

# Central Connection

## Central Elementary School

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*“Learning and Growing with Commitment and Peace”*

### CHANGES IN SCHOOL CALENDAR AND TIMES

With the newly approved teacher contract the start and end time of school has changed. School will now start at 8:30 and end at 3:47. Also the school calendar has been amended so that the last day of school will be Friday, June 4, 2010. Friday, June 4 will be a full day of school for students. Please make note of these changes.

### ENROLL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2010

Please let us know if you have a child who will be eligible to enroll in school in Fall, 2010. To be eligible for entry in school, a child must be **five years old on or before December 1, 2010**. If you have a neighbor who has a child in this age group, please pass the word along that it is time to notify Central Elementary. Thanks in advance for your help.

### NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Friday, January 29, is the end of the first semester. There is no school for students. Teachers will be working on records that day and preparing report cards.

### HOLIDAY SHOP

It was great fun to have so many students participate in our Holiday Shop! Everyone had such a great time shopping for their families. If you had any damaged or defective items, you can call Fun Services and they will replace them. The number is 1-800-772-7587.

### ABUSE PREVENTION VIDEOS

Each year the Portage Public Schools provide videotapes for classroom viewing and discussion centered around the idea that education is the best defense against child sexual abuse. Administrators and teachers reviewed the videotapes before they were purchased. The consensus is that the materials are very good, and viewing two years in a row can be advantageous.

- \* Grades K-1 What Tadoo
- \* Grades 2-3 Yes, You Can Say No
- \* Grades 4-5 It's Okay To Tell

The main message is that students should “tell” anytime they are made to feel uncomfortable. Students also learn about “good” and “bad” touching, the right to say “NO” to an adult, and the fact that children are never at fault, if molestation occurs.

Since you are your child(ren)'s first teacher, we make you aware of the upcoming classroom activities so that you can continue discussions at home. If you have questions regarding the materials, please contact the school office. As always, we strive to do whatever we can to insure the safety of “our” children.

### SPRING CONFERENCES



Your spring conference schedule will be coming home in early February. **Conferences will be held February 18th and February 24th.** *This is a change from the original schedule.* We look forward to seeing you!

