

Cub Chronicles



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A Message from the Principal

We are off to a smooth start this year in spite of all the major changes. I am pleased to announce that Central Middle School's state test results have continued with a pattern of growth.

You have played an important part in that achievement by making sure that your child is in attendance each day, completes homework, and participates in academic support programs.

In addition to supporting and enforcing academic expectations,

our staff will be helping students to build on the Eight Keys of Excellence through our home room zero periods and a comprehensive character development curriculum. Soon we will be updating our website for more information.

With our mutual support, I am confident that your child will have a great year at Central Middle School. Don't forget to log onto www.centralcubs.com and follow us on Facebook.



A Message from the Assistant Principal

One of our goals is to focus on creating a school culture that is conducive to powerful teaching and learning. We have established an academic focus supported by high expectations and the belief that all students can be successful. We have a firm, fair and consistent approach in dealing with students in the area of discipline. It will take partnership between the school, students, and parent

community to make sure all students are academically successful. Parents can support the school by reminding their student to follow all school rules and regulations, and show good cyber citizenship when using their computers. Students in violation of the computer acceptable use policy will be subject to disciplinary actions. Once again, it will take a collaborative effort by the



school, students, and parent community to make sure all students are prepared for high school and beyond.

SCHOOL POLICIES



TARDY POLICY

TNT—Tolerate No Tardies

In order to support the Central Middle School instructional program, it is each student's responsibility to be to class on time. All students not arriving to class on time will be given a consequence following the order listed below:

1st Tardy—Warning

2nd Tardy—Classroom detention 15 minutes.

3rd Tardy —30 minute detention

4th Tardy—Referral to Saturday School

Students failing to serve detention will move to the next step in the progression.

Failure to serve Saturday School will result in further consequences, including a S.T.O.P. assignment or outside suspension, depending on prior violations.

On a positive note, we have seen a major reduction in student tardiness to class.

Students are doing a great job of getting to class on time which supports the school's "Bell to Bell" teaching philosophy. Our TNT motto is "Don't be Tardy, Be a Smarty."

DETECTION CANINES AND SURVEILLANCE



DETECTION CANINES

In an effort to keep the school free of drugs, RUSD contracts with a vendor to provide specially trained, non-aggressive canines and handlers to assist in determining the presence of substances prohibited by law or district policy. These inspections are random and unannounced.

SCHOOL SAFETY: SURVEILLANCE

In order to maximize the safety of students, staff and school property, surveillance/video cameras are used in a variety of areas on campus. Evidence of vandalism, graffiti, or criminal activity will be forwarded to law enforcement for arrests and prosecution.



Need Netbook Help?



All students receive a netbook after they have gone to a parent/student training. These netbooks give students the chance for 24/7

learning by interacting with their virtual classrooms through Haiku, checking their grades through Aeries and accessing their digital textbooks.

For parents or students needing help with a netbook or with Aeries/Haiku account, please email me or stop by the library before

school starting at 7:30 or after school till 3:30.

Another valuable resource that contains vital information and important links is our website at www.centralcubs.com.

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7TH GRADE ORIENTATION

One of the great traditions at Central Middle School is to begin the school year with a 7th grade orientation. On their first day at CMS, 7th graders attended school for a half day to get acquainted with the school environment, meet teachers and staff, and familiarize themselves with the layout of the school.

Students were given a tour of the school and participated in a presentation on School Culture. During the presentation, they learned about the history of the school. The day closed with the “Bell Ringing Ceremony;” students waited outside the front gates and entered as the bell rang seven times. CMS teachers and staff waited on the inside and welcomed the latest crop of Central Cubs with cheers and applause. It was a nice ending to a great day.



8TH GRADE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OFFICERS 2011-2012



Hello! I am Ms. Bastian. I teach Language Arts and History and this year I am also the ASB advisor for Central Middle School. I enjoy working with the enthusiastic group of students who make up our Associated Student Body. We have recently added student representatives from the STEM program on campus, and would like to extend a warm welcome to them. So far this year we have already organized an Activities Week and attended a Leadership Conference. The students are busy planning more activities to raise school spirit and also to help those in need. Some future activities include a toy drive for Toys for Tots. This began on November 14 and toys will be collected through December 9. In the mornings, before school begins, we will have a student with a collection box stationed at the front and back entrances of the school to collect toys.

The week after Thanksgiving break, ASB will sponsor Coin Wars during zero period. The money collected will be sent to the American Red Cross to benefit the victims of the recent earthquake in Turkey. The zero period class that brings in the most money will receive a prize. The week before Thanksgiving break we had a Hot Wings Eating Contest, as well as a Door Decorating Contest in zero period. The theme for the Decorating contest was: What are You Thankful For? Parents, I would like to thank you for your support which has come in the form of donations and great ideas. I would also like to invite you to any of our meetings which take place during zero period. Finally, I am looking forward to a wonderful year helping the ASB students unlock their full leadership potential.

WHAT IS PRIME TIME?

Prime Time is a free after school program. The program runs daily from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M., except on Thursdays 1 P.M. to 6 P.M., due to early release for teacher planning days. Prime Time offers an academic hour, homework help, **a free nutritional snack**, and recreational time in a safe and supervised school environment. During the academic hour, students work on homework and receive extra lessons in Reading Comprehension and Mathematics. During the recreational time, students may choose to involve themselves in sports activities, arts and crafts, clubs, and games. Throughout the year, Prime Time offers a variety of ways to enjoy recreational time after the academic hour. For example, we typically have 3 to 4 different sports activities every day (football, basketball, hockey, baseball, volleyball, kickball, and broomball to name a few). We also provide daily art classes, and we also have art teachers, soccer coaches, dance instructors, aviation experts, Lego engineering instructors, science teachers and computer teachers who come to Central's Prime Time after school program to facilitate activities that are fun and enriching for our students. Also, Prime Time students also get the chance to go on more field trips, and Prime Time students are rewarded for their good attendance and good work habits with prizes, rewards, drawings, and game days, just to name a few. **Once again, Prime Time at Central Middle School is open to all students, and the program is completely free!**

Students participating in Prime Time are encouraged and expected to attend full time, five days per week, from dismissal to 6 P.M.; however, students who attend less than full time are required to attend the program for a minimum of 3 days per week equaling (9) hours total per week. Thus, even if your child cannot attend 5 days per week, they can still attend the program at 3 days and 9 hours per week. Enrollment in Prime Time allows your child the opportunity to stay after school in a safe environment, receive help from a teacher if needed, do homework in a structured environment, while also having the opportunity to be involved in organized sports activities and fun and exciting extracurricular activities such as arts and crafts. Any student can benefit from Prime Time.

Central Middle School's Principal and Assistant Principal, along with many of our teachers agree that Prime Time is a very beneficial program that enhances student academic performance, while also providing enriching activities in a safe and supervised environment. RUSD test data confirms that enrollment in Prime Time enhances Math CST scores and Language Arts CST scores over those students who never attend.

We are encouraging all parents to sign their child/children up for Central Middle School's Prime Time after school program. Simply fill out the attached registration form and emergency card. Forms can be dropped off at the school's front office or you can turn them in during Spirit Day on August 19th.



When your child is absent, please call the Attendance Office at (951) 788-7282 ext. 51141 **or** send a note signed by you with your child's full name, the date of the absence, and with the reason why your child was absent from school. The absence needs to be cleared within three school days of the absence/s. If your child's absence has not been cleared by the 3rd day, then he/she will be assigned to Saturday School. If your child has been seen by a physician, please bring in the note from the physician by either you or your child.

If you have any questions, please call me at (951) 788-7282 ext. 51141. I can be reached between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. You may also leave a message for me on my voicemail any time of the day or night.

Also, if your child will be missing 5 consecutive school days for either medical or other circumstances, your child may qualify for Independent Study. You will need to contact me at least 5 school days prior of your child missing school.

Thank you for your cooperation!
Aracely Vizcaino

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK 2011-12

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(\$37 after November)**

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Every student included
Eighty (80) pages
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**Contact Mrs. Robertson
Rm. 202, Ext. 51007**

Central Middle School Calendar

EVENT	DATE/TIME
AUGUST 2011	
Spirit Day – return forms, pick-up schedule, purchase PE clothing, order yearbooks, sign up for PRIME Time, complete Netbook survey, etc.	Thursday, 8/25, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Gym and 400 wing
1 st Day of School for 7 th Grade – Orientation Day	Friday, 8/26, 8:30-11:50 a.m.
1 st Day of School for 8 th Grade	Monday, 8/29, classes begin at 8:30 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 2011	
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday: 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29
Labor Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL	Monday, 9/5
Picture Day	Monday, 9/12
Back to School Night	Thursday, 9/22, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Back to School Dance	Friday, 9/23, 3:15-5:15 p.m.
School Site Council Meeting	Monday, 9/26, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
PTSA Meeting	Monday, 9/26, 5:30 p.m.
OCTOBER 2011	
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday: 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27
Mid-trimester Progress Reports mailed home	Wednesday, 10/5
ELAC/Title I Parent Meeting	Thursday, 10/20, 6:00 p.m.
School Site Council Meeting	Monday, 10/24, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
PTSA Meeting	Monday, 10/24, 5:30 p.m.
Red Ribbon Week	Monday – Friday, 10/24-10/28
Picture Make-up Day	Friday, 10/28
Halloween Dance	Friday, 10/28 3:15-5:15 p.m.
NOVEMBER 2011	
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday: 11/3, 11/10, 11/17
Veterans Day Holidays, NO SCHOOL	Thursday, 11/11
End of 1 st Trimester Non-Student Day	Friday, 11/18
Middle School Basketball Tournament	Monday, 11/21, 28; all day event, multiple sites
Thanksgiving Week, NO SCHOOL	Monday-Friday, 11/21-11/25
School Site Council Meeting	Monday, 11/28, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
PTSA Meeting	Monday, 11/28, 5:30 p.m.
DECEMBER 2011	
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday: 12/1, 12/8, 12/15
ELAC/Title I Parent Meetings	Thursday, 12/8, 6:00 p.m.
PTSA Meeting	Monday, 12/12, 5:30 p.m.
Winter Vacation, No School	Monday, 12/19/11 – Monday, 1/2/12
JANUARY 2012	
School Resumes after Winter Break	Tuesday, 1/3
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26
1 st Trimester Awards Night	Thursday, 1/12, 7th grade 6:00 p.m., 8th grade 6:45 p.m.
Martin Luther King Holiday - NO SCHOOL	Monday, 1/16
ELAC/Title I Parent Meeting	Thursday, 1/19, 6:00 p.m.
SSC Meeting	Monday, 1/23, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
PTSA Meeting	Monday, 1/23, 5:30 p.m.
Mid-trimester Progress Reports mailed home	Wednesday, 1/25

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EVENT	DATE/TIME
FEBRUARY 2012	
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday: 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23
Valentine's Day Dance	Friday, 2/10, 3:15—5:15 p.m.
ELAC/Title I Parent Meeting	Thursday, 2/16, 6:00 p.m.
Lincoln's Day- NO SCHOOL	Friday, 2/17
Presidents' Day—NO SCHOOL	Monday, 2/20
SSC Meeting	Monday, 2/27, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
PTSA Meeting	Monday, 2/27, 5:30 p.m.
MARCH 2012	
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday: 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29
End of 2nd Trimester - NO SCHOOL for students	Friday, 3/9
ELAC and Title I Parent Meeting	Thursday, 3/15, 6:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Dance	Friday, 3/16, 3:15—5:15 p.m.
Incoming Student Orientation	Thursday, 3/22, 6:00 - 8:15 p.m.
SSC Meeting	Monday, 3/26, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
PTSA Meeting	Monday, 3/26, 5:30 p.m.
2nd Trimester Awards Night	Thursday, 3/29
Spring Picture Day	Thursday, 3/29
APRIL 2012	
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday: 4/12, 4/19, 4/26
Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	Monday - Friday, 4/2-4/6
Cub Chats with Poly H.S. AVID students	Friday, 4/13, during P.E. classes
SSC Meeting	Monday, 4/23, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
PTSA Meeting	Monday, 4/23, 5:30 p.m.
MAY 2012	
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday: 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
Cinco de Mayo Dance	Friday, 5/4, 3:15—5:15 p.m.
Middle School Track Meet	Saturday, 5/12
SSC Meeting	Monday, 5/21, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
PTSA Meeting	Monday, 5/21, 5:30 p.m.
8 th Grade Promotion Dance	Friday, 5/25, Quad, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL	Monday, 5/28
JUNE 2012	
Planning Days – Students are dismissed at 1:05 p.m.	Thursday, 6/7
8th Grade Trip (TBD)	Tuesday, 6/5, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3 rd Trimester Awards Night	Thursday, 6/7, Quad, 6:30 p.m.
Last Day of School for 7 th Graders	Thursday, 6/7
8th Grade Promotion Ceremony	Friday, 6/8, Quad, 9:00 a.m.