



Central Elementary NEWS!

June 2025 Edition



Central Elementary School
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SCHOOL BOARD**

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From the principal's desk:

Dear Central Families,

It's hard to believe we've already reached the final month of the school year! Time has truly flown by, and we are so proud of everything our students have accomplished. This year has been filled with memorable moments, and the past few weeks have been especially eventful. From our engaging Curriculum Open Night to the beautiful performances during the Spring Concert, and our warm welcome to new families at the Kindergarten Orientation—there has been so much to celebrate.

As we look ahead to the last few weeks of school, we're excited for even more fun and engaging activities. Some highlights include the upcoming School Council Movie Night, Joy Days, and class trips. We're also hoping for some beautiful weather so our students can enjoy outdoor learning and play. It's a wonderful way to wrap up a fantastic school year!

We'd also like to take a moment to remind everyone about parking lot safety. Please be mindful when driving and parking on school grounds. Make sure not to block other vehicles and always park in designated spots. Most importantly, please watch out for children who may be walking or running through the parking area.

Additionally, we kindly remind families that after 3:20 p.m., the school is closed to students. The YWCA After Care program operates in the building at that time, and we are unable to allow students back inside to use the washrooms or re-enter classrooms.

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From the principal's desk-continued:

As the school year comes to a close, we would also like to take a moment to bid a fond farewell and best wishes to a few of our cherished staff members who are beginning a new chapter in their lives—retirement. Beth Grosso (Grade 5 Teacher), Sue Caven (Prep Coverage Teacher), and Jacqui Tondreau (Educational Assistant) have each been integral parts of the Central community for many years. Their dedication, warmth, and unwavering commitment to students and colleagues alike have left a lasting impact. We extend our deepest gratitude for their years of service to HWDSB. They will be greatly missed, but we know they carry with them the love and appreciation of all who had the pleasure of working and learning alongside them. Wishing you all the very best in your well-earned retirement!

Thank you families for your continued support throughout the year. We truly appreciate your partnership in making our school a safe, welcoming, and enriching place for all students.

We wish you and your families a restful, joyful, and safe summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on **Tuesday, September 2nd** to begin another exciting school year. Please note that Junior Kindergarten students will begin on **Wednesday, September 3rd**.

Kind regards,



Mrs. Nelson – Principal



Soccer Team

Mr. Sinke and Mrs. Zister are extremely proud of the members of the Cyclone soccer team who represented Central in two tournaments this month. They worked hard and played extremely well! More importantly, the team represented our school exceptionally with their sportsmanship and kindness.

Congratulations to our young soccer stars, and heartfelt thanks to the athlete's parents for their support!

Water Bottle Reminder:

Please have your child bring a water bottle to school.

If you have any unused water bottles that you would be willing to donate to the school, please send them with your child to the school office.

Thanks!



Dates to Remember

June 5– School Council Movie Night

June 6– P.A. Day

June 12 & 13– Kindergarten visit from Club-Rex

June 13– Jump Rope for Heart (1:30pm)

June 15– Fathers Day

June 20– Grades 4A, 5A & 5B trip to Du-rand Park.

June 24– Grade 5 Farewell Celebration

June 25– Grade 5 trip to Kanétskare

June 25– National Day of Joy!

June 26 - Last Day of School– Have a Great Summer Break!

June 27– P.A. Day



Pizza Day



Pizza Days:

- June 4th
- June 11th

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.

Grade Five Farewell Celebration

Will be held on June 24th at 9:15 in the morning. An invitation will be going out. Only two guests allowed per child due to fire code regulations.



Lost & Found:

Please ask your child to check the lost and found.

All items that remain at the end of the month will be donated.



Activities at Central

Bracelet Club

Bracelet Club will be continuing 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.



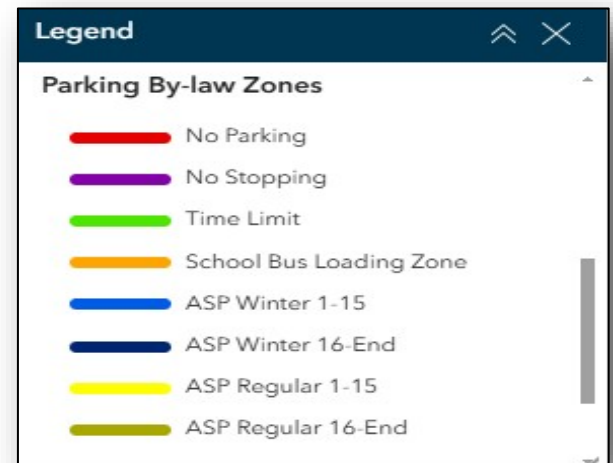
Unsafe drop off for our children

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

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.