

Central School News

Central School Newsletter

May 12, 2006

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Board of Education

Regular Meeting

May 22, 2006 – 7:30 PM

Middle School Dining Room

Workshop Meeting

June 12, 2006 – 7:30 PM

Middle School Media Center



Kindergarten Registration

We are registering kindergarten students for the 2006-2007 school year. If your child will be 5 years of age on or before October 1, 2006 please phone the school for an information/registration packet. We will send a kindergarten registration packet to you as soon as we hear from you. Phone 637-4351 and ask for Mrs. Walker.

Visitation and Screening

It is important that we register all students as soon as possible. For those parents **who have registered** their children for kindergarten, there will be a visitation on May 23rd from 9:30-10:30 AM and screening on May 24th.



Citizenship Awards

Congratulations to the following students who are Central School's most recent Citizenship Award recipient:

Emily R
Bryan H
Brooke P

We are proud of you!

CAFETERIA NEWS

All lunch charges must be paid as soon as possible.

Lunch Tickets

All school lunches must be paid with cash or a pre-purchased lunch ticket. Please make sure that your student has lunch money or a ticket every day. Students who forget their tickets are holding up the lunch line while they fill out charge slips.

No child will be refused a lunch. Students who have forgotten their lunch money will be asked to fill out a charge slip and wait at the back of the lunch line. Charge slips are sent home once a month and are due upon receipt.



AKOOP'S KORNER

Mrs. Koop, Principal Ext. 201

This week was Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. There isn't a day that goes by when I do not reflect on the talents and importance of the teachers and staff of Central School. I have been an educator for many years and have worked with many different people in a school setting and the teachers and staff in Great Meadows are exceptional. They are dedicated, hard working, and truly care about the students.

I believe we should recognize them often for what they do for the children. Thank you to the PTO for the many special ways they recognized the Central School teachers and staff this week.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Great Meadows Regional School District Parent Workshop *Personal Safety and Awareness* Presented By

*The Warren County Prosecutor's
Office*

**Thursday May 18, 2006
Middle School Dining Hall
1:30 PM and 6:30 PM**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Central Spring Musical

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Central Field Day

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Early Dismissal

Friday, May 26, 2006

School Closed

Monday, May 29, 2006

Central/Liberty Chorus/Band Concert

Thursday, June 1, 2006

End of Year

Early Dismissal

Friday, June 9 & Monday June 12, 2006

Last Day of School - Early Dismissal

Tuesday, June 13, 2006



Nurse News

Ms. Leavy, ext. 203

Stay Safe In The Sun

The warm weather is here and we all can't wait to be outside. That sun feels great but can do damage, too. Overexposure to the sun can lead to premature aging, skin cancer and cataracts. Painful, blistering sunburns received before the 18th birthday significantly increase the risk of developing malignant melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, later in life. Enjoy the great weather but don't forget to protect your skin and eyes when you are outside by following the tips below:

- Limit exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Use sunscreens and lip balms with an SPF of 15 or higher daily from May through September
- Apply sunscreen 30-45 minutes before you go outside
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours while you are outside, more often if you are swimming
- Wear sunglasses that wrap around your face and provide 99-100% UVA and UVB protection
- Remember that even on cloudy days 80% of ultraviolet radiation can penetrate the atmosphere



Teacher Appreciation Week

The staff at Central School would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the daily gifts, wonderful breakfast and delicious luncheon we received during Teacher Appreciation Week. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are greatly appreciated.



GLASSES FOUND

A pair of child's black-framed glasses was found in the library 2 weeks ago. See Mrs. Palestri to claim them.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is overflowing. The box is located in the lobby. Any items that remain after the last day of school will be either donated to charity or discarded. If your child has lost something during the school year, please have him or her check the lost and found box or, if you wish, you may come in and check the box yourself.

Proper Student Attire

With the return of warm weather, we want to remind everyone about proper attire. Please be sure that children not wear the following:

- Extremely low-cut, tight fitting or transparent clothes, bare midriffs, and suggestive clothing;
- Skirts, dresses, and pants/shorts that are higher than mid-thigh;
- Unsafe foot ware-children should wear flat shoes-remember that the children run on the playground - sneakers preferred (no "healies").

Central School's Parent Read Aloud Program



Time is running out to complete the shape trail throughout the school. Please read as many books as possible to your children. When the trail is complete Mrs. Koop will read outside in a crazy outfit. Keep on reading and sending in your shapes.



Don't forget to order your 2006 Central School Yearbook!

Order forms available in the office.



Having trouble getting through?

Please be patient when trying to connect to a staff member's phone. Though it sometimes seems like you may have been disconnected that has not occurred. Hang in there and you will be connected.



Independence Soccer Club

Sign-ups: Green Acres Pavilion
May 20th 9:00-12:00 or at
independencesoccer.org.

RECREATION

3rd & 4th grade in-town co-ed*

\$45.00 reg. fee (includes purchase of a pair of soccer socks), \$30.00 uniform dep. **5th - 8th grade Warren County Traveling** Separate boys and girls teams. \$45.00 reg. fee, (includes purchase of a pair of soccer socks), \$30.00 uniform dep.

Separate checks for registration fee and uniform deposit. Make checks payable to I.S.C.

**In town co-ed league depends on the number of participants. Otherwise, teams will be formed like 5th - 8th grade*

TRAVELING COMPETITIVE

Morris County Youth Soccer League

4th - 8th grade, \$55.00 reg. fee, \$25.00 fundraising fee. 1x1 picture and copy of birth certificate required at registration. \$60.00 uniform purchase if needed
Separate checks for registration fee and fundraising fee. Make checks payable to I.S.C.

Independence Recreation Sign-Ups Fall 2006 Season

Soccer - for all children currently in grades K & 1st and entering Kindergarten in the fall 2006.

Field Hockey - for all girls currently in grades 2-7th grades.

Sign-Up Dates:

May 18th from 5-7 PM
Independence Municipal Building
June 3rd from 9-12 PM
Green Acres Pavilion



ISSHIN-RYU SCHOOL OF KARATE

Invitational Benefit Tournament

The 20th Isshin-Ryu School of Karate Invitational Benefit Tournament was held on Sunday, April 23rd, 2006 at Hackettstown High School. In the last 20 years, the tournament has raised over \$100,000 for American Diabetes Tour De Cure and cancer research.

Congratulations To Our Winners:

Colton S, 4th Grade - 1st Place Junior Division Boys Kata (Form) & 2nd Place Sparring. Erin S, 2nd Place Team Kata Leader & 2nd Place Pee Wee Division Girls Kata. Sierramarie F, 4th Grade - 1st. Place Team Kata. Katelyn S, 5th grade - 2nd Place Team Kata. Robert S, 2nd Grade - 2nd Place Team Kata.



Scholastic Book Fair

Buy One Get One Free

May 26, 30, 31 and June 1, 2006

Please stop by the Book Fair located in the Library. Parents are welcome to shop with their children's class. A class schedule is listed below. If you would like to volunteer to work at the book fair please call Kathy Ascolese at 637-6185.

Friday, May 26th • 9AM - 1:30PM

9:10 4-Feulner
9:40 K-Caufield AM
10:40 5-Gulini
12:10 3-DeLornezo
12:40 2-Washburn

Tuesday, May 30th • 11:30AM - 4:00PM

11:40 4-Romagnoli
1:00 K-Schubert PM
1:45 2-Coppola
2:30 1-Broadhurst

Wednesday, May 31st • 10AM - 4PM

10:00 3-Vliet
11:30 5-Gibson
12:40 1-Evans
1:00 3-Wauhopp
2:00 5-Arnold
2:30 2-Pezzato

Thursday, June 1st • 9AM - 3PM

9:15 4-Van Lenten
10:00 4-Szamreta
1:00 1-Crane
1:45 1-Williams
2:30 K-Caufield PM

Looking for another reason to cut down on your soda consumption?



From the Center for Health and Health Care in schools - **April 17, 2006 -- FDA Looking at Benzene in Soft Drinks**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said April 12 it's concerned about reports that unsafe levels of the carcinogen benzene have been detected in soft drinks that contain benzoate salts (an antimicrobial agent) and ascorbic acid (Vitamin C), particularly under certain conditions of storage, shelf life, and handling. The FDA said it is looking into whether benzene levels in the unnamed soft drinks are above the 5 parts per billion allowed in U.S. water standards, as was reported in a recent FDA Total Diet Survey (TDS). The TDS is an ongoing FDA program that determines levels of various contaminants such as pesticide residues and industrial chemicals in foods. With respect to the reported levels of benzene in soft drinks, the FDA said it is following up with companies to ensure that their processing arrangements minimize the possibility of formation of the carcinogen.