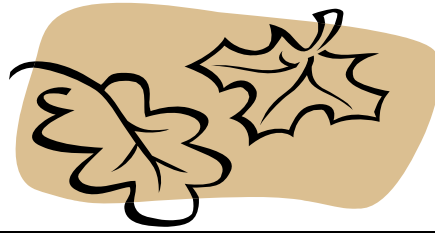


Central School Intermediate October 2011 Newsletter



It's hard to believe that we are already well into the month of October. Our 5th and 6th graders are hard at work as the school year progresses. It has been my distinct privilege to meet your students and see their success at school and I thank you for sending them to us each day.

You might see a few new strategies in your student's reading and math instruction this year. Our 5th grade teachers have been training in a new strategy called Guided Reading. All of our math teachers were recently introduced to Singapore Math instruction. These are some exciting new tools we hope will benefit your students and their learning.

Our 6th graders are also preparing for their annual trip to Camp NuHop at the end of the month. We look forward to lots of new memories and stories from them about their fun at Camp. If you have any questions about Camp, please contact your student's Homeroom Teacher or contact me at school.

I realize that I may be a new face for many of you, but please know that my door is always open. I'm happy to address any concerns, questions, comments, or compliments that you may have via phone call, e-mail, or you may stop in at any time so that we can work together to help our students be successful. Thank you again for the opportunity to work with your students each day!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kaple-Jones
jones.kristin@shelbyk12.org

CENTRAL PTO MEETING

**Monday,
October 17,
2011**

**6:30 pm in the
Art Room**

**PTO is currently
collecting Box
Tops for
Education and
Campbell's Soup
Labels. There
are collection
bins inside the
front lobby of
Central. We
appreciate your
support!**

Upcoming Important Dates:

October 7, 2011: GT
Field Trip to Malabar
Farm
October 10, 2011: NO
SCHOOL (Teacher
Inservice Day)
October 21: End of 1st 9
Weeks
October 19-21: 6th Grade
DAWGS Team at Camp
NuHop
October 26-28: 6th Grade
DICE Team at Camp
Nuhop
**October 31 & November
8:** Parent/Teacher
Conferences & Book Fair

Information from Gifted Department

Twice each year the opportunity to test your child for possible identification as gifted is offered. Now is the time for referrals and testing. One or more of these four areas can be assessed:

Superior Cognitive Ability
Specific Academic Ability
Creative Thinking
Visual/Performing Arts

If your child demonstrates advanced learning abilities, you may want to consider referring him/her for testing. If your child was tested within the past year, there is no need to request testing again at this time. We generally offer testing in the fall and spring of each school year. Referral packets are available through your building secretary. Once we receive the referral, you will be notified of the testing procedures.

Call Sheri Mitchell, Supervisor for Gifted, at 419-347-5457 with any questions.



GO WHIPPETS!

Whippet Walker Volunteers Needed!

Our physical education department is starting a fitness initiative for students again this year and we request your help.

The Whippet Walkers program is a fitness program in which students may take time at recess to walk or jog laps around the track. Their progress will be recorded in a fitness log. In the spring, students have the opportunity to win some special prizes for their efforts.

We are looking for some parents who would like to help with supervising the students while they are at the track. The time commitment would be for approximately one hour each day (10:55-11:55 a.m. for 5th graders and 12:00-1:00 p.m. for 6th graders). We can set up a rotation schedule as well. The students will be permitted to walk as long as there is outdoor recess (so, it might be cold in the winter months).

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact
Mr. Kehres
(kehres.todd@shelbyk12.org) or
Mrs. Kaple-Jones
(jones.kristin@shelbyk12.org) or
(419) 347-1018 at Central School.

