you have a student that will be starting school in the fall please ensure that you register them as soon as you can. We look forward to some better sunny days with lots of JOY continuing at Central.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Nelson – Principal

Dates to Remember

May 1– School Principals Day

May 5-9– Education Week & Book Fair

May 8– Curriculum Night Open House

May 11 – Mother's Day

May 13– Grade 4 & 5 Trip

May 14– Kindergarten Trip

May 15– New to Kinder Orientation

May 19– Victoria Day– No School

May 29– Spring Concert

Pizza Day



Pizza Days:

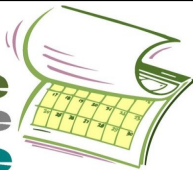
- May 7th
- May 14th
- May 21st
- May 28th

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.

**Save
the
Date**



June 24th– Grade 5 Farewell
Celebration

The lost and found cart will be on the playground May 29th and 30th at 3:05. Please check the lost and found.

All items that remain will be donated.




POPCORN DAYS:

- May 5th
- May 12th
- May 26th

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






CURRICULUM OPEN HOUSE & BOOK FAIR

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL


May 8, 2025
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

HEALTHY
SNACKS
PROVIDED



SCHOLASTIC

Learn more about literacy and numeracy at Central
Visit your child's class to see activities
Take home literacy and numeracy activities to
support your child at home



Spring into the Arts Concert

May 29th there will be a school concert for parents to attend.

More details to follow.

Each family will be given two tickets to attend due to capacity limits in the school gym.



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Kindergarten

Orientation is coming!



**We look forward to welcoming all our
New to Kindergarten Students and
their Families.**

On: Thursday, May 15th, 2025

At: 4:45pm—5:45pm

**Where: Central Public School ,
75 Hunter Street West, Hamilton**

**Come and learn about what Kindergarten will
be like at Central Elementary for the Fall of
2025!**

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Activities at Central

Bracelet Club

Bracelet Club will be starting for grade 4 and 5 students.



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.

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**



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.



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

www.hwdsb.on.ca/central *Updates
Posted Regularly*

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 any where 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.

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.



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) * should you have any issues with the app, please call the school at: 289.522.9690 to report an absence.