



# CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

Attendance Line: 254.6019

March 2015



## UPCOMING DATES

- 3/2 Taste of Grandville at GHS (5:30-8pm)
- 3/6 End of 2nd trimester Author Visit/6th gr @ KDL
- 3/9 PTC Meeting at CE (at 6:30 pm)
- 3/10 Rain Forest Assembly (10 am/Gym) 2014-15 Kdg. Parent Meeting at GMS (7 pm)
- 3/11 2014-15 Kdg. Parent Meetings at GMS (1 pm and 7 pm)
- 3/12 PTC Tarry Hall All School Skating Party (6:30-8:30pm)
- 3/16 PTC Club Choice Fundraiser Kick-Off Assembly  
Report cards sent home
- 3/17 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-7pm)
- 3/18 Bright Beginnings Playgroup (10 AM w/\*Hearing & Vision Screening)
- 3/19 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-7pm)
- 3/21 Battle of the Books @ GMS
- 3/23 Reproductive Health Lessons (gr 4-6)
- 3/26 Kdg. Music Program (6:30 pm/Central Gym)
- 3/27 PTC Popcorn Day
- 4/2 Read-A-Thon

### ~~~~PLEASE NOTE~~~~

April 3 to April 10, 2014  
Spring Break **NO SCHOOL**

- 4/13 Classes Resume

Dear Parents,

The saying is, "March rolls in like a lion and out like a lamb." I sure hope that is the case this year! All of this bitter cold has made for a very long winter.

As I previously shared in a letter sent home, Central Elementary was recently named an 'Academic State Champ' by Bridge Magazine. Our students and staff were recognized as being in the top 5% of all elementary schools in Michigan when analyzing our academic performance in relation to our demographics. We are very proud of our Central Community! March brings about a variety of activities. First, 'March is Reading Month' so please watch for details that will be sent home by our librarian, Mrs. McGuire. Students will also participate in a Rain Forest Assembly on March 10. There will also be an evening program held at East Elementary that evening. It will run jointly with an evening 'Parent Café where your families will be provided with free dinner, academic strategies to help your children at home, and the assembly. Details will be sent home soon.

PTC will sponsor an 'All-School Skating Party' at Tarry Hall on Thursday, March 12. Students are very excited about this opportunity! PTC will also hold a spring fundraiser with Club's Choice. The kick-off assembly will be March 16. Please watch for details on that opportunity too!

March 17 and 19 are also our spring parent and teacher conferences. Teachers look forward to this opportunity to share your children's strengths and growth areas. Research has proven through numerous studies the importance of home and school communication in your children's success. Your support is appreciated!

Think Spring!

Michelle Carter  
Central Elementary Principal

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2015



**When: March 21, 2015 (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM)**  
**Where: Grandville Middle School**  
**3535 Wilson Ave SW**

Battle of the Books is a reading competition for 5th to 8th graders in Grandville Schools. Students form teams of 4 to 6 members, read the 6 books that are part of the competition for this year and prepare to answer trivia questions about the books during the competition. Students are busy reading, meeting each week during lunch and are looking forward to representing Central. We encourage families and friends to all come out and root on our teams!



Come on out for a night of food, fun and entertainment at  
The 14th Annual **TASTE OF GRANDVILLE**

Date: Monday, March 2, 2015

Time: 5:30-8:00 PM

Place: Grandville High School (main doors off Canal or Wilson Ave.)

Cost: \$10 per person for your tasting passport

Come out to support the Grandville Education Foundation and learn more about how we are raising money to fund grant requests for the Grandville Public School District.

Enjoy great giveaways, amazing entertainment provided by Grandville bands and outstanding food prepared by local establishments.

**Advance Tickets Available:**

Community Ed, 3843 Prairie

Grandville Middle, 3535 Wilson

Grandville High School, 4700 Canal

By mail: Grandville Education Foundation, 3843 Prairie, Grandville MI 49418 (include check & SASE)

Online: [GrandvilleEducationFoundation.org](http://GrandvilleEducationFoundation.org)

## **NURSE'S NOTES**



### **Parents of 6th Graders...Please note!!**

According to state law in Michigan, all students entering 7th grade in Michigan need to have their immunizations reviewed and updated if needed. There are two immunizations that are specifically required for 7th grade entry. These are the Tdap and Meningitis vaccines. We will be entering the data for our current 6th graders soon, and all entering 7th graders will need to have their immunizations up to date before school begins next September.

If you have philosophical or religious reasons to waive vaccinations, you must contact the local health department to obtain a waiver. If your child has a medical condition that prohibits vaccines, you will need to obtain a medical waiver from your healthcare provider.



### **Be Nice. t-shirt winners:**

Central students earned extra character tickets for a drawing on January 30th to win a **Be Nice.** t-shirt. Student names drawn were: Gavin Heath, Kyle Karr, Samantha Topolski, La'Najha DeYoung, Julia Cherry, Lily McKenney, Jessica Schick, Katharine Lawrence, Nathan Veenstra, Micah Dykhuis, Hayden VanEck and Logan Pitsch.

Congratulations students and keep collecting your tickets for future drawings!

**FOOD SERVICE ONLINE DEPOSITS**



The online deposit site is a quick and easy way to make lunch money deposits to your child's account. GPS is using the website [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com)  
 \*You will need your child's student ID# to make deposits (ID# can be obtained by calling the school office).

If you have questions about your child's account balance, please call Shellie at 254-6404. Thank you.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE COMING...**

March 17th and March 19th Central will hold our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00—7:00 pm each evening. \*NOTE: **Childcare is not provided.** Look for Conference letters coming home with students. Please contact your child's teacher with questions. Thank you.



**ABSENCES**

Please call the Attendance Line at **254-6019** before 9:00 am if your child is going to be absent.

If your child will be late, please call and also leave the lunch and classroom information. (We need to know if your child will be taking Hot Lunch, and if so, whether they want "A"/"B"/"C" choice).

Thank you.

**~TARDY NOTE~**

All students who arrive after the 8:30 am Instruction bell rings are considered tardy and will need to be signed into the logbook in the office by the adult bringing them to school.

**PTC MEETING**

Monday, March 9, 2015 PTC will meet in the Lounge at 6:30 pm, (child care will be provided). Please join us to support and help our students at Central. We hope to see all of you there.

**SCHOOLS OF CHOICE 2015-2016**

Schools of Choice applications for Kent County will be available through the Superintendent's office from April 13—May 29, 2015. Please check the Grandville Public Schools website (under the "Schools of Choice" link) for information regarding the application process or call Lisa at 616.254.6599 with questions. Families are encouraged to bring applications to the Administration Office (3839 Prairie SW) beginning April 13th.



**IN-DISTRICT BUILDING TRANSFER FORMS 2015-2016**

Families wishing to transfer students to another building within the Granville Public School system, must complete an In-District Open Enrollment Building Transfer form and return it to the Superintendent's Office by 4:00 pm on March 27, 2015. The Superintendent's office will notify families by mail if the transfer has been approved.

Please contact Lisa at 616.254.6599 if you have any questions. Forms may be obtained from any school building office. Thank you.

**MOVING?**



As we begin to plan for next school year, if your child will not be attending Central Elementary for 2015-2016, please call the main office at 254-6011 or let your child's teacher know. Thank you.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day  
 March 17th**



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### School Day Hours

Our entry/warning bell rings at 8:25 am with the student instruction bell ringing at 8:30 am. Students are dismissed at

3:38 pm.

\*AM Young Fives dismiss at 11:36 am.

Students should NOT arrive at school before 8:20 am unless they are eating breakfast.

\*\*Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00 am\*\*

Lunch times:

A Lunch 11:25-12:25pm  
(grs. 3/4/5/6)

B Lunch 11:40-12:40 pm  
(grs. K/1/2)

## CENTRAL GOES GREEN!

**GO GREEN!** Wondering how you could be a little GREENER? Central has many opportunities for doing just that. We now offer these GREEN options:

1. The Paper Gator: there is a large dumpster located behind our school, simply "dump" all of your unwanted papers, **phone books**, and magazines from your home into the gator anytime!
2. Get the monthly school newsletter by email: let the office know you would like to receive the newsletter through email and an electronic version will be sent to your email once a month. . You may read it at your convenience!
3. Printer Cartridges and Cellular Phone: drop off your empty printer cartridges and old cellular telephones and Central will send them to a recycling company.
4. Batteries: drop off your old batteries and Central will send them to a recycling company.
5. Plastic Bags: drop off Meijer, Walmart, D&W, Dollar Tree, etc., any WHITE plastic bags to Central and we will send them to a recycling company. **GO GREEN-REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!**

Please look in the front lobby near the Lost and Found for the designated labeled containers:

~Container 1: Cartridges/Cellphones

~Container 2: Batteries

~Container 3: Plastic Bags

### Kindergarten 2015-2016 Parent Information Meetings

Kindergarten orientation dates for the 2015-2016 school year will be held at the Middle School Auditorium on Tuesday, March 10th at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, March 11th at either 1 p.m. or 7 p.m. All three sessions will be identical, so please choose the one that fits your schedule best. Please call 254-6251 if you still need to register your child for kindergarten and you live in town.

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2015-2016

#### GRANDVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

Grandville Community Education Preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Check the Grandville Schools Web Site or call the Community Education Office at 254-6554, option "1" for questions. Community Education hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

#### GREAT START READINESS TUITION FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM:

GSRP is for children turning 4 years old by September 1st. Check the Grandville Schools Web Site or call 254-6554, option "2" for questions.

\*Note: Preschool sections must have a minimum number of 10 students in order for the session to run. You will be notified in August if we foresee any problems. The locations of the preschool classrooms for the 2015-2016 are tentative and will be finalized at a later date.

### BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PLAYGROUP

Bright Beginnings Play Group will meet:

March 18, 10-11 AM at Central Elem., Rm 13/"Fun on the Farm"

\*Hearing and vision screening will be offered on March 18th\*

Play groups are free and open to all children ages 0-5. Join us for an hour of fun with your child. For questions, please call Laura Fasel at 291-6501.

**YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST WINNERS 2014-2015**

We congratulate our gift card winners for the Yearbook Cover entries:

1st place: Isaiah Clark/5th grade (front cover)

2nd place: Allison Viveros-Perez/5th grade (back cover)



We had many fabulous entries this year and we thank all students for submitting their artwork.

**PRINCIPAL'S BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Mrs. Carter would like to wish "Happy Birthday" to students who had February birthdays: Hayden VanEck, Severiana Berg, Caden Webster, Alexis McKinney, Anthony Aguirre-Alvarenga, Keith Mehaffey, Jenna King and Georgia Fellows.

**TITLE I TIDBITS****Remember the three keys to discipline**

Some parents think that discipline means punishment. But the most effective discipline helps your child learn what he did wrong--and how he can make a better choice in the future.

Here are three keys to productive discipline:

1. Remain calm. When you lose your temper, you also lose the upper hand. Giving in to an urge to yell at your child teaches him that it's okay to lose control when he's upset.
2. Be consistent. It doesn't take long for your child to learn whether you really intend to enforce rules. Say yes just once to watching TV before school and you'll have a battle every morning. Don't set rules unless you will consistently enforce them.
3. Avoid criticizing. Just describe the behavior. "It was your sister's turn to go on the computer and you wouldn't quit playing your game." Then remind your child of the rule and of the consequence.

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**'CHARACTER REWARDS' LUNCH AT McDONALD'S**

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the "Character Rewards" winners for showing the good character trait of "Respect" in the month of February:

Students who enjoyed lunch with Mrs. Carter and a staff member at the Jenison McDonald's on February 27th are: Ben Anderson, Taylin Johnson, Trevor Jones, Micah Dykhuis, Jessica Schick and Jonathan Cherry.

Thank you students!