



# Central Elementary NEWS!

## November, 2024 Edition



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

*Principal: T. Nelson*

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/central>

## From the principals desk:

Hello Central Families,

As we continue to bring the School Boards Multi-Year Strategic Plan alive in our school, we are continuing to “Make **JOY** Happen,” with the many exciting classroom and extra curricular activities. We had a busy October with the start of our Robotics club for our Junior Students, our Choir has begun as well as the return of Pizza days!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Open House this past month, it was so lovely to meet so many of our families and provide you with an opportunity to see what learning is happening in our school.

We continue to ensure that our students are safe and comfy in our building and we encourage families to get into a routine to ensure that students are here on time for **8:45am** everyday. Often bringing students in late can disrupt a classroom and a child's routine and may not give the best start for their day.

We are looking to do more community events at our school this year, if you would like to be part of our school events please consider joining our School Council. Christine Sandor is our parent School Council Chair and can be reached at **CentralSC@hwdsb.on.ca**. if you would like more information on how you can support our school.

As a school we are starting “**Munching Mondays**” where throughout the year we will sell a nutritional snack item that students can purchase, for November and December we will be selling popcorn, all proceeds will be going towards our fundraising. This year our fundraising will be going towards supporting, technology upgrades, Library updates and school events.

Thank you once again for all your support, we will continue to adhere to the school boards multi-year strategic plan by bringing Compassion, Dignity, Trust and Joy to Central everyday.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. T. Nelson , Principal

## Dates to Remember

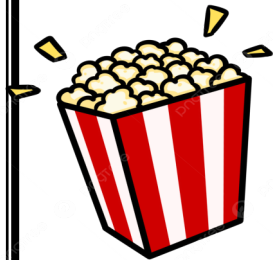
NOVEMBER IS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH!

- Nov. 1- P.A Day (no school)
- Nov 5- 4A Class Trip
- Nov 8- Spirit Wear Orders Due
- Nov 8- Picture Day
- Nov 11- Remembrance Day
- Nov 14- EA Appreciation Day
- Nov 14- Grades 2-5 Concert Trip
- Nov 14- Kinder Fire Truck Visit
- Nov 18- Kindergarten Vision Screening
- Nov-18-22- Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week
- Nov 19- Progress Reports go home
- Nov 22- P.A . Day

### POPCORN DAYS!

- November 4th
- November 11th
- November 18th
- November 25th

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



# Pizza Day

Central Elementary students in **grades 2-5** are going on a trip to see a live symphony orchestra on November 14. The show is called “**Feel the Music – Emotions in Concert**” at the **First Ontario Concert Hall**.



Pizza Dates Ahead:

- November 6th
- November 13th
- November 20th
- November 27th

All orders due by :

**NOVEMBER 4th** through School Cash Online



**November 8th (in the gym)**

**WE'VE GOT SPIRIT!**

IT IS SCHOOL SPIRIT  
WEAR TIME  
AGAIN!!



To order please go to the West End Sports Hamilton website

Or click [HERE](#).

Orders due by **November 8th!**

# Sniffle Drive

With the cold and flu season upon us, we are looking to do a Kleenex drive during November to collect donations of Kleenex boxes.

Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Please send them to the office.



## 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](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/central)**

**\*Updates Posted Regularly\***

# MUNCHING MONDAYS!

On Mondays we MUNCH at Central!



We will be selling for our first “Munching Monday’s” POPCORN for students to purchase.



**WHEN :** Every Monday in November and

December. (First Popcorn day Monday, November 4th)

**How Much?** \$2 a bag—this will be a cash event—send your child with their cash on Mondays !

We will have 3 flavours to choose from: BUTTER POPCORN, SWEET AND SALTY POPCORN and DILL PICKLE POPCORN.



## 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.

# VOLUNTEER



### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

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

**School Council Chair:** Christine Sandor

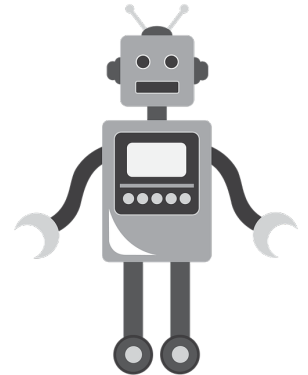
We are always looking for Extra Help! How to Get Involved: If you are interested in attending our monthly School Council meetings, are able to lend a hand, or have any questions or ideas please email: [CentralSC@hwdsb](mailto:CentralSC@hwdsb)



# Activities at Central

## Robotics

Due to high interest, we have a robotics club in addition to our 10 robotics team members. They meet weekly to build with lego and code robots to perform various missions. The team will be going to a competition in December to showcase our robots and learn from other teams in the province.



## 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.



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## 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.



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday October 7th the Central Cross-Country team participated in the city-wide meet at Christie Lake Conservation Area. The team of 50 students ranging from grade 3 to grade 5 showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. The coaches were extremely proud of the way the athletes represented Central. Honorable mention goes to Khalil Kassim in grade 4 who placed first in his 1.5 Km race. All race results are posted on the HWDSB athletics page.



# 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.



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