



## Central Elementary NEWS!

February 2025 Edition

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

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### From the principals desk:

Dear Central Community,

What a busy first month back at school! As we approach the 2nd half of our school year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the following:

-School starts at 8:45 am and finishes at 3:05 pm. It is important to have students arrive on time and stay for the full instructional day for optimal learning.

-If your child will be absent due to illness, vacation, etc. please notify the school at 905-546-4925 or through the Safe Arrival app and not the homeroom teacher. Teachers can be absent and/or not have your child with them first thing in the morning when attendance is taken. If you contact the school instead, we will ensure that the attendance is accurate to avoid unnecessary phone calls to families.

-Please remember to pack your child's lunch, clothing, drinks, homework, etc. before sending them to school in order to avoid unnecessary calls home.

-If your child is unwell, make sure that you complete the Public Health screening tool online to ensure that your child can attend school. The screener can be found on our school website.

-Please remember, if you need to come to the school during the school day, kindly buzz the office and wait for your child or a staff member to meet you at the door. For the safety of everyone in our building, we ask that you do not follow students into the building. If a student offers to open the door, please stay outside to help us maintain a secure environment.

We will be looking forward to welcoming our newest school members this fall. For any families who have a child who will be 4 this September and preparing to attend kindergarten in September 2025, the online registration opens this month.

We have lots of fun things happening this month of February that have been organized by our student 'JOY FACTORY TEAM'. Please check the calendar for upcoming events.

Kind Regards,

Tricia Nelson  
Principal  
Central Elementary School

## Dates to Remember

*February is Black History Month*

**Feb 2**– Groundhog Day

**Feb 6**– Winter Walk Day

**Feb 14**-Valentines Day

**Feb 17**– Family Day

**Feb 26**– Pink Shirt Day

**Feb 28**– P.A. Day

Class 3A will be having a "Telling Tales" virtual read aloud on February 26th. The book being read is Khadija and the Elephant Toothpaste Experiment.

### POPCORN DAYS:



- February 3rd
- February 10th
- February 17th
- February 24th

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

# Pizza Day



Pizza Days:

- February 5th
- February 12th
- February 19th
- February 26th

All orders due through School Cash Online.

We will be continuing our hat and mitten drive!

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

Any donations are greatly appreciated!



### FROZEN YOGURT TUBE DAYS:

- February 3rd
- February 10th
- February 17th
- February 24th



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

## Winter Walk and Roll Day – February 6, 2025

On Thursday February 6, 2025, we encourage students and families to walk or roll 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!

Check out the Hamilton Public Health-Healthy Schools Webpage and Instagram to see the Joy Factory Team leaders



# NEW MUNCHING MONDAYS!

On Mondays we MUNCH at Central!

We will be selling Frozen Yogurt Tubes starting in February for students to purchase.

WHEN : Every Monday starting in February.

How Much? \$1 per frozen yogurt tube—this will be a cash event—send your child with their cash on Mondays !

We will have an assortment of flavours to choose from.



## Pink Shirt Day – February 26, 2025

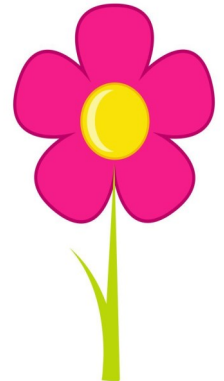
Wednesday February 26, 2025, is Pink Shirt Day.

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/>



### 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



# Activities at Central

## New Clubs Starting:

- **Art Club** will be starting on day 5 for grade 3.



- **Cards Club** will be starting on day 3 for grades 4 & 5.



## 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

## 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.



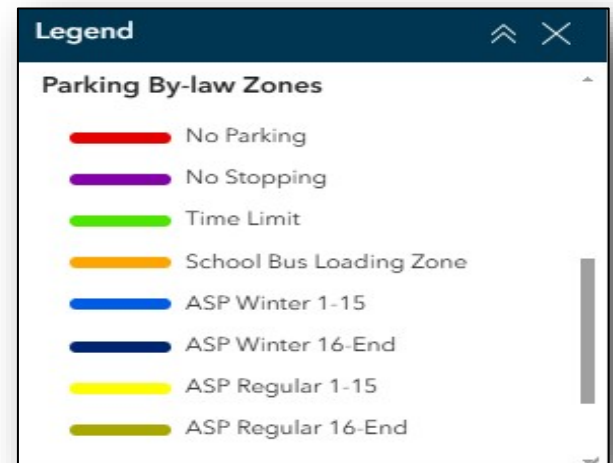
## Unsafe drop off for our children

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](http://ActiveSchoolTravelHamilton.ca) or email [ActiveSchoolTravel@Hamilton.ca](mailto: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**



### 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](http://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.



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| <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.