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Let's Go Twisters!

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MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Sara Buetow – kindergarten teacher
Noelle Carani – kindergarten teacher
Gracie Sewel – first grade teacher from CT
Kimberly Thomason – 3rd grade teacher
Hannah Zipoy – 4th grade teacher
Stephanie Moment – 5th grade teacher
Jennifer Dinelt – Early Education Teacher
Nicole Meister – Early Education Teacher
Yomardy Lacruz – Bilingual EL teacher
Samantha Marusiak – Speech Language Pathologist
Evette Coll – Physical Therapist
Liz Denman – Occupational Therapist
Jody Harrington – Occupational Therapist
Marissa McCullough – Social Worker
Krista Wackerlin – Lunchroom/Recess Supervisor

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM – HALL PASS

Central School District 301 Parents, Central District 301 has a responsibility to maintain a learning environment that is safe, orderly, and secure. The district has always required that visitors report to the Main Office upon entering any of our schools. Starting with the 2019-2020 school year, Central District 301 will start using a new visitor security system known as Hall Pass, which is a visitor management system. The Hall Pass system instantly compares school visitor identification data against comprehensive databases of sex offender registries and providing access to Criminal Databases for every state and the District of Columbia.

Upon entering any Central District 301 school, ***each visitor must provide a driver's license or state issued ID***. The front office staff will scan the ID through the new security system and issue the visitor a badge. The badge must be worn on the lanyard provided and be visible at all times. All school visitors are required to exit through the main office and check out. Any person wishing to meet with a staff member should contact the staff member ahead of time to schedule an appointment. Your patience during the implementation of this new security process is greatly appreciated and we look forward to a great school year.

NEW PROCEDURES FOR 2019

Field Trips

- Parent chaperones must ride the bus with their student's class. Parents can meet the class at the field trip site, but they cannot be counted towards the official ratio as a chaperone.

Parent Volunteers will be limited to five adults for the Halloween and Holiday Party.

- Only for Halloween and Winter Party. Aligning with CT and PV procedures
- An electronic sign up will be sent out at the beginning of October to solicit volunteers in a first come, first served basis.
- If selected, parents will need to pick one class to attend. Parents will not be able to move to multiple classrooms for siblings.
- Parents will only be permitted to volunteer for one party.
- If a class has a shortage of parent party volunteers, arrangements will be made to help support the classroom teacher.

EMAILING INFORMATION TO SCHOOL

The teachers and office staff appreciate your emails when conveying information regarding your child. To ensure information is reported properly, please use these guidelines when using email as your means of communication:

For emails regarding your child's absence from school, please email the following people:

Carol Gallois, Administrative Assistant,
carol.gallois@central301.net
Pam Roesslein, Administrative Assistant,
pamela.roesslein@central301.net
And your child's teacher.

Please state in the email the reason your child will be absent. For absences due to illness, please include your child's symptoms as the school nurse must report certain illnesses to the Kane County Health Department.

When reporting information concerning a change in your child's regular schedule, such as picking your child up early or a late arrival to school, it is best to send a note to school with your child or to call the school office. If you must send an email, please send the email as early in the day as possible to the school secretaries and classroom teacher. Once the email has been received, a reply email will be sent to you indicating your email has been received. If you do not get a reply email, you should call the school office to confirm your email request was received.

Please note that all communications regarding dismissal or pick up of students must be received no later than 2:00pm. While technology is a wonderful tool in our efforts to create a greener environment, there are times when it is not always reliable. Some of the complications with sending an email can be due to a substitute in the classroom or office as substitutes do not have access to teachers' email. Other times, the district's email server may be down, or the teacher is not able to check their email.

LATE ARRIVAL

Students are released from the bus to enter the building at 9:00 AM and learning begins at 9:10 AM. If your child is arrives after 9:10, please walk your child into the school office to sign them in.

KEEP UPDATED

Please make sure to keep the school office up to date with any changes in your address, phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts. You can do so at any time by calling the school office at 847-464-6008 or emailing carol.gallois@central301.net & pamela.roesslein@central301.net it is important for us to have your correct information in case of emergency. For District 301 information, please visit our district website at www.central301.net

HBT'S CULTURE COMMITTEE

HBT'S Culture Committee will be highlighting regions around the world each month.

October - Latin America
November - India
January - Vietnam
February - China
March - Philippines
April - Eastern European
May - Africa

Our school will be celebrating by highlighting books from this region, presenting Fun Facts, and displaying items and pictures from this culture in the school.

If your family has items and/or pictures that you would like to share in our display case, please contact Amanda Schmidt **Amanda.schmidt@central301.net** or Beth Keeny **beth.kenny@central301.net** to make arrangements.

VETERANS' DAY

Save the date for our annual Veterans' Day tribute. Monday, November 11, 2019 – more information to follow.

RECORDS DESTRUCTION

Central Community Unit School District 301 will destroy student temporary records from the graduating classes of 2013 and 2014 and prior of students who graduated, transferred or otherwise permanently withdrew from Central School District. If a parent or student wants those records, they should call the Central High School Registrar's office at 847-464-6034 prior to Oct. 31, 2019.

NURSE SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

District 301 is looking for registered nurses to work as substitutes. Applicants must hold a State of Illinois Nursing License. The position does not require certification through the Illinois State Board of Education. Please consider applying at:

Kane County Human Resources Consortium

Enjoy flexible scheduling AND get to work within the school community with students, staff, and a fantastic team of nurses! For further information, call Tara Grommes in Human Resources @ 847-464-6005.

VISION & HEARING SCREENING

Be advised that vision and hearing screenings by an Illinois Department of Public Health certified technician will be commence during October and November for the following groups of students:

VISION: pre-school, 2nd, 8th, special education and NEW students.
HEARING: pre-school, kindergarten, 1st, 2nd 3rd, special education and NEW students.

CANVAS

Canvas is utilized by teachers to post homework and to share documents with students. Parents can observe and monitor their student's Canvas account by utilizing the Canvas Parent App in addition to our normal Canvas Website. This app is free for Android and iOS users. If a parent already has an active observer account for Canvas, this account login information will still work in the app and there is no need to sign up for a new account.
Please follow the steps below to set up the parent Canvas app for your mobile device:

1. Go to the app store for your device (iTunes App store for Parent, Student, Teacher or Google Play Parent , Student, Teacher)
2. Search for Canvas Parent app and download
3. Once the app is downloaded, open the app and click "Find my school"
4. Enter in **"Central301"** and click the **Central301 - Parents** option that pops up.
5. If you already have an account, simply enter your email address and password at the top of the screen.
6. If you haven't set up a Canvas account previously please click "Create Account".
7. Enter information for your new account, including a pairing code for each student.
8. Check mark the "terms of use" box.
9. Click "Start Participating"

Help guides (including how to generate a pairing code) for Apple devices: http://bit.ly/APPLEdevice
Help guides (including how to generate a pairing code) for Android devices: http://bit.ly/ANDROIDHELP

Here are more Canvas video tutorials

TRIVIA WITH A TWIST!

Registration is now open for the 2019 Trivia with a Twist event! We invite you to be part of the magic as 301 Central Education Foundation's Trivia goes Disney! All proceeds from this fun-filled event go towards District 301 students and initiatives.

This year's Trivia with a Twist will be held on Saturday, November 9th at the Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Included with your ticket is a buffet dinner and a 4-hour beer and wine open bar. Click here for information on new VIP packages available for those who wish to enhance their experience.

We are grateful for our Presenting Sponsor, Next Generation Pediatrics, who is returning for another year of support and are excited to welcome our new Championship Sponsor, Karas Restaurant Group! The Karas Restaurant Group will be providing winning table members with three $50 gift cards in their award package! Click here to learn more about sponsorship opportunities for Trivia with a Twist, or view this flyer to learn about the limited Elite Sponsorship Opportunities we are offering this year.

Visit 301foundation.org for more information or to purchase tickets to the event.

Email 301ceffoundation@gmail.com with any additional questions or to become a sponsor. We look forward to seeing you there!

Last	First	Title	Room/location	email address
Argueta	Yasmine	Cook	cafeteria/170	yasmin.argueta@central301.net
Becker	Kelly	Teacher - EL	313	kelly.becker@central301.net
Beverley	Brittany	Teacher - 3rd	411	brittany.beverley@central301.net
Blackburn	Patrick	Custodial - Day		patrick.blackburn@central301.net
Bollow	Brianne	Teacher - 1st	220	brianne.bollow@central301.net
Buetow	Sara	Teacher - Kindergarten	205	sara.buetow@central301.net
Burner	Dana	Teacher - Physical Education/Health	Gym	dana.burner@central301.net
Busano	Lina	Paraprofessional	K-5	lina.busano@central301.net
Carani	Noelle	Teacher - Kindergarten	305	noelle.carani@central301.net
Carnell	Adam	Teacher - 5th	332	adam.carnell@central301.net
Carragher	Carly	Teacher - 4th	324	carly.carragher@central301.net
Cocks	Valerie	Teacher - Art	135	valerie.cocks@central301.net
Coll	Evette	Physical Therapist (PT)	201	evette.coll@central301.net
Denman	Liz	Occupational Therapist (OT)	201	liz.denman@central301.net
DeRaedt	Lori	Teacher - 2nd	400	lori.deraedt@central301.net
Dickerson	Mike	Teacher - 5th	329	michael.dickerson@central301.net
Dinelt	Jennifer	Teacher - ECSE	145	jennifer.dienelt@central301.net
Gallegos	Brenda	Cook	cafeteria/170	brenda.gallegos@central301.net
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Gibbons	Madelyn	Teacher - 3rd	417	madelyn.jones@central301.net
Griggs	Debbie	Teacher - Resource - SPED	303	debbie.griggs@central301.net
Guerra	Hannah	Teacher - EL	313	hannah.guerra@central301.net
Harrington	Jody	Occupational Therapist (OT)	201	jody.harrington@central301.net
Heidlauf	Jo	Paraprofessional	K-5	joanna.heidlauf@central301.net
Hendry	Kelsey	Teacher - 1st	219	kelsey.Hendry@central301.net
Humes	Molly	Teacher -3rd	416	molly.humes@central301.net
Jaster	Annie	Teacher - Resource - SPED	301	annie.jaster@central301.net
Jenkin	Denise	Teacher - 5th	325	denise.jenkin@central301.net
Jensen	Dawn	Head Cook	cafeteria/170	dawn.jensen@central301.net
Keeny	Beth	Teacher - Bilingual EL	309	beth.keeny@central301.net
Koertgen	Heidi	Teacher - Resource - SPED	305	heidi.koertgen@central301.net
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Leffelman	Julia	Teacher - Reading	210	julia.leffelman@central301.net
Lehman	Alisa	Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)	304	alisa.lehmann@central301.net
Liebmann	Julie	Paraprofessional	155	julie.liebmann@central301.net
Lullo	Jane	Nurse	office	jane.lullo@central301.net
Madonia	Alaina	Teacher - Kindergarten	207	alaina.glabinski@central301.net
Maladra	Taylor	Teacher - 2nd	408	taylor.maladra@central301.net
Marasa	Laura	Lunchroom/Recess Supervisor	cafeteria	laura.marasa@central301.net
Martinez	Jose	Custodian - Evening		jose.marting@central301.net
Marting	Kelly	Paraprofessional	K-5	kelly.marting@central301.net
Marusiak	Samantha	Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)	110	samantha.marusiak@central301.net
McCarty	Rebecca	Social Worker (SW)	office/127	rebecca.mccarty@central301.net
McCullough	Marissa	Social Worker (SW) Part-time	office/127	marissa.mccullough@central301.net
McIntire	Jennifer	Paraprofessional	K-5	jennifer.mcintire@central301.net
Meister	Nicole	Teacher - ECSE	155	nicole.meister@central301.net
Mengel	Becky	Teacher - 2nd	404	becky.mengel@central301.net
Moment	Stephanie	Teacher - 5th	321	stephanie.moment@central301.net
Monaghan	Cindy	Teacher - 1st	216	cindy.monaghan@central301.net
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Normoyle	Katie	Teacher - Kindergarten	203	katie.normoyle@central301.net
O'Brien	Caitlin	Teacher - 4th	316	caitlin.obrien@central301.net
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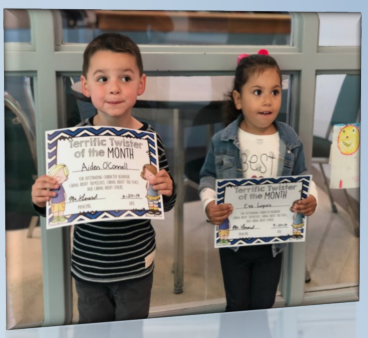
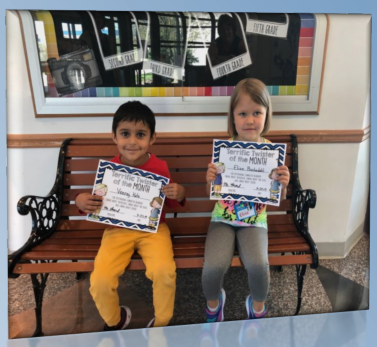
Rainer	Laura	Teacher - 3rd	223	laura.rainer@central301.net
Rau	Emily	Teacher - 5th	328	emily.rau@central301.net
Roesslein	Pam	Administrative Assistant	office	pamela.roesslein@central301.net
Sarro	Luann	Paraprofessional/Library	library	luann.sarro@central301.net
Schmidt	Amanda	Psychologist	Office/129	amanda.schmidt@central301.net
Schwartz	Jenny	Teacher - 2nd	412	jennifer.schwartz@central301.net
Sewell	Gracie	Teacher - 1st	215	gracie.sewell@central301.net
Silberstorf	Cheri	Paraprofessional	K-5	cheri.silberstorf@central301.net
Smith	Eleni	Teacher - Reading	210	eleni.smith@central301.net
Smith	Maggie	Teacher - Music	120	margaret.smith@central301.net
St. John	Suz	Teacher - Kindergarten	211	suzanne.stjohn@central301.net
Thomason	Kimberly	Teacher - 3rd	420	kimberly.thomason@central301.net
Thomson	Jennifer	Paraprofessional	K-5	jennifer.thomson@central301.net
Wackerlin	Krista	Lunchroom/Recess Supervisor	cafeteria	krista.wackerlin@central301.net
Wallner	Neil	Teacher - Physical Education/Health	Gym	neil.wallner@central301.net
Wilbrandt	Rachel	Lunchroom/Recess Supervisor	cafeteria	rachel.wilbrandt@central301.net
Yurgil	Erika	Paraprofessional	145	erika.yurgil@central301.net
Zipoy	Hannah	Teacher - 4th	317	hannah.zipoy@central301.net

September's Terrific Twisters

Kindergarten through 5th grade students.



Early Childhood morning students.



Early Childhood afternoon students.

Dear Twister Families,

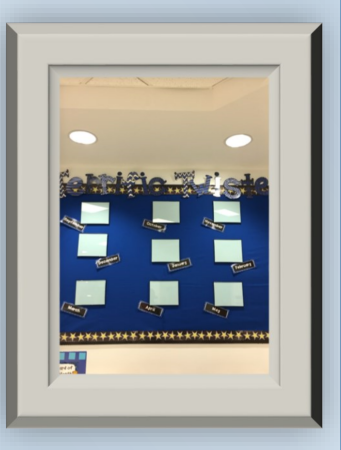
This is our third year of our **Terrific Twister Character program**. As always, HBT is dedicated to continuing to provide a positive, caring, and a safe learning environment for all students. We want our students to have pride in themselves and their school; therefore, when they are showing great behavior and demonstrating kindness, respect, fairness and responsibility, students will be recognized for their behavior and earn a Twister Ticket from any teacher or staff member in the building who has witnessed the behavior. Tickets will be placed into their classroom Twister bins. At the end of each month, your child's classroom teacher will draw one student from their classroom Twister Ticket bin. Students that are chosen will earn a Terrific Twister Certificate and their picture on the Terrific Twister Wall of Fame. At the end of each month, each classroom teacher will empty their classroom bin into a large Twister Ticket holder (see picture below). As a school, we will be working towards monthly goals which are marked on the Twister Ticket holder. If the monthly goal is met, the whole school will earn the monthly incentive. Some incentives include: Extra Recess, Student's Vote, Outside Games and more!

New additions to the program:

- Compliment Chains- Whenever a student or class gets a compliment from an adult, a link will be added to the classrooms compliment chain. These will be displayed outside the classroom doors. The goal is to link to your neighboring classroom.
- Quarterly winners (one per grade level) for a gift card.
- Semester incentives- December (Donuts with the principals) and May (Ice Cream Sundae)

We are excited to continue this program and recognize students who are demonstrating HBT's Care Code throughout the school day.

Let's go TWISTERS!



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PTO Newsletter
October 2019

Dates to Remember

Twister-a-thon 10/18

Book Fair 10/21-10-25

Culver's Night 10/22

Literacy Night 10/24

Fall Fest 10/24

Lou Malnatis Sale 11/4

PTO 2019-2020 Board

President: Dawn Conklin

Vice Presidents: Dianne Kurzynski & Rachel Schram

Treasurer: Darren DeCore

Communications: Kristina Bosse & Gina Crawmer

Secretaries: Lisa Almgren & Justine Blundell

PTO News

Twister-a-Thon

This years Twister-a-thon's theme is ROCKING GOOD TIME and will be held on Friday 10/18. Pledge sheets should be returned to school no later than Friday October 11.

Twister-a-Thon Dress Up Days October 14-18
Monday: No School
Tuesday: Rock out your PJs
Wednesday: Rock out your rainbow
Thursday: Rock You
Friday: Rock out your blue and white

Butter Braid Fundraiser

Pick up will be October 10 in the HBT Cafeteria from 2:30-5:30pm. If you have any questions please email Gale Jenkins at: jenkins_gale@yahoo.com

Box Tops

Box tops for education is going electronic! Cut box tops from boxes will still be accepted throughout this school year. The first summative date for the first box top count is October 18th. Detailed information on the box tops program was sent home the week of September 23rd.

Please join us for our next PTO meeting on October 8, at 7pm in the HBT library.

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It's Back!

TUESDAY, OCT. 22ND

Scoopie Night

for
Howard B. Thomas Elementary

5:00-8:00PM

Culver's

280 Randall Road, South Elgin

We did it!!! In May, our Culver's handed out their biggest payback to a school. With the turn out and the show of support by our families and friends, we received a check for **$893!** That was **20% of the total sales!**

Come join us to see if we can do it again! No matter who comes in to dine **or** makes a run through the drive thru at Culver's between 5:00 and 8:00PM, HBT will earn a percentage of that purchase!

No slips to show, nothing to tell the cashier!

Come see who will be greeting you at the door and serving up your food!

Scoopie will be coming to HBT during lunches on that Monday!

Any questions? Lynne Peloquin lpeloquin105@gmail.com