

# CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

October was another busy month here at Central Public School. Our Junior students participated in a Cross Country competition at Margaret Green Park on Tues., Oct., 18th. Over 50 student team members and race helpers participated at the event with their coaches, Mr. Anderson and Ms. Brennagh. A great day was had by all! Junior students also participated in our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 'Dodgeball for Dodgeballs' tournament organized by Mrs. McNabb on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This fun fundraiser for gym supplies culminated with a final game between the championship student team and the teachers that was watched by the whole school.

As noted in last month's newsletter, EQAO results from last year are in and have been sent out to parents of students who wrote the test. On the October 21<sup>st</sup> P.A. day teachers continued working on our annual School Improvement Plan. The focus of the plan is improved student achievement in literacy and numeracy through detailed analysis of EQAO and other test data as well as the school self-assessment completed by the teaching staff. In addition, each term teachers set short term goals based on student data. This year our short term goals will focus on improvement in math skills. The School Improvement Plan is a working document which we will refer to and update through the year. Copies are available to parents at the office.



### IT'S ALMOST HERE...

Mark your calendars! Our **9th Annual Silent Auction** is coming up this Fri., November 4, 2011. This is one of our most popular events as well as our biggest fundraiser of the year. Viewing starts at 6:30. Donations can still be brought in to the school. We are really looking forward to this fantastic Parent Council event, and are counting on your support! Local businesses, merchants, artists and Central families have generously donated many wonderful, useful and unique items to the auction. Throughout the auction children will be entertained with a movie in the gym. See you there.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Everyone is welcome to attend our next **School Council meeting on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Hear about what's happening at Central P. S. and how you can make a difference. Consider volunteering to be on one of the School Council committees.

### FROM THE LIBRARY

Here is a list of when each class has scheduled library time for book exchange. Because the days of the week and the 5 day cycle are not the same this can be confusing. Writing it down at home can help your child remember when to return their books for exchange.

Day 1- Grade 6

Day 2 - Kindergarten A & B, Grade 1, Grade 1/2

Day 3 - Kindergarten C, Grade 2 & Grade 3

Day 4 -Grade 4/5 ( Jackson) & Grade 3/4 (McNabb)

## **PROGRESS REPORT CARDS COMING LATER THIS MONTH**

The Progress Report Card in November that does not include “marks”. Instead it reports on learning skills or work habits, as well as strengths and next steps to assist in improving student learning in subject areas. This Progress Report will provide students and parents with early and specific feedback on the progress made during the first two months of the school year. It will tell you how your child is doing in all subjects using the words: “progressing very well”, “progressing well” or “progressing with difficulty”. In the month of November there will be an opportunity for parent/teacher interviews. This is your chance to find out early in the school year how your child is progressing, what the school will do to help and what you can do at home to support his/her learning.

The February and June report cards will follow a more traditional format with marks for all subjects. Learning skills will once again be highlighted because developing good work habits is crucial for your child to be successful in school and later in life.

## **ALLERGY ALERT**

Please be aware that we have children in our building who have life-threatening allergies. It has been suggested that the best way to provide a safe environment for all students is to enlist Parents' support in making our school as **PEANUT, NUT PRODUCT AND SHELLFISH FREE** as possible. We realize this request may pose an inconvenience for you when packing your child's snack and lunch. However, we wish to express our sincere

appreciation for your understanding of this potentially life-threatening situation.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Plan to join us for our Remembrance Day assembly on Thurs., November 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:15 a.m. Readings emphasizing the importance of a peaceful existence will be shared in the gym by our grade 6 students.

## **P. A. DAYS AND BOARD HOLIDAYS**

There will be no school for our students on the following days:

Fri., November 18 - P.A. Day

Dec. 26 to January 6<sup>th</sup> - Holidays

Jan. 23 - P.A. Day

Feb., 20 – Family Day Holiday

March 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> - March Break

April 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter Holidays

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Professional Activity Day

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Holiday

June 8<sup>th</sup> - P.D. Day

June 28 - Last Day Of Classes

## **SHOES FOR SAFETY AT SCHOOL**

With the wet, snowy and cold weather approaching it is important that all students have not only appropriate outdoor footwear, but also indoor shoes.



This is a significant safety issue as proper footwear reduces the risk of slips and falls and stepping on items which may cause injury. It is vital, too, that pupils wear indoor shoes so that they are protected in the event of a fire drill or event resulting in a school evacuation.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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		1	2	3	4 <b>Silent Auction &amp; Family Movie Night 6:30 p.m.</b>	5
6	7	8	9	10 <b>Progress reports go home</b>	11 <b>Remembrance Day Assembly 11:15 a.m.</b>	12
13	14	15 <b>School Council Meeting 6:30 in the library</b>	16	17	18 <b>P.A. Day no classes</b>	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			