

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Office

Thank you for your help in getting Central off to a great start this year. We enjoyed seeing so many of our families at Open House.

A quick reminder for our parents with students that ride the bus; the safety of students who ride a bus is very important to us. To make sure you approve when your student wants to take a different bus after school or wants to get off at a stop other than the normal one, we need a **signed note** from the parent or guardian brought to the main office in the morning. This note gives your permission to change for that day. Students who do not provide this written permission from their parent/guardian will not be permitted to ride a different bus or get off at a different stop. This rule is effective immediately and applies to students of all ages, here at Central.

In order to meet our goals we continue to implement two initiatives that are aimed at increasing student achievement and increasing positive behaviors. These initiatives are IDM (Instructional Decision Making) and PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention & Support).

Our 3-tiered IDM system is now under way. Students will be able to achieve mastery on core objectives. Students are constantly assessed to ensure they are making progress. If students do not achieve mastery in Tier I they are provided additional support in Tier II, during skills or in homeroom. If a student needs support beyond Tier II, we are providing intensive assistance in Tier III, after school on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Transportation will be provided for students involved in Tier III Intensive Assistance.

A final reminder that conferences are to be held this year on October 20th and 21st.

Marla Padget/Principal

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From Mr. Netty's Office

Our football, volleyball, and Cross Country seasons are nearly complete. All of our fall sports teams have made great improvements this season and I look forward to watching our students compete in other sports this year. Girls' basketball and wrestling will begin on Monday, October 17th. If your son or daughter is interested in participating in either of these sports, please make sure that their physical and insurance information is turned in to the main office. In addition, a form with information regarding concussions must be signed by both parent and student as well. Both of these forms must be turned in to the office before your child will be allowed to participate. If you have any questions or need any assistance please give me a call here at school.

I enjoy spending time in your student's classes and watching all of the interesting learning opportunities that they are experiencing. If you ever have concerns about your child's academic progress, please do not hesitate to contact their teachers. Also, as our inevitable cooler weather arrives, please remind your son or daughter to dress appropriately as the mornings get cool and students will not be allowed to enter the building until 7:35 unless the temperature is 20 degrees or less, raining or snowing. Thank you for your help with this issue. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Students of the Month

Sept.

6th Grade

Marcelo Miller-Pavia
Destiny Stone

7th Grade

Mercedes Macias
Corey Lewis

8th Grade

Alexandria Burton
Nicole Simmerman

Oct.

6th Grade

Kelsey Schmidt
Larenz Plum

7th Grade

Dhavala Hampton
Agustin Rico

8th Grade

Miah Ramirez
Dalton Shock

These students were selected as the Student of the Month. In order to be selected for Student of the Month students need to meet the district's criteria of the six Pillars of Character, which are: Caring, Citizenship, Fairness, Respect, Responsibility, and Trustworthiness.

Our Partner in Education provided the following:

Upper Iowa – Pizza
YMCA-Day Pass

The Student of the Month Lunch is Thursday, October 13.

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Fall Conferences

Thursday-October 20 1:00-8:30

Friday-October 21 7:30-11:45

Please make every effort to attend your child's conference. You will receive their report card at that time.

Cross Country Track Meet

There was a Cross-Country Track Meet @ Bontrager Park on September 2nd. The results for the 1 mile were:

Girls:

2nd place – Druena Uribe @ 7.29

5th place – Taylor Williams @ 9:02

Boys:

4th place – Graham Scott @ 7:35

9th place – Quinn Shreve @ 10:44

10th place – Devon Moon @ 13:10

Good job!

Cross Country Meet for 9/8

Girls placed 9th out of possible 17

Boys placed 8th out of possible 16

Druena Uribe 31st out of 150 @ 6:48

Graham Scott 74th out of 127 @ 7:13

Wonder Bread

Wonder Bread would like to introduce the “7 Wonders of the USA” Teacher Tour as part of it's Wonder Heroes Campaign.

Seven teacher Heroes will win trips to the 7 Wonders of the USA and 25 Tablet Computers for their schools. For every teacher nominated, Wonder will make a donation to Teach for American, up to \$10,000. This is a national search for ordinary people making extraordinary contributions to their families, communities, or country. To nominate someone log on to:

<http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20101130/NY09130LOGO>

FUNDRAISER KICK-OFF September 29th

**Last Day to turn orders in:
October 13th**

**This year we are having a Yankee Candle
Company fundraiser.**

**Students have lots of chances to win nice
prizes by selling a lot!**