

# Central Elementary Community School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Wed., June 18 - Summer Program Kick off BBQ (3:00pm)
- ◆ Thurs., June 19<sup>th</sup> District Track Meet
- ◆ Last Day of School June 25<sup>th</sup>

## Under Construction



Installation of the Modular School and additional portables is well underway. School District maintenance staffs are busily preparing each classroom so school will be ready for September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. We are fully on schedule to have Central School and Central Gateway programming relocate at the end of June. Staff will be packing during the last 2 weeks of June to move over to the modular and portables on June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

It is our tentative plan to hold an Open House walk-through on June 25<sup>th</sup>. (after the Awards Assembly) starting at 11:00 a.m. The modular will be open on this date until 2:30 p.m. A floor plan is being prepared and will be made public as soon as possible.

All classes will be accommodated along with support areas including; Learning Assistance, ESL, and Aboriginal programs.

We are very excited about the move and the children are looking forward to a new experience. If you have any questions about the modular school or our pending construction project, please phone Principal, Scott Wallace or Vice Principal, David Wellingham at 604-792-8537.

## Summer Break Too Long?

### Top ten activity list.

1. Encourage your kids to take up a hobby or something that requires constant practice (e.g. playing musical instruments, participating on a sports team).
2. Be creative. Organize some activities (e.g. talent show, karaoke singing contest) or buy some fun toys together with your neighbors who have kids.
3. Join our Summer Program. Sign up at our TD Canada Trust sponsored FREE BBQ for Central families on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Check out the FVRL Summer Reading Club 2008 at [www.kidssrc.ca](http://www.kidssrc.ca)
4. Organize your own summer day camps in your backyard.
5. Get your kids to join the YMCA. They always have various activities.
6. Keep your kids busy by not just providing them playtime. Teach them to be self-disciplined and independent by asking them to earn their time on the computer or some pocket money by doing chores around the house.
7. Encourage your kids to read a book or newspaper every day.
8. Get your kids to do some refresher homework every week.
9. Connect with your family members who are not in the same town.
10. Do grocery shopping, cook and wash dishes together. You are teaching them some life skills while spending time together.

## Power to Parent

The Power to Parent 6 part video series has concluded with much success. Up to sixty (60) parents from the Central community participated in 2-hour workshops that focused on parenting issues. The series ran Wednesdays from April 23<sup>rd</sup> - May 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. There are plans to repeat the series in the Fall of 2008. In the meantime you can check out the videos from our own Library. The title is Power to Parent by Dr. Gordon Neufeld. Ask Mr. Wallace for details. Also available in the Library is the book "Hold on to Your Kids" by Dr. Neufeld.

## Activity Day

On Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> our school held a sports day. All grades from Kindergarten to grade 6 participated in fun activities. The day included group events in the morning, a Subway meal at lunch and concluded with everyone swimming at the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre in the afternoon.



## Track and Field

Students are currently practicing their skills in **Track** (100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 m) and **Field** (long and high jump, ball throw and shot put) events. Practices occur each day of the week for particular events and schedules are posted throughout the school.

Mini Meet Schedule:

June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> @ Sardis Track  
3:30-5:30 pm

District Meet:

June 19<sup>th</sup> @ Sardis Track  
8 am to 5 pm



## Summer Program kick-off BBQ

Mark your calendars: Central Families are invited to attend our annual Summer Program Kick-off BBQ sponsored by TD Canada Trust. Individuals from Chilliwack Community Services will be on site to take your child's summer program registration.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Central Elementary  
Community School



The Summer Program runs from  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> until August 8<sup>th</sup>

## Central Gateway Summer Program

**What is it:** A FREE 4 week class for families who have child(ren) or care for a child(ren) five and under. Parents and caregivers will be actively involved with their child(ren).

**What will you do?** Each class will offer a unique chance to connect with your child(ren) in a helpful, joyful and creative program. At the end of each session your child(ren) will have the ability to take home their own project and be able to enter that project in the Chilliwack Exhibition. You can register for: 1. Baking with Kids 2. Hobbies for Kids 3. Art for Kids 4. Woodworking for Kids.

**When is it?** Sessions began in May: Mondays: 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. and Wednesdays: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Central Elementary Community School

To register call: Pamela Auffray 604-819-3701

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Term & 250+ Night Reading

On Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 am in the gym the Honour Roll and Extreme Effort awards for the 3<sup>rd</sup> term will be distributed. This will be part of our regular Monday Celebration Assembly. In addition, Mr. Hunt will be awarding prizes to those students that have read 250+ nights.

## Library News

We should have all of the Library books returned to Mr. Hunt by now. Thank you.

Please remember to submit your Night Reading slips in by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately, we have cancelled our June Family Book Club due to the fact that our featured book was unavailable.

## Summer School

Registration for ALL courses will take place from Mon., June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Fri. June 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Wed., July 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All registrations will take place at the School District Office (8430 Cessna Drive).

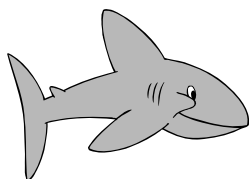
How much does it cost? ALL courses offered for summer school are FREE to school-aged Canadian residents.

All Classes are held at Vedder Middle School (45560 South Sumas Road).



## Kindergarten Registrations

Kindergarten registration for the 2008/09 school year is underway. If your child will be five (5) years of age by December 31, 2008 please register by calling your neighbourhood school (604) 792-8537 or the School District Office at (604) 792-1321.



## KinderFair

On Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm Central hosted its first annual KinderFair. All students registered for Kindergarten for September 2008 were invited to Central to participate in a variety of activities. Several school district personnel were on hand to supervise and conduct tasks that included but were not limited to literacy, numeracy, fine and gross motor skills. All students received a passport as they traveled to each station. All students also received a take home gift bag which included a book, pair of scissors, crayons and various homework that could be done over the summer months.

## P.A.C. News

The last P.A.C. Meeting of our 2007 - 2008 School year was Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ Rendezvous Restaurant. Thank you to those in attendance.



## The Second Day Program

The Second Day Program is a pilot program at Central Elementary Community School. It has been developed to create a safe, engaging atmosphere for children to take part in a variety of activities while belonging to a larger group. A team consisting of School District and Chilliwack Youth Services staff work together to deliver this program. This is not a drop-in program at this time; our hope is that we will be able to continue this program next school year.

**Snacks, Activities and more.....**

## Final Awards and Recognition

On Wednesday, June 25 @ 9 am in the gym our Awards Assembly will commence. These awards will include the cumulative Honour Roll and Extreme Effort recognition as well as awards for athletics, fine arts, citizenship, service and academics



## School Calendar 2008 / 2009

School Opens	September 2, 2008
Professional Development Day	September 19
Thanksgiving Day	October 13
Professional Development Day	October 24
Professional Development Day	November 10
Remembrance day	November 11
Winter Vacation	December 19
Winter Vacation Period	December 22 - January 2
Schools Reopen	January 5
Professional Development Day	February 20
Professional Development Day	March 13
Spring Break	March 16 - 20
Schools Reopen	March 23
Good Friday	April 10
Easter Monday	April 13
Professional Development Day	May 15
Victoria Day	May 18
Schools Close	June 25

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