

# Central Connection

## Central Elementary School

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*“Learning and Growing with Commitment and Peace”*

### ENROLL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2009

Please let us know if you have a child who will be eligible to enroll in school in September 2010. To be eligible for entry into 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.



### SPRING CONFERENCES

Spring conferences will be held the evenings of Thursday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 24. *This is a change from the original district schedule.* Also, Kindergarten and Young Fives will have conferences on the evening of Wednesday, February 17. The conference schedules will be sent home in early February. Please watch for this important information. If you need to change a conference time, please contact your child's teacher to do so. We look forward to seeing you!

### MEDIA CENTER NEWS FROM MS. NICOL

The Barnes and Noble Book Fair will be coming to you during March or April. It will be an exciting event with books and activities for the whole family. Look for more details to follow!

Students at all levels continue to use the Media Center for games, reading, small groups, research and Accelerated Reader testing. Please help your child be a responsible library user by remembering books when they are due. Thank you!

### KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

A meeting for all parents of incoming kindergarten students will be held on Tuesday, March 23, at 6:00 p.m., in the Gym. At this meeting you will learn about the kindergarten screening process, as well as schedule your child's screening date. Also, information about Young 5's and Kindergarten programs will be given. Please call the office at 323-6100 to register your child for kindergarten if you have not yet done so.

### TRANSITIONS

Having just wrapped up the first semester of the 2009/2010 school year we reflect on the exciting first half of the school year. Our students have made the transition well to our new Central Elementary family. We look forward to Spring and a very exciting second semester!

### FIFTH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

Middle School Parent Night will take place on the evening of *Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>* at all Middle Schools. You will receive an invitation letter from the middle school your 5<sup>th</sup> grader will attend next year. Please note that there are new middle school immunization requirements. Bring any updated immunizations to the parent meeting. Please contact the middle school if you have further questions.



## STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

On the back of the newsletter you will find a Student Information Form. *This is not a teacher request form.* Please fill out this form and return it to your child's teacher before Thursday, February 25, 2010. This form will assist us in the placement of students for the 2010-2011 school year.



## STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNT DAY

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> is the State of Michigan count day. On this day students are officially counted as attending our school. Please try to have your child in attendance. If your child is absent on that day please send them to school with a dated, signed note upon their return. Thank you!

## SCHOOL TRANSFERS

The Board of Education and administration of Portage Public Schools believe students should be assigned to a school based on the location of their permanent address. If there are special circumstances that would require your child to attend a Portage school out of those boundaries, a transfer application must be completed. This application is available in the Central Elementary office or on our web site, [www.portageps.org](http://www.portageps.org). All applications must be completed and delivered to the Portage Public Schools Administration Office by February 26, 2010. You will be notified about the status of your request in writing, by March 31, 2010. Please call the Central Elementary office at 323-6100 if you have any questions.



## SPRING PICTURES

Wednesday, April 14, will be spring picture day at Central Elementary. Additional information will be sent home with your child closer to that date.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

If there is a change in your emergency contact information for your student, please contact the office. Your children will only be released to those people listed on the emergency contact form. It is very important that this form remains up to date. If you have questions, please contact the office at 323-6100. Thank you for helping to assure the safety of all our students.

## MAD SCIENCE

Mad Science® is the world's leading science enrichment provider. They deliver unique, hands-on science experiences for children that are as entertaining as they are educational. Mad Science® is proud to introduce millions of children to a world of discovery while sparking their imagination. Mad Science® encourages scientific literacy in children in an age when science is as vital as reading, writing and arithmetic.

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Mad Science spring sessions are signing up now. **Mad Science – Wacky Science.**™ will run Wednesday, March 17 – April 14 from 3:45-5:00 p.m. (No class on 3/31). Contact Portage Community Education at 323-6700 for further information.

