



GRAND CENTRAL NEWS

April 15, 2010

From the Principal

Central School is a beautiful place to be in the springtime. Thankfully, the rains have passed and the flowers are out on the trees all along the driveway. It's nice to be able to leave at the end of the day when the sun is still shining. Along with the longer daylight hours children are spending more time outdoors enjoying the warmer temperatures. Spring sports begin and schedules are even busier – if that's possible!

Please remember, there is still 2 months of school left. There are more lessons to be learned, projects to do, and tests to pass. There is another round of MCAS upcoming in May for math (grades 3, 4, and 5) and science/technology (grade 5). As we near the end of the year the teachers are continuing to work hard to keep your children focused and on task. Curriculum demands require that we make effective use of all the 180 days that make our school year.

Encourage your children to keep working hard. Completing homework, studying, and reading as well as being alert and ready for a full school day will help your children finish the year on a positive note.

Thank you,

Sharon M. Bird

NO PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL

With the arrival of the spring weather, there are more children remaining on the playground after school. Parents are reminded that the school day ends at 2:20 and both playgrounds are *unsupervised* after school.



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MAY 2010 MCAS TENTATIVE TEST SCHEDULE

The second round of MCAS tests occur May 10 through May 27. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will take the MCAS Math Test. Fifth grade students will also take the MCAS Science and Technology test. In general, testing will be between the hours of 8:30 – 11:00. It is very important that your children are in school on time and ready to learn.

DAY	DATE	GRADE	SUBJECT
Monday	May 10	3	Math part A
Tuesday	May 11	3	Math part B
Wednesday	May 12	5	Math part A
Thursday	May 13	Make-ups	
Friday	May 14	5	Math part B
Monday	May 17	4	Math part A
Tuesday	May 18	4	Math part B
Wednesday	May 19	5	Science & Technology A
Thursday	May 20	5	Science & Technology B
Friday	May 21, 24, 25	Make-ups	

EARTH DAY

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd this year. The celebration of Earth Day began in the early 1970s to help raise awareness and respect for the environment. In honor of Earth Day we are celebrating here at Central School by wearing green on Friday, April 16th. Please encourage your child to wear green on Friday in celebration and respect for our earth.



Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3 – May 8, 2010 is *Teacher Appreciation Week*. This is the perfect time to reflect upon the efforts of those who care about your children each school day. I urge you to consider taking the opportunity to write a note to acknowledge the teachers at Central School and their efforts to nurture and support your children. You may consider writing others, like the school nurse, secretary, paraprofessionals, custodians and cafeteria workers who also work hard to make this school a safe and caring environment in which to learn. These heartfelt notes help the staff as they continue to work hard on behalf of your children, especially during the last 2 months of school.

We congratulate Grade 5 Girl Scout troop #71369 and their leaders Mrs. Kheboian and Mrs. Hallice. They spent an afternoon cleaning, raking and mulching our school grounds! Our school looks wonderful! Thanks to their hard work.



NURSES CORNER

The change in seasons brings Spring early this year and tree pollen is expected to be heavy. Many of the children are already exhibiting allergy symptoms. If you think your child has allergies please discuss it with your pediatrician. They can advise what over the counter medications your child can take to relieve his or her symptoms. Some children experience "allergy eyes" so they may need allergy eye drops. These eye drops can be administered at school if needed.

If these allergy symptoms can be relieved, your child will have a more comfortable day at school.

Mrs. Ricupero can use shorts and tops size 6-14 for the spring.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all parents who donated food items to help support our staff breakfast on April 1st.
Your efforts are appreciated!

