

**Central
Public
School**
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May 2015
Made to be AWESOME!

Principal's Message

This month has shown us the amazing things that can happen when our community comes together to work to improve our school experiences!! The efforts of our staff, volunteers, parent council members and students really paid off! We have raised almost \$3400 to support our physical education program at the school!

What went into this amazing fundraising effort? First, our parent council and staff petitioned local businesses, service clubs and friends to donate gifts for the lottery. Staff members purchased gift cards out of their own pockets, parents and staff donated gift baskets and incentive prizes, and many local businesses and the Kinsmen Club donated gift cards and certificates to provide over 60 prizes.

Next Ms. Guest and I organized all the donations and created the lottery calendar. We worked together to complete a lottery license with the City of Brantford and submitted it for approval. Our parent volunteers worked tirelessly to print and staple the calendars and organize them for distribution.

I visited all the classrooms to explain the lottery process. The students then got started. They brought the calendars home and started to sell them. Many of their parents also pitched in, selling calendars at work, at family functions and to their friends. Most staff members also took calendars and sold many to friends and family. Thanks to everyone for working so hard to sell the calendars!

Lastly, Ms. Guest and a parent council volunteer worked tireless to collect the unsold calendars, tickets and money and keep things organized. We are required to provide a detailed report for our lottery license, so this information is very important. On May 1st we drew all the winners and hid them away in the "vault" to be revealed each day on our announcements and the school website. After we drew all the winners, we redrew from the tickets to identify which students won our incentive prizes. Each ticket sold was entered back into a draw to win student prizes like ROM tickets, sleeping bags, headphones and a giant Teddy Bear.

Are you a winner? Keep a close eye on our school website at <http://granderie.ca/centralps> each day to find out! The winners will also be announced on our website and will be published on the front door of the school every Friday. Thank you for your support.

A special thanks goes out to Laura Christie for the hours she spent supporting this fundraiser.

Ms. Gillespie

Scan this code with your smart phone for quick access to our school website!



Central is on Social Media!

At Central, we are always looking for new ways to keep you informed with what is happening at our school. Twitter and Facebook are great way for us to quickly share pictures of school events, as well as updates on things happening now!

Follow us on Twitter at @centralschool2 You can also “like” our page on Facebook at Central Public School.



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twitter

WE WANT



YOU!

**ATTENTION
GRADE 5, 6,
AND 7
STUDENTS!**

**LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING**

**FUN AND INTERESTING TO DO THIS SUMMER FOR FREE?
WANTING TO GET THE JUMP START ON YOUR FRIENDS, AND
GET EVEN BETTER AT MATH AND LITERACY? WANT TO HAVE
FUN PLAYING ACTIVE GAMES AND ENJOYING ART ACTIVITIES
AT OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL?**

**HAVE WE GOT THE SOLUTION FOR YOU! GELA OFFERS A FREE
SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-7
IN THE MONTH OF JULY AT PJ! ANYONE CAN GO—YOU JUST
NEED TO HAVE YOUR NAME SUBMITTED BY YOUR CLASS-
ROOM TEACHER!**

**CHECK OUT THE FORM GOING HOME WITH THIS NEWSLET-
TER IN YOUR CLASSES FOR MORE INFORMATION. GET THE
FORMS BACK ASAP TO ENSURE YOU HAVE A SPOT!**

Grand Erie schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. They learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Our Kindergarten programs help students get off to the best possible start. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do his or her very best. Our caring teachers are with them every step of the way!

Central School offers a full-day, every day kindergarten program for junior and senior kindergarten students. Children eligible for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years old by December 31, 2015 to enroll. Share the word with friends in the neighbourhood and let

them know to call Ms. Guest or drop by as soon as possible to register.

Register for



Kindergarten

Parent Reminder:

Our classes begin preparation for home time at approximately 3:05 each day. Before that time, they are working hard getting the last of their day's work done and cleaning up from the day's activities.

If parents attempt to collect their students early, this can be very disruptive to the class. We will be asking any parents coming after 2:45pm to pick up their child to wait outside or in the foyer until dismissal to minimize these disruptions. If you have an appointment and know you will need to pick up close to the end of the school day as an extenuating circumstance, please call the office in the morning to inform Ms. Guest, who will share the information with the classroom teacher so that your child can be ready.

Thank you for your support!

Parent Council Meeting
Monday, June 1st at 3:30pm
Babysitting Provided

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parent council is a great way to get more involved in your child's education and have your voice heard in decisions relating to fundraising and other school activities. Meetings are once a month. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting!



Central Family Fun Night was a Great Success!

Thank-you to all of the families who were able to attend our Family Fun Math Night on April 29th. It was AWESOME to see so many of our families talking about math, engaged in solving challenging problems and having fun. Our Book Fair that night was also a big success. We were able to earn over \$230.00 to put towards new literacy materials for our school. Thank-you again for the tremendous support!



 **Timetable** 

8:50am	Entry
8:50am—10:50am	Language Learning Block
10:50am -11:30am	Nutrition Break
11:30am— 1:10pm	Math Learning Block
1:10pm-1:50pm	Nutrition Break <small>(students with permission may leave school)</small>
1:50pm-3:10pm	Learning Block
3:10pm	Dismissal

Parents Ask.... Why can't my child text in class?

Our school has a "Bring Your Own Device" policy posted in classrooms and in the foyer of the school. Children are encouraged to bring their personal device if they and their parents wish, and use the school wireless and their device to support their learning. We also provide devices (e.g. tablets and netbooks) for students without a device.

These devices can be used at school, FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. This would include things like researching a classroom topic on the internet, using it as a calculator, or playing an educational game. It could also, with permission, include listening to music when working independently (e.g. during art etc.). These devices must not be used to text/access social media or call during school hours.

Why can't students text or call home when needed? We have had situations where students have called/texted home and have been given permission to leave. However, the office and/or teacher is not aware of this permission. You can imagine our panic when the child is not in class as expected! Also, sometimes students use these devices to contact students in other classes, causing unwanted disruptions and issues throughout the school. As well, phones ringing/vibrating in class can be a huge disruption to the learning environment.

If you need to reach your child, please call the office to have them notified. If your child calls or texts you during school hours, ask them to go to the office and have Ms. Guest call you so that she is aware of any arrangements to leave early etc. Remind your child that their device is only for school purposes, and that, with repeated offences, you will be keeping their device at home to prevent distraction. Thank you for supporting our efforts to make everyone's learning experience positive!

A Note From Your School's Public Health Nurse...Bicycle Safety

Bicycle riding can be a lot of fun; but it's important to be safe and wear a helmet! By law, every person in Ontario under the age of 18 who rides a bicycle must wear a helmet. A helmet that fits properly can prevent up to 85% of bike-related head injuries and can save your child's life! Follow these tips to make sure your child's helmet is safe:

- 1) Before buying a helmet for your child, make sure it meets the correct safety standards and has a safety sticker from one of the following organizations: CPSC, CSA, Snell or ASTM
- 2) Make sure that your child's helmet fits properly!
 - Helmets should sit level on the head and should cover the top of the forehead, with two fingers width between the helmet and the eyebrows
 - The side straps should make a V shape and should fit snugly around the ears
 - Only one finger should fit between the chin and the helmet strap
 - When your child shakes his/her head from side to side, the helmet should not move
- 3) Helmets should be replaced every five years. If the helmet has been in a crash or is cracked or damaged in any way, it has to be replaced immediately.
- 4) Remember – different helmets may be needed for different activities! If you're unsure whether or not the helmet is safe for the activity, check with the company that made the helmet!

For more information about bicycle helmets, safety tips and answers to frequently asked questions, visit Parachute Canada at www.parachutecanada.org



Hot Lunches at Central

Our first "Hot Lunch" day was a great success, with almost 1/3 of the school participating. A special thanks to our parent volunteers Laura Christie, Patricia Hird, and Mason Rippel for their help in making, serving and cleaning up!

Our next hot lunch will be Friday, May 15th. We will be serving hot dogs, cheese dogs, pop and chocolate milk. Look for an order form coming home in next Tuesday's file.

Orders and payment are due by Thursday, May 14th. If your child is absent on Friday, you can call the school and have their hotdog given to another student at the school, or you can come to school at 1:30pm to collect their lunch and bring it home with you.

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!



The Children's Safety Village of Brant is presenting a fun, safety focused day for families on **Saturday June 6th, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. Tickets are \$10/child (ages 4-13 - Children under 4 and adults are free)!

Ticket includes: Passport to all the Safety Activity Stations like jeep track, inflatable obstacle course, fire safety activities, bike rodeo, BBQ Lunch AND a drawstring backpack loot bag!

This is the Safety Village's largest fundraiser and all proceeds will help ensure the Village's ability to provide safety education to the children of our community in the coming year. Come have a fun day and support a worthy charity in our community!

We hope to see you and your family there! To stay up to date visit www.Facebook.com/CSVBrant and www.twitter.com/safetyvillage_B

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Weds, May 6th	Arts Soup Trip—Ms. M's class
Weds, May 6th, 13th	Cooking Club for Registered Families
Thurs, May 7th	Grade 4-8 to PJ for The Wizard of Oz
Monday, May 11th	Swim To Survive—Grade 6/7
Friday, May 15th	Hot Lunch Day – Hot Dogs, Cheese Dogs, Pop and Choc. Milk
Monday, May 18th	Victoria Day—No School
Wednesday, May 20th	Junior/Intermediate Track and Field
May 25th—June 4th	Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Testing
Thursday, May 28th	Kindergarten Orientation

