



Central Elementary NEWS!

January 2025 Edition

Central Elementary School
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SCHOOL BOARD**

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From the principals desk:

Dear Central Community,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful holiday and were able to spend some time enjoying your family and friends.

Our student leaders were busy in December with organizing our JOY day, which all of our students enjoyed and we look forward to many more events that will be supported by our JOY Factory Leaders.

January brings many days of cold weather. Please be aware that students will continue to be outside to play and must wear appropriate clothing for winter play! As always, I will make decisions day to day based on extreme cold (-15 without or -20 with wind chill) and/or unsafe conditions to keep students inside at break.

As we approach February we will be beginning the process for registering new kindergarten students for the academic year 2025-26. If you know of any families that have a young child who will be at the age to start Kindergarten this fall, please ask them to check our website and HWDSB website for updates and meetings.

Please continue to check our school website, your school provided email and your child's classroom notifications around important events, updates and information. Communication is so important to support you and your child(ren) so please always reach out to your child's teachers or the office for questions, concerns, or suggestions as we continue to work together as a community.

Have a wonderful January and all the best in 2025!

Kind regards

Tricia Nelson

Principal
Central Elementary School

Dates to Remember

Jan 1– New Years Day

Jan 6– First day back from break

Jan 24– P.A. Day

Jan 27– Family Literacy Day

Upcoming dates:

Feb 2– Groundhog Day

Feb 5– Winter Walk Day

Feb 14-Valentines Day

Feb 17– Family Day

Feb 26– Pink Shirt Day

POPCORN

DAYS:



- January 6th
- January 13th
- January 20th
- January 27th

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

Pizza Day



Pizza Days:

- January 8th
- January 15th
- January 22nd
- January 29th

All orders due through School Cash Online.

We will be having a hat and mitten drive starting this month!

Please drop off any new or gently used clean items to the office.

Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank you!



Family Literacy Day:

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. As a school, we will be engaged in various literacy activities on this day! Here are some activities that you can do at home if you would like:

- Build a fort and read a book inside
- Play a board or card game together
- Look for letters and words around your home or neighbourhood
- Learn a new word or phrase in a different language
- Snuggle up and read!

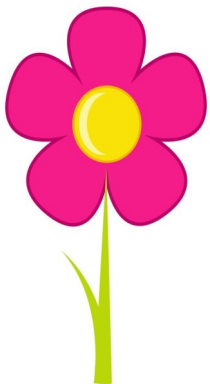


Winter Walk Day – February 5, 2025

On Wednesday February 5, 2025, we encourage students and families to walk 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 winter walk in the schoolyard. Please wear warm clothes and winter gear to stay warm!



Pink Shirt Day – February 26, 2025



Wednesday February 26, 2025, is Pink Shirt Day. Students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt on this day.

This year we will focus on growing kindness and building a sense of belonging in our school. Together we can build a school community where kindness thrives, and bullying has no place.

For more information visit - <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>

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

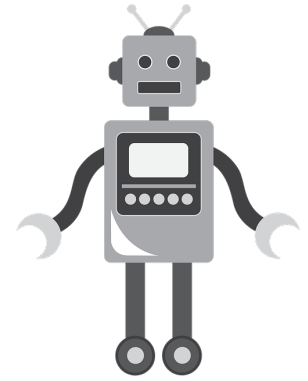
We are always looking for Extra Help! How to Get Involved: If you are interested in attending our monthly School Council meetings, are able to lend a hand, or have any questions or ideas please email: CentralSC@hwdsb



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.



New Clubs Starting!

- Ms Gal and Ms Grosso will be starting an **Art Club** for grades 3 & 4
- Ms Cochrane and Ms Grosso will be starting a **Cards Club** for grades 4 & 5



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 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 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.