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# Central Elementary Community School



## CENTRAL STUDENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

**C**ongratulations to Central's leading spellers! Three students from each of our intermediate classes competed in a school level CANSPELL competition. We were very proud of their efforts and were very pleased that **Mathew G., Britanie F., Shayden P.**, represented our school at District level competition at G.W. Graham. This is our second year of involvement. Mr. Wallace, our vice-principal and coordinator of both school and district level spelling bees indicated he is eager for next year's competition as many of our students are now experienced and eager to participate.

**V**olleyball is one of our annual team sports enjoyed by senior students at Central. This year we have two "sharp" teams who are doing their best with the serve, bump, volley and spike. Coached by Ms. Hill, Miss Gallis, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Farrant, the students participated in some challenging matches. The final tournaments are on:

Boys— Monday . Feb. 5 ..... Girls -Wednesday Feb. 7th.

Members of the teams include:

*Boys- Mackie R., William R., Anthony R., Kenneth L., Bobby M., Gavin A., Zachary W., Danny T., Logan P., Derek P., Rene R.*

*Girls- Brittny Y., Samantha H., Sara L., Taylore O., Stephenie R., Austyn T., Angel C., Courtney Ann G., Samantha L., Jesse T., Paige T., Sara C., Tiffany P.*

**A**thundering applause greeted **Ms. Hill's** class production of "Tatlashea and the Children" presented at the District's Aboriginal Report Dinner at Sardis Senior Secondary. The First Nations based story was scripted by the students and performed both for school and now District and Community audiences. Mrs. Hugh sponsored the event with Ms. Hill and arranged special busing so all students could attend. A special thanks to "the Landing Preschool" for chartering Central their transportation.

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### DARE

graduates in our senior classes were presented to parents and guest by our own special **Constable Wortman**. Decked out in new DARE Tee-shirts, the grade five and six students were awarded certificates of completion. Later, after a few photo opportunities, students and guests enjoyed two "DARE" cakes and juice.



The DARE program stresses making good "life's decisions" and encourages students to live drug free.

### A FAMILY BOOK CLUB

is one component of our very active library program, hosted by **Mr. Chris Hunt**.

A special book is selected and offered to both parent(s) and child to enjoy and then discuss in a club / group format. It is not only popular but very effective as an encouragement to read.

**Mrs. Taylor, our Superintendent of Schools** has met with Mr. Hunt and encouraged him to continue his innovative approach to helping literacy





## Foundation Skills Assessment Scores Celebrated

Mr. Dougans and Mr. Wallace recently attended a School Board Meeting at the invitation of *Mrs. Diane Janzen*, outgoing board chair.

Central Elementary Community School's efforts as a service provider and valuable community contributor were recognized and the results of recent programs including F.S.A. students' scores shared.

Data and statistics provided by **MR. WALLACE** in his power point presentation indicated that Central's students scores meet or exceeded not only District but Provincial learning outcome averages.

## LOST AND FOUND



Somebody is going home with some clothes if our LOST AND FOUND is any indication!

We will be moving all found items to a location nearer the office to encourage parents to look through items left behind.



Please check with your child(ren) to see if they are missing anything and then peruse our inventory.

## LUNCHES

Miss Ward reminds everyone to get their forms in promptly to ensure they are on the "lunch program". If you need more info. Call her—792-8537

## DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD SAFELY

A new student drop off zone was created in Fall. This zone begins at the foot of Mill St. as a one way lane. A drop off key ensures parents can pull over and let out their child(ren) and watch them enter the school grounds.



It is also a great place to meet after school and parking is usually quite handy.

The staff parking lot is not designed nor intended as a throughway or pick up zone and often places children at risk due to traffic.



Our thanks for a "memory to last a lifetime."

# THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

All Central students "in good standing" attended the Chilliwack Performing School of Fine Arts production of "The Beauty and the Beast" at the Chilliwack Arts Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 31st.

Students reported that it was positively excellent and very professional as the student actors portrayed this classic. Mrs. Betsy Neve, (teacher's assistant) was a support person responsible for the backstage management while Richelle C. (gr.6) held two lead roles.

We were pleased to be able to offer this to our students without charge subsidizing it through funds earned from our international program..



## WOOF!

It is not a sound we associate with school.

If you are bringing your dog with you when you collect your child(ren) we request that it remains on a leash and off the school grounds / campus.

Excited children and strange dogs sometimes cre-

ate unsafe situations.

We are responding to parent concerns and believe this is best for dogs and children.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS at Central

Did you know that the Central Community School Society rents our gym and Multi-purpose room out for birthdays? If you are interested in this fun option we encourage you to contact Mrs. Hilary Miller at 604-316-7571.

# Staff Updates:

Central Sharks approached the new year with two staff vacancies resulting from staff retirements. The hiring process introduced us to a number of wonderful, talented individuals eager to join our S.H.A.R.K. team. At this time we are pleased to formally announce new staff placements.



The dynamic Miss **TRACEY LAWLESS** has undertaken the kindergarten position. We hope it has been a relatively seamless change for her young charges as they have embraced her as their new teacher. Watch for her as she escorts her crew to waiting parents at day's end!

Many folks have already met Miss **SUZANNE BARTEL**, our new Grade Five teacher, re-

placing Miss Gallis in the new year. Miss Bartel shares her enthusiasm for learning with every child and is looking forward to meeting their parents.



since 1997, will be moving to the School District Office in August where he will be involved in District level work.



Mr. Wallace has been a "key player" in establishing a highly successful "Effective Behavioural Support" program, developed a leading S.H.A.R.K. web site and introduced the innovative student diversity technology program serving the needs of many intermediate students among his other accomplishments at Central.

## SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

School District #33 Chilliwack recently announced VICE PRINCIPAL **SCOTT WALLACE** was successful in obtaining a promotion to principal. Mr. Wallace happily accepted the new role and will begin as PRINCIPAL AT CENTRAL in August 2007. **CLYDE DOUGANS**, Central's principal

S.H.A.R.K.  
Safe  
Helpful  
Awesome Attitude  
Responsible  
Kind



Toronto— January 10, 2007 Thirty two exceptional leaders in education from across the country including Central's principal have been chosen as Canada's Outstanding Principals for 2007. **Clyde Dougans**, Central's principal, was selected as a principal who made

a measurable difference in the lives of their students and their own local communities and help ensure that Canada's young people continue to receive a quality education. He will be inducted into the National Academy of Principals during a gala presen-

tation dinner in Toronto. He will also attend a workshop series at the Rotman Business School (University of Toronto.) The Learning Partnership, Canadian Association of Principals in collaboration with the University of Toronto hosts the program.



**SEVEN of our Heroes (teachers) at Central are taking a S.F.U. DIPLOMA IN TEACHING FOR DIVERSITY.** Congratulations on your extraordinary efforts as life long learners engaging in professional development!

## STUDENT- TEACHER-PARENT CONFERENCES

These are an important tool for improved student achievement and effective reporting. We would like to thank everyone for their participation in the Thursday, Feb. 8th scheduled sessions.

We believe in communicating areas of strength and also concerns early in the term. This allows parents to insight into their child's progress and programs early enough to plan for future success.

We encourage your continued involvement and support. Please "be in touch."



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We are on the WEB  
[www.centralsharks.ca](http://www.centralsharks.ca)

Wed. Feb.7– Girls’ Volleyball Tournament –Cheam Cntr

Thurs.Feb8– Student/Parent/ Teachers’s Conferences –  
Alternate timetable– check your appointment.

Friday– Feb.9th— 100 Day Celebrations

Monday, Feb. 12th—Encouragement Assembly

Wednesday, Feb. 14th Spirit Day– Red and Pink



Friday, Feb.16th –Professional Day—School Closed to  
students as teachers attend workshops.

Monday, Feb 19-23—BOOK FAIR WEEK!

Monday, Feb. 26th– Encouragement Assembly

Friday, March 2nd—Hot Meal Deal (tentative)

Thursday, March 8th—Trinity Western Univer-  
sity Nurses join us..

Friday, March 16th—SPIRIT DAY– GREEN and the begin-  
ning of SPRING BREAK..

Monday, March 26th—School In Session.

Tuesday, April 3rd—Battle of the Books (ZONE)

Wednesday, April 4th—Ready Set Learn 9-10 a.m.

**WATCH FOR– Our P.A.C. , ICBC and CITY sponsored WALK SAFE publication coming out shortly. Mrs. Bradwell, your PAC PRESIDENT, has done an awesome job with her partners in producing this informative document. It is valuable information!**

#### **MORE CANSPELL:**

While three of our students attended the district competition we did have a rather exciting finish to our spelling bee efforts here at Central.

Mr. Wallace has provided the following names as “tops” in their grades... Congratulations to all participants.

**Erza M., Jessica P., Todd A., (Grade Four)**

**Jasmin J., Logan P., (Grade Five)**

**Mathew G., Shayden P.( Grade Six)**



#### **ACTION B.C.**

Did you know Central was an Action School?

We are very pleased many of our classrooms are “actively” engaged in daily physical education activities using the ACTION B.C. program. A special thanks to Mr. Hill (coordinator) and those teachers who arranged and participated in some extraordinary workshops! It makes a difference.



NOTE: Ms. Hill recently ordered some fabulous new score boards for our gym.. Watch our victory scores!



#### **CAPP LAB is OPEN**

for COMMUNITY COMPUTER USE–

CHECK THE POSTED HOURS

The price is right! \$0..

#### **MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

Did you notice the new flooring on the south entrance concrete?

How about the new parking lot signs?

The plumbers were busy in the attic and we are glad they were ‘cuz raining on classes is no fun!



We are very fortunate to have the efforts of many skilled trades on a regular basis at Central and other district facilities.

This year you may have witnessed some new paint, fencing and maybe some added attention to our fields.

**Our P.A.C.** is constantly monitoring “what is good for kids” and will be working with **our Maintenance Department** to purchase and install some new adventure playground equipment on our primary side of the school. Please watch for it and share an encouraging word with those responsible!

P.S. Look at Central’s floors! Our custodians have a touch that makes them shine! Our thanks to **Mr. Rurka and Mr. Carpenter.**