



GRAND CENTRAL NEWS

October 30, 2009

From the Principal

On Friday, October 23rd the Central School students and staff held our first assembly of the year. As you probably recall from your child's attire that day, the theme was The Blue and White Assembly. As a staff our goal was to bring the students together to discuss community. Mr. Bailey/Ms. Sotis' fourth grade class organized the first assembly. Using the Harvest Ramble as an example, Mr. Bailey/Ms. Sotis' class presented the students with colorful posters explaining how we are working together as a community to support each other during the ramble and also those outside our school community by donating to The Bread of Life food pantry. Key concepts emphasized included: try your best, cheer each other on, and look for others who might need your support and help during the ramble. The importance of keeping ourselves physically fit through some type of team or individual exercise was also emphasized. School wide assemblies give students an opportunity to practice important social and audience skills. I am very proud to tell you that their attention to their fellow classmates and Mr. Bailey and their behavior during the assembly was phenomenal. The staff and I will be working together to organize more school wide assemblies that will continue to emphasize the importance of the Central School as a community of students and teachers who work together to support each other both in the school and the larger community.

Sincerely,

Sharon M. Bird

Harvest Ramble

The results are in! The Harvest Ramble was a success. Students tried their best and succeeded. They cheered each other on and supported others in the process. Thanks to all who helped with the preparations and who came to cheer us on. Thanks, too, for your support. Through your generosity over \$700 was collected and will be donated to the Bread of Life food pantry in the name of the Central School Community!

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StonehamBank Support

Thank you to the StonehamBank for their continued support. Their donation to the Central School has enabled us to run an after school homework club for students who need a quiet place with support and guidance to help with their homework. Thank you, too, to the employees who donate their time and come in to the classroom as guest readers. All your help and support is greatly appreciated.

PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

Picture make-up day will be held on Monday, November 2 for any student who was absent on the scheduled picture day or would like their picture re-taken. The photographers will be at school to accommodate all grades.

If you would like a re-take, please return the original picture package to the office by November 2. You may keep the class photo.

The photographers will be at Central School from 9:00AM-12:00PM.



FROM THE PTO

Nurses Corner

Dear Parents

Because of number of Flu and H1N1 germs that spreading in our school and around Stoneham please impresses upon your child the importance of practicing the following prevention measures.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use an alcohol base hand gel.

Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the inside of you elbow.

Throw the tissue away and wash your hands.

Use a regular household cleaner to clean things that are touched often at home.

Avoid close physical contact with people who are sick.

Please do not share water bottles or food.

If your child has influenza-like symptoms of a fever of 100.2 and has either a cough or sore throat, please keep them home from school until he or she has been fever free for at least 24 hours after there last dose of a fever reducing medication.(Tylenol or Motrin).

Using these simple measures this will help the spread of germs and keep our children and staff free of infection.

Please send in your Dental forms as soon as possible so appointment can be set up for your children to see the Dentists on November 17th.

Thanks
Francine

Hoff's Pies

Reminder Hoff Pie slips are due today.

Halloween Party tonight 6-8.

Don't forget your tickets.

No children will be let into the party without an adult.

We have a table set up in the front entrance of the cafeteria for the children with Allergies.

Here are some of the goodies for the children with Allergies.

- Divvies Cookies (chocolate chip and sugar.) Dairy, Egg, Peanut and Tree Nut Free www.divvies.com
- Amanda's own Confections Chocolates (45 bags, Dairy Free, Egg Free, Peanut Free and Tree Nut Free) www.amandasownconfections.com
- We are supposed to be receiving Cherrybrook Kitchen prebaked cookies. Dairy Free, Egg Free, Peanut Free, Tree Nut Free and some also Gluten Free www.cherrybrookkitchens.com
- We are supposed to be receiving a gift basket (not sure yet might be coming today to either the school or my house) from Sweet Alexis. Dairy Free, Egg Free, Peanut Free Tree NutFree www.sweetalexis.com

Decorate a Pumpkin

Don't forget to pick up your pumpkins after school or at the Halloween Party.

We will not be saving any of the pumpkins.

Thank you.