



# Central Community School Newsletter



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School District

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As March begins, Term 2 wraps up. Our goal is that Central students will demonstrate significant improvement in their skills, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy as the year progresses. The staff members at Central are committed to improving student achievement, and the decisions made at Central reflect this commitment. Report cards for Term 2 will go home on Thursday March 14, 2019. An opportunity to meet with your child's teacher will be held on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents attending these conferences will be given their child's report cards at the meeting. Students will be dismissed early this day, at 1:30 p.m., to allow time for student led conferences.

Children should never be left unattended at school before 8:20 a.m. in the morning when supervision begins and should be picked up promptly after school as supervision ends at 2:45 p.m.

We wish all our families a wonderful, safe and rejuvenating spring break!

May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open to great possibility. Mary Anne Radmacher

Monthly Focus: MINDFUL  
**I can persevere when presented with a challenge.**

## MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 5 7:00 p.m. PAC Meeting
- March 8 5:30 p.m. Central Movie Night  
**Parents/Guardians must accompany their child. Concession on site.**
- March 11 Spirit Day: Crazy Pattern  
100 Days or Reading Assembly
- March 13 1:30 Early Dismissal** for Parent Conferences
- March 14 Term 2 Report Cards Go Home
- March 15 Last Day of School before Spring Break
- March 18 March 29, 2019 - Spring Break  
SCHOOL CLOSED**
- April 1 First Day Back from Spring Break

## KINDERGARTEN

If you have a child born in 2014, it is time to register him/her for Kindergarten. Please register early to ensure your child has a space here at Central, as classes are filled on a first come first serve basis. Registration is now done online. Please visit the [Chilliwack School District Website](#) for information on how to register your child. Please pass this information on to your neighbours should they have kindergarten age children.

## SPORTS

We have two Friday floor hockey games in March. Come cheer on our Central players on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> after school in the gym. Thank you to Mr. Curson for coaching our team.

## ATTENDANCE

After reviewing our attendance records this past term, we still have students who have missed a substantial number of days at school, or who are chronically late. We are always happy to see students arrive at school, regardless of the time, however it is important to stress that being on time means students do not miss the critical learning that takes place at the start of each day. Likewise, there is a strong correlation between student success and regular attendance. We really want your child to be a part of the daily activities at Central, contribute each day to the class culture of learning, and just to be a part of the fun! It is regrettable when children are not at school consistently, they miss out on their learning and social growth, and we as educators miss out on what your child brings to our school each day. We respectfully would like to encourage you to ensure that your child is at school every day and on time, unless of course they are seriously ill and need to be home in bed. Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

## CENTRAL HAS HEART

Thank you to all our students who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Skipping Events. It was a full gym of active students. Central raised over \$1400.00 for this worthy cause. All prizes will be distributed to students once they arrive.

## CENTRAL IS READING

We continue to celebrate the reading efforts of our students in the *Super Reader* program. Many of the children have reached milestones in earning points. All students are encouraged to keep reading! There will be an assembly on Monday March 11 at 1:40 recognizing students for 100 days of reading.

## WEATHER AND WEAR

Spring is coming and that often brings 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 raining lightly. Our fields are often wet due to the rain so it is important that students have proper outside footwear and indoor shoes for when they

come back in to their classrooms. **We appreciate your help in providing indoor shoes in order to keep our school floors dry and clean.**

## CENTRAL IS ONE OF A KINDNESS

Part of our mandate is to teach social responsibility to our students. Each year at around this time, for a variety of reasons, we seem to experience an increase in anti-social behavior, including bullying. We participated in the February 27<sup>th</sup> (anti-bullying) *Pink Shirt Day*. We continue to work as a staff to make our school a safe, caring, and respectful environment for all students. We would appreciate parents following up on these efforts by reminding your child about what to do when he/she sees bullying, and how to be a respectful classmate and friend. Pink Shirt Day is over but we want to continue to “Think Pink”!

## CENTRAL PARENT CAFÉ NIGHT/ MONDAY MORNING COFFEE

Thank you to Mallorie Wrightly who presented on screen time at our Central Café evening in February. As a follow up if you would like information on Internet Safety and Digital Literacy, Sardis Secondary School is hosting a free parent event with guest speaker Brandon Laur on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please see attached flyer for more details. If you missed joining us for this evening, we hope you will come to our final Café in May.

We also want to invite all parents to start their Monday mornings with coffee and cookies in our multipurpose room. Mainstreet Community Church graciously provides the means for us to host our parents to come and enjoy. Stop in after the bell rings at 8:35—it’s a great way to start your week!

## LOST & FOUND

Please make sure you check the lost and found before Spring Break for any items that you may have lost. **All unclaimed items will be donated on Friday March 15, 2019.**

## PAC NEWS

Last month the PAC held their annual elections for our new executives. Thank you to the parents who have taken on these valuable roles. They are supportive to our school by creating a wonderful place for students, and this contributes to a 'sense of community' here at Central.

Our new **Parent Advisory Council Executive** is as follows:

- President: Vicki McGuffin
- Vice-President: Chelsey McConnell
- Treasurer: Georgina Charlie
- Secretary: Curtis McHale
- DPAC Rep: Richelle Bercier

### Hot Lunch Coordinators:

- Robyn Morrison, Chelsey McConnell, and Hilary Miller

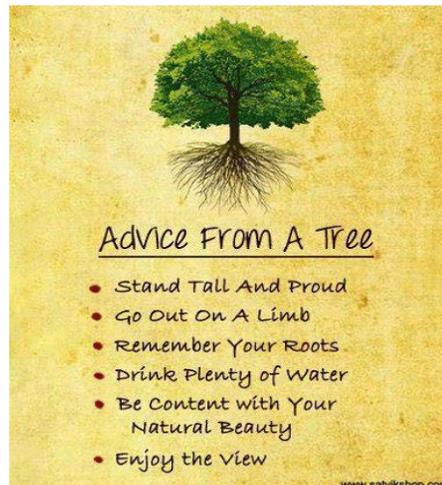
### Fundraising Team:

- Chelsey McConnell, Richelle Bercier, Vicki McGuffin, Bree Wilson

A special thank you to Linda Health for coming out every morning and running the breakfast program.

Thank you to Kelvin Stevens who shops for our groceries weekly for the breakfast program. A big thank you to our outgoing executive members who made a huge contribution this past year by giving of their time and talents.

**The next PAC meeting is on Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**



If you have questions or comments, feel free to do the following:

- **Visit** the school office
- **Call** the school office at (604) 792-8537
- **Email** the school at [central@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:central@sd33.bc.ca)
- **Check** the School Website <http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

**We are Central; where passion meets purpose!**

Kindest regards,

Mrs. L. Waddington, Principal