



Central Community School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new school year at Central! If you are returning, welcome back. If you are new to our school, we are glad to have you join us, and we know that you are going to enjoy being a part of this vibrant school community.

While the teachers were getting to know your children this week, and teaching them about our school, expectations, procedures, etc., the office staff was gathering attendance information and working to establish classroom placements.

We want to thank our district maintenance/custodial team who cleaned up our facility, as well as continued with improvements.

The first week is done, the hum of learning is audible in each classroom, and students are busy learning their routines and responsibilities. We continue the process of empowering your child to fulfill his/her potential in all areas – academic, social, physical, etc. Keep in mind that we are available to you to discuss your child's progress. Appointments and phone calls can be made with the Classroom Teacher, Learning Support Teacher, Principal, Vice Principal, or any staff member who plays a role in your child's education. Call us at (604) 792-8537.

The monthly school newsletter will be published on the first Friday of each month, so you can expect to see that on our website and in your email. It will be full of the information and details needed to keep your child and your family organized with respect to school activities. **If we do not have your current email and phone number, please call or come by the office to update your contact information.**

September Dates to Remember:

September 12	1:00 p.m. Fire Drill
September 13	9:00 a.m. Bus Evacuation Drill
September 17	10:15 Cops for Cancer
September 20	5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Meet & Greet BBQ
September 24	School Photos 1:40 p.m. Assembly
September 27	1:00 p.m. Terry Fox Assembly & Run
September 29	Orange Shirt Day-In honour of residential school survivors Hot Lunch Day

October Dates to Remember

October 2	7:00 p.m. PAC Meeting
October 4	School Wide Outing
October 5	Pro-d Day—no classes in session
October 8.	Thanksgiving holiday—no classes

Please review our code of conduct sent home with your child. We want to make sure that we start the year off well and with clear expectations. Our website is a useful tool you can use to keep your family informed of school activities, processes, and expectations. Please check under **Parent Information** on our website where you will find our school growth plan, web links, PAC information as well as our school Code of Conduct.

Our work is one of Passion. Passion we want our kids to have for learning; the Passion we want to have as staff and learners ourselves.

"Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending."

-Carl Bard-

STAFF UPDATES

A warm welcome to our new staff members! Ms. Dehnke will be sharing the K/1 class with Ms. Holm who is returning part time from maternity leave. Ms. Hay is back with us teaching part time in both Mrs. Wall's K class and Ms. Lofthouse's K class. Ms. Lofthouse is also returning part time from maternity leave. Welcome back to Mrs. Crabtree, EA, who is back from Scotland. We are happy to have back with us Ms. Miller and Ms. Roddick as temporary EA support. Mrs. Carmichael is also back with us this year as a noon hour supervisor. We wish Ms. Renaerts, our noon hour supervisor for the past few years, all the best as she moves to full time work. Good luck to Mr. Mueller who also took a full-time librarian position at another school. We currently have Ms. Albeluhn in our library and Mr. Hyde in as counsellor as we work to fill these positions permanently.

MEET AND GREET BBQ

We will be having a sausage sizzle and 'Meet and Greet' evening on Thursday, September 20th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Come out to meet your child's teacher and let them cook you a hotdog. This is a great opportunity to meet our staff and enjoy an evening with the Central school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL SUPPLY MONEY

School supplies were ordered and ready for your children here at school when they arrived. We hope you have found this convenient. Payment is now due and should be made directly to your child's teacher. Students in grades 4 and 5 owe \$35.00 and students in K-3 owe \$30.00.

ATTENDANCE / ABSENT

If you know that your child is absent on any given day, please be sure to call 604-792-8537 and let us know as early as possible. This is essential to help us ensure your child's safety. Thank you.

SCHOOL HOURS & BELL SCHEDULE

8:25 - 8:39 a.m.	Morning Supervision
8:34 a.m.	First Bell
10:10 - 10:25 a.m.	Recess
12:05 - 12:50 p.m.	Lunch
2:30 p.m.	Dismissal
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Afternoon Supervision

Please note that students who arrive on the school grounds before or stay after these times are not supervised. Please be on time for picking up your child(ren) from school.

IMPORTANT

All families will have received an email asking parents/guardians to complete an online consent form for your child(ren) to help us prepare for student access to information technology. This email was also an introduction to "Permission Click", an online platform our school district is using to manage consent. This year you will see more forms, (such as field trip forms), arrive in your email inbox rather than your child's backpack.

Just a reminder, **Students without a completed Technology Acceptable Use Agreement consent will NOT be able to:**

- Log in to a school computer
- Use Student WiFi
- Access any online services
- Cannot be included on School Messenger lists

If the school does not have a current email address for you, please stop by the office to update your information. We do not want you or your child missing out on information or opportunities, so please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter as our district moves to this online management consent.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

If you have a child at Central, you are a member of Central's PAC (Parent Advisory Council). That gives you the privilege of having influence over decisions made, purchases, fundraising, recommendations made to the Principal, and connecting with the rest of the parents. We encourage you to get involved as much as possible – one of the key indicators of success in school is the amount of attention the parents/guardians give to their child's education. If possible, join us for PAC meetings once a month on the first Tuesday. In addition, watch for opportunities to volunteer in class, at school activities, and for fundraising. **Please pick up a criminal records check at the office if you would like to be a volunteer.** We appreciate you.

Mark your calendars! Triple Play Pub Fundraiser on November 23rd at 6:00 pm. \$12 will get you a burger, fries and drink. Former Central student, Trevor Macdonald will be playing.

Plan on joining us for a fun evening while we raise money for our school!

Call the office today to volunteer or contact PAC directly!

COPS FOR CANCER & TERRY FOX RUN

This year again our school has been selected to be one of the stops for Cops for Cancer on Monday Sept. 17th. We will have police officers riding their bikes to Central and speaking at an

assembly. Our fund raising this year for the Canadian Cancer Society will be for this event. We will be kicking off the fundraiser at our next assembly. The Terry Fox Run at Central will take place this year on Thursday, September 27th.

MONIES COMING TO SCHOOL

Please be reminded that all money sent to school to pay for items must be in a zip lock bag and labelled with your child's name. This prevents money being lost and orders being mixed up. The school does not have cash on hand in the office so the school is **UNABLE TO MAKE CHANGE** for the various orders, hot lunches, field trips etc. Thank you for your cooperation with these requests.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

Children need healthy meals to learn. Central Community School offers healthy, nutritious meals every school day with the help of our sponsors; The Chilliwack Rotary Club, who sponsor our 'Breakfast Program' and 'Bowls of Hope' who sponsor our lunch program. Research has shown that eating breakfast before school helps student's attention and concentration on school work. These programs are in place for our students and families in need and for the few occasions where students have not arrived at school with the food needed to start their day. These services are limited and we would kindly ask that if you would like to take advantage of these programs that you pick up a Breakfast and Lunch Program form at the office. Parents and guardians can return a completed paper application to their child's classroom or to the office. When students arrive at the breakfast or lunch program we would ask that they quickly sign in so we are able to ensure they are eating and taking full advantage of these complementary services.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

This is just a friendly reminder to that if you plan to have your family pet accompany you to school, they need to be on a leash while on school property. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

BIKES / SCOOTERS / SKATEBOARDS

Please remember that it is mandatory for all bicycle riders to wear a helmet. Please ensure that your child has a helmet and an adequate bike lock. Also, students are asked not to ride bikes, skateboards, and scooters on school grounds. Remember... “Wheels Up” while on school grounds.

WEATHER & WEAR

We are entering the beautiful season of fall with the typical BC rainy weather. Please make sure your child has an appropriate jacket and boots, as we will continue to play outside for recess and lunch if it is just drizzling or lightly raining.

HEALTH CONCERNS

We would just like to remind parents that due to various health concerns regarding allergies and diabetes, we want to impress upon students the importance that they do not share their lunches or snacks with each other. Thank you for your serious consideration in this matter.

SAFETY CONCERNS

The school district has hired Griffin Security to perform nightly patrols and dealing with any daily concerns as they arise. If you observe a situation at our site, please let us know, or if it is after hours, please contact Griffin Security at 604-703-0888 for assistance. We look forward to an uneventful year!



*Welcome
Glad you're here!*

The Central staff looks forward to the year ahead and working together to help your children “swim to success”.

If you have questions or comments, the Office is always open to you, or you can contact us by calling 604-792-8537 or e-mailing leslie_waddington@sd33.bc.ca or jaimee_charlie@sd33.bc.ca.

Kindest regards,

Mrs. L. Waddington