



Central Media

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Central Parents,

The new school year has begun very well with teachers and staff working diligently to establish our school-wide expectations. All students have received their handbook/planner and the rules/procedures have been reviewed.

Providing a safe, clean learning environment is a top priority. As I mentioned during open house, we will be working with the West Melbourne Police Department to make sure all safety drills are handled in a highly effective manner. When looking over our parent survey results from previous years, it has come to my attention that we need to improve overall communication. My commitment to you will be weekly phone messages updating you on important events, information and deadlines.

I will strive to ensure that ALL students are provided equal opportunities to develop their strengths and talents. We are going to look at providing a variety of extra-curricular activities, something for everyone. Please encourage your child to engage in at least one program.

The "middle school years" are a crucial time in a child's life. Making the transition from elementary school can be challenging. I also want to ensure that our students are prepared for high school. Three goals I feel are essential to the success of every student are: maintaining academic focus, developing leadership skills and learning to make good choices.

Lastly, reading continues to be a national concern. In your child's planner you will find our "20 Book Challenge" for your review. It is our expectation that your child read 20 books throughout the school year at home. We will be recognizing students at the end of the year who complete the challenge. Please do not hesitate to reach me if you have any questions, concerns or would like to share any ideas.

My email address is:

scheuerer.todd@brevardschools.org.

The Central Middle School team is going to work diligently to make our motto this year a reality, "Eagles Soar with Pride."

Sincerely, Todd Scheuerer, Principal

Parent Engagement

Want to Volunteer?

Call or email Diane Long, our amazing school secretary and ask how you may help.

Long.Dianna@brevardschools.org

Picture make up Day is Thursday

October 11th:





Basketball Squads!

Congratulations to the boys and girls basketball teams:

Our Lady Eagles:

Amanda Bixby,
Katelyn Buchanan,
Alexis George, Taylor Hamilton, Adreanna Kirton,
Ginger Manion, Sharmaine Oquendo, Ryuka Roddy,
Isabella Rosado, Gabriella Silvestre, Alex Smith,
Krista Snoha, Aphrodite Stevens, and Gabrielle Williams.

Our Defending Champion Boys Team

Ezechiel and Etienne Aime, Amel and Amir Beharovic, Amarion Berry, Kody Black, RJ Buchanan, Jacob Clarke, Kevarris Cohen, Pierce Gray, Derrick Ingram, Kylier Jacinthe, Nathan King, Ariel Lorente, Brandon Moree, Joseph Pelchat, Elijah Reynolds, and Hunter Turner.

Basketball Schedule

Tuesday 9/11 – Central @ Cocoa Beach
Thursday 9/13 – Central @ Hoover
Tuesday 9/18 – Johnson @ Central
Thursday 9/20 – DeLaura @ Central
Tuesday 9/25 – Central @ Stone
Thursday 9/27 – Southwest @ Central
Tuesday 10/2 – Central @ Westshore
Thursday 10/4 – Stone @ Central
Tuesday 10/9 – Central @ Southwest
Thursday 10/11 – Westshore @ Central

Girls play first on Tuesdays and Boys play first on Thursdays. Games will begin at 5pm!

Central Pep Talk!

We are proud to be represented by the greatest cheerleaders in the county! If you have not witnessed their routine in person, than you are cordially invited!



Our first home game is Tuesday 9/18. Be there!

Our 2018 Squad: Emma Davis (Captain), Sydney Gardner (Captain), Savvy Gardner, Melanie Bryant, Maddy Christy, Addison Derfuss, Demi Feiss, Emma Kushner, Maddy Mattix, DD Rosenfeld, Emily Rossi, Kayley Tawney, Aubrey Teague, and Paige Whitson.

Highsteppers!

Ladies and Gentlemen, be aware... we have an incredible dance program at CMS. Our Highsteppers Dance Team has been crushing the competition for year now. Please come out and support our squad during all of our home games this season.

Congratulations and good luck to all of the girls:
Captain: Kaylee Henderson, Co-Captain: Lillian Lewis, Leilanie Ayala, Lia Bryant, Bella Cales, Madison French, Lucy Gallo, Kyla Gress, Ella Lockhart, Amelia McReynolds, Alyssa Montanez, Natalee Morton, Katie Reilly, Selena Valenzuela, Charlotte Zamor

CMS Spirit Week



WE Celebrated Our Community last week!

Students engaged in a week of school spirit. Dress up days like “Dynamic Duo Day” and “Crazy Hat Day” invoked Pride in our school community. Teachers and students alike sported school colors on “Red and White Day” to support our Basketball teams, Highsteppers, and Cheer Squad. The Pep-Rally was a remarkable scene. Imagine 1,200 student shouting for our athletes and staff as they showed off their skills on the court. Thanks to all participants and we look forward to a terrific season. We value our community and its support for student athletes.



From the Classroom to the Living Room

DID YOU KNOW?

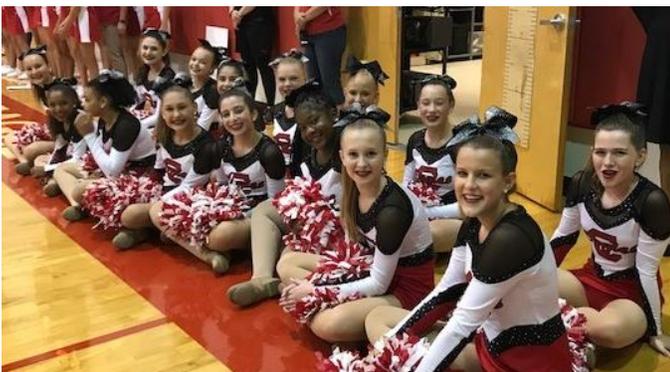
- Children who eat dinner around the table with their families do better in school?
- Children who take family trips do better in school. Simple free trips to the park or library are as good as expensive trips away from home.
- Children who are read to frequently read earlier and better.
- Children who see their parents read regularly are likely to read more themselves.
- Spending 30 minutes a day with your child can help them achieve better grades in school.
- Children love to spend time with their parents!



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CHANGING THE WAY STUDENTS READ

ALL Students are engaged in Reading Plus Testing. We strive to track students reading skill as they progress through the year so that we may focus on support and strategies that may assist specific readers as they journey through their academic career.



Deans Corner

Great start to the new school year! We really enjoy getting to know your students and appreciate everyone following the policies and procedures at Central! The safety and security of every single student is always our priority. If you are unsure about our policies, please refer to the

planner or feel free to contact Mr. Ramirez or Mrs. Higham. **NO holes in jeans above the knee, even if your skin is covered underneath.** Cell

phones must be turned off and not be visible during the school Day, that is 9:00 until 4:15!



Please Welcome Mrs. Higham to our Dean Team!



She comes from Madison Middle School. She has a genuine heart to serve Middle School aged Children, and that makes it a no brainer to welcome her here at CMS!

BULLYING

Here at Central Middle School, we do not allow any form of bullying. We attempt to stop any issue before it becomes a problem. Please assure your student that they can talk to a guidance counselor, teacher or administrator if they are being bullied and it will be addressed. *Remember*, Conflict management is taught to students and they are expected to practice responsible decision-making strategies. Any issue where conflict is unwanted, repeated, and has caused emotional/mental and/or physical harm it is *Bullying* and if validated, students will have real consequences.



To help motivate students to read on their own, Central Middle School is participating in a 20-Book Challenge again this year! Students are encouraged to read 20 different books over the course of the school year, with all sorts of prizes and rewards for students to keep them excited and reward those participating.

The flyer with all 20 categories is located in the Student Handbook on pages 3-4. To participate, students join a Google Classroom through their ELA teacher. From there, students respond to a short prompt for each category they wish to post for. For more information, please see Ms. Edwards or Ms. Kerstetter in the Media Center, or ask your ELA teacher.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Students are responsible for their own personal property. Great care should be taken not to leave purses, jewelry, book bags, books, cell phones, etc. in places where they may be taken. Thefts should be reported immediately to the teacher or school resource officer. Students should never bring valuables or large amounts of money to school.



ATTENDANCE POLICY

A student who is absent more than nine (9) days within a semester is in jeopardy of not receiving a passing grade for that semester.

Excused absences include:

1. Court Dates
2. Illness with medical documentation, *which are turned in within 5 school days after returning from absence.*
3. If your child is absent without a medical excuse, a parent must send a note for documentation of the absence, but please know that a parent note still counts toward the nine days, but changes the absence from unexcused to parent note.
4. Chronic or Extended Illness:
 - * The form is available through the school clinic and *must be completed every year.*
 - * The form must be completed by your doctor and the county nursing supervisor for your school.



Brevard Zoo is currently accepting applications for the **Zoo Teen Program**. Zoo Teens (ages 13-16) work alongside staff to create a positive and memorable experience for Zoo visitors. Teens perform a variety of tasks at the Zoo, including animal husbandry, animal handling, and public education. Zoo Teens also volunteer their time for Zoo camp, fundraisers, and special events like night hikes or Boo at the Zoo. There are numerous benefits to joining the Zoo Teen Program. Students can use their volunteer

experience to meet community service requirements for Florida Bright Futures Scholarships. Teens also have the opportunity to work directly with animals and the public, gaining valuable skills for a variety of careers. Most importantly, Zoo Teens gain an appreciation for the value of volunteer work and community involvement. The Zoo Teen Program accepts new volunteers once a year for the full program, with **applications due October 14, 2018**. Once selected, teens are committed to one year of service. Zoo Teens volunteer a minimum of one weekend day per month during the school year and 25 hours in the summer months of June and July.

2019 applications and information can be found at the Zoo's website at **Brevardzoo.org** under "Volunteers" and following the link to the Zoo Teen Program. Please Contact Jen Katona, the Zoo Teen Coordinator at 321-254-9453 Ext. 375 or email at jlindsay@brevardzoo.org or zoteens@brevardzoo.org

FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Brevard Public School provides a free breakfast to all students. The School Breakfast Program promotes the increased consumption of high quality, nutritious, agricultural products from Florida. Please

remind your student to stop by the school cafeteria for a healthy, free school breakfast at 9:00am.





MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

**ALL BOX TOP FUNDS WILL
GO DIRECTLY INTO OUR 20
BOOK CHALLENGE
REWARDS BUDGET!**

**START YOUR COLLECTION
NOW!**

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

All deliveries of books, clothing, money and messages will be made through the front office. Administration will deliver items to students during their scheduled lunch time **ONLY**. Students will not be called from the classroom.

Outside food and flowers from vendors are not acceptable items and *will not be held for students*. The Central Middle School Administration, Faculty, and Staff value classroom instructional time. We know that your child's learning time is also important to you and we appreciate your cooperation.

Science Inquiry "CSI" in the Labs

Students engaged in some "real world" inquiry last week. Mrs. Zifer's 7th graders engaged in something a little different. There was a FICTITIOUS crime at CMS, in Mrs. Zifer's classroom on Saturday, August 25th, at 5:23 p.m. Left at the crime scene was an unknown white powder. Student Crime Scene Investigators, or Forensic chemists, worked to properly identify the unknown powder that left at the crime scene. Students conducted tests on four household powders (baking soda, sugar, salt, and cornstarch) and observed how the powders reacted with three known liquids (water, vinegar, and iodine.)



Next, students collected a sample of the unknown white substance from the crime scene, and reacted the unknown substance to the three known liquids.

Finally, students were summoned to court; students presented to the judge and jury their evidence and identification of the unknown white substance left at crime scene.

This is a window into the world here @ CMS! We want to celebrate our teachers hard work, our students successes, and our Communities bright spots. Stay tuned!