



Central Elementary NEWS!

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SCHOOL BOARD**

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From the principals desk:

Dear Central Community,

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 2024! So many wonderful things have been happening in our building, from many clubs starting up to lots of amazing work. We look forward to a busy December with many things happening. Please check the important dates in this Newsletter for information on events.

WINTER IS COMING

As we are now at the start of the winter stretch, please be mindful of these few things. Firstly, please send your child dressed for the weather. Students do have two NB where they do go outside for recess. Students need to come with the correct clothing to enable them to get that important outside exercise time. Secondly the roads will eventually get full of snow, a reminder to ensure that when you are driving and parking around our school that you are cautiously looking out for students and adults walking.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

A reminder that we ask that you support our school bell times by getting your child to school on time (8:45am) and picked up at the end of the day at the bell (3:05pm). We understand that at times there may be an appointment that would require the student to be late or picked up early, but also note that these interruption in your child's learning does mean that they are missing out on important curriculum matter being taught.

MOVIE NIGHT

A reminder of our upcoming fundraiser with our school council on Friday, December 13th. We are excited to be hosting our first Movie night of the year with a winter theme! Make sure you get your tickets as they are selling out fast!

Thank you all for your continued support with our school, we would like to wish those that have celebrations this month a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 6th, 2025!

Kind regards

Dates to Remember

Dec 4– Dental Screening (JK, SK, Grade 2, Grade 4)

Dec 9– Picture Retake Day

Dec 10– Robotics Competition

Dec 13– Movie Night (6 PM, Gym)

Dec 19– JOY DAY!

Dec 23-Jan 3– Winter Break

Dec 25– Hanukkah

Dec 25– Christmas

Dec 26– Kwanzaa

Jan 1– New Years Day



Pizza Day



Pizza Dates Ahead:

- December 4th
- December 11th
- December 18th

All orders due by :

NOVEMBER 28th,

DECEMBER 5th & 12th

through School Cash
Online



POPCORN

DAYS:



- December 2nd
- December 9th
- December 16th

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

We will continue to accept donations of Kleenex/ tissue boxes in December for our Kleenex Drive.

Please drop them off at the office.

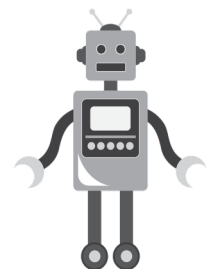
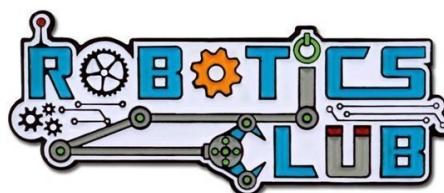
Any donations are greatly appreciated!



December 10th is the robotics competition at:

McMaster Innovation Park.

Good luck to those participating!



Special Events at Central

YOU'RE INVITED TO

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S MOVIE NIGHT

TICKETS & SNACKS CAN BE PURCHASED USING
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE
BY DEC. 5

FRIDAY DEC. 13TH 6 P.M. IN THE GYM	TICKETS \$2 PER PERSON REGARDLESS OF AGE	POPCORN & JUICE BOX \$3
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FEEL FREE TO BRING PEANUT FREE
SNACKS, A BLANKET OR MAT TO SIT ON!

MAX. CAPACITY IS 250 PEOPLE

JOY DAY!

On December 19th, we will have Joy Day for the students to celebrate all the joy that the winter season brings. Students will be participating in various joyful activities throughout the school.

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 December.

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

We will have 2 flavours to choose from: BUTTER POPCORN & SWEET AND SALTY 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

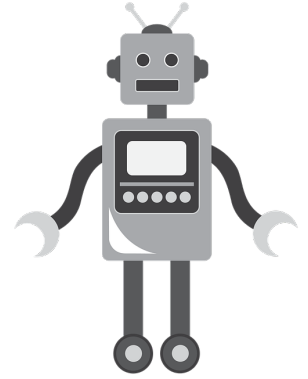
We are always looking for Extra Help! How to Get Involved: If you are interested in attending our monthly School Council meetings, are able to lend a hand, or have any questions or ideas please email: CentralSC@hwdsb



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.

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 for school suspension?

Did you receive a letter saying that your child's immunization record is incomplete?

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

- 1. Family Doctor** – Connect with your Family Doctor to ensure your child's vaccines are up to date. Parents/guardians need to report vaccine(s) to Hamilton Public Health.
- 2. Walk-in Clinic** – If you do not have a Family Doctor but you have a health card, you may be able to receive required vaccines at a walk-in clinic. Be sure to call ahead and remember to report the vaccine(s) to Hamilton Public Health.
- 3. Community Vaccine Clinic** – Book an appointment at hamilton.ca/vaccines

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

- 1. Online:** hph.icon.ehealthontario.ca/#!/welcome or scan the QR code below. (Please upload a scan or image of the vaccine history document(s))
- 2. Phone:** 905-540-5250 (expect delays due to large call volumes)
- 3. 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**

Hamilton.ca/Vaccines



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!)

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