



CENTRAL SCHOOL INTERMEDIATE FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

It seems hard to believe that the school year has already crossed the halfway point. Central School has been a busy place recently, as both our teachers and our students are preparing for spring.

Interim reports are coming due midway through February. This is a helpful checkpoint for you to see where your student is succeeding and areas where he or she may need to pay some more attention. You can expect interim reports to come home on Friday, February 17. In the meantime, you can always check ProgressBook to see your student's grades and attendance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your student's teachers. Our goal is to help your child to be successful and we appreciate your support in helping him or her to succeed as well.

The coming of spring also signals preparation time for the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA). Students in fifth grade will take assessments in reading, mathematics, and science. Sixth grade students will be assessed in reading and mathematics. These assessments will be administered during the last full week of April (April 23-27) and first week of May (April 30-May 4). Teachers will be working with students on some test-taking strategies at school to help ensure that they are well-prepared for the assessments. The Ohio Department of Education also offers practice tests on-line if you would like to practice with your student at home or just see if you are smarter than a fifth grader. You can access them through ODE's website or through the Shelby City Schools website under the Student Resources tab and then by choosing "Ohio's Statewide Testing" from the drop-down menu.

We are excited to announce that we once again had over 51% of our students achieve the Honor Roll or Achievement by Choice for the 2nd nine weeks. Students will be recognized for their accomplishment with a special treat on February 7, 2012, at the end of the school day. Keep striving for excellence, CSI!

On February 8, we will be hosting a health fair for our students with nursing students from North Central State College. Students will have a selection of 10-minute learning modules to choose to attend, ranging from nutrition to playground safety. They will have the opportunity to attend 5 modules of their choice. Thanks to the NCSC Student Nurses for donating their time to us!

As always, please feel free to contact me at school with any questions, concerns, compliments, or if you'd just like to talk about your child's educational experience. Please check out our webpage for important information as well: www.shelbyk12.org/central. Go Whippets!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Important Dates:

- February 7:** 2nd Nine Weeks Honor Roll Recognition Banquet
- February 8:** CSI/NCSC Health Fair
- February 13:** CSI PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
- February 15:** Central SCRAP Trailer
- February 17:** CSI Valentine's Day Recognition & Interim Reports for 3rd Nine Weeks
- February 20:** NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)
- February 29:** Academic Challenge at MOESC, 6:00 pm
- March 14:** Spring Pictures
- March 16:** End of 3rd Nine Weeks

Attention, Target Shoppers!

If you have a Target Credit Card, Target Visa Credit Card, or Target Debit Card, you may take advantage of the Take Charge of Education Program. Target will donate 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target and Target.com to our school (and ½% of your purchases everywhere else with your Target Visa Credit Card). Just register your card at www.target.com and choose Central School as the school of your choice.

PTO is currently collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels. You may send them to school with your student or drop them off in the collection bins inside the front lobby of Central. We appreciate your support!

Inclement Weather Reminder:

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the elements for recess. It is school policy that students go out for recess every day, unless the temperature or wind chill is below 15 degrees (as reported on Accuweather).

Don't forget to sign up for the Shelby City Schools Notification System to receive text or e-mail messages regarding important school information. Go to the SCS Homepage and click on the Schoolhouse to sign up.



LiveStrong, Central!

Jack Gray, former Shelby Whippet Band Director and cancer survivor, recently presented CSI with a thank you plaque featuring a photo of Lance Armstrong and him riding next to one another in the fight against cancer. The picture is displayed in the main hallway at Central School. We are proud to be a part of the Shelby LiveStrong Rally. This year's rally is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2012. Look for more details to come...

Special Announcement from the DICE

Team:

Mrs. Wechter's Language Arts classes wrote letters last year to the school children of Tamura, Japan, after the devastating tsunami. Ann Brown, representative from the Mansfield, Ohio relief group, sent a letter to Central thanking us for all the letters of support. She told of the rebuilding efforts in Japan. Ann also received a lovely letter of thanks from Mayor Tomitsuka of Tamura. Ann said that our letters helped the people to get their fighting spirit back.

Don't forget! You and your friends and family can support Central School by shopping through the **SchoolStore.com**. You can shop online as you normally would with over 200 merchants like Best Buy, Kohls, QVC, Target, Wal-Mart, etc. If you click on the merchant's website through SchoolStore.com, they will donate a percentage of your purchase back to CSI. You also have the option to purchase items that will help your student earn great prizes or even make a donation to your student's classroom. This opportunity is ongoing through the end of the school year. Thank you for supporting CSI!

