Central Elementary School PTO

WELCOME

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President's Letter

Dear New Roadrunners,

Welcome to Central School! We are thrilled to have your child(ren) join our community and our school.

Central School operates a PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) vs a PTA. This means that without needing to do anything, your family is already a member of our organization. Boom! There are no dues to pay or forms to submit. Your student is automatically included in all everything the PTO offers from social events to cultural experiences and educational activities.

The PTO is 100% self-funded and volunteer-run. Therefore, you'll occasionally see a fundraiser or requests to help out with programs. There's a huge variety of ways to get involved. If you have any time to spare, it's a great way to meet new friends. If you don't, that's okay too! We're all doing our best. :)

A few things to look forward to this year:
Family Fun Night this September.
Central Talent Show returns in April. All students are invited to participate.
Winter and Spring socials: New family fun activities outside of school.
Musician in Residence in October

It is our goal as a PTO to provide a renewed sense of belonging to all students and families at Central to feel uniquely seen, heard, and valued. If there is any way the PTO can help your family feel more connected and valued at Central, please let us know.

Best of luck to your Roadrunner this year!

Warmly,

Meghan Bode & Jason Nadro
Central PTO Co-Presidents
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2026-2027 PTO Executive Board

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VP Fundraising:
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Sheila Schrems

Parliamentarian:
Caitlin immel

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About The Central PTO

The Central Elementary School PTO is a volunteer organization made up of parents, teachers, and administration, all committed to enriching the school experience for our children.

This parent group, which started in 1893 as an Art League to inspire the love of art of children, has grown to over 30 Committees. The PTO has funded these programs and other items beneficial to the Central Elementary School community including the current playground, artwork, recess and gym equipment, landscaping, science and music materials, memorials, and hundreds of books for the Central Library.

Our PTO is strong and vibrant due to the many wonderful parent volunteers, teachers, and staff working in collaboration with each other for the benefit of the children. Our programs will continue to evolve organically based upon the needs and interests of our school community.

Central PTO's objectives:

1. To make possible academic, cultural, and recreational opportunities which are otherwise beyond the means of the school district.

2. To build a sense of community among parents and stafff.

3. To educate and support parents in their role as advocates for their child's education; and for the education of all children in the district.

4. To facilitate communication between parents, principal, and school board.

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PLEASE JOIN US!

To get involved, contact the PTO at centralptoboard@gmail.com

Yup! PTO sponsored that.

CULTURAL ARTS

- Art in the Classroom
- Author in Residence
- Sponsor Grade Level Field Trips

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- Winter and Spring Social
- Field Day
- 5th Grade Picnic and Clap Out
- Talent Show

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Welcome Committee
- Print the School Directory
- Kindergarten Picnic
- Spirit Wear and School Supply Sales
- Auction
- Multiple Fundraising Programs
- Sell Memorial Brick Pavers
- Yearbook
- Operate the Book Fair

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Roadrunner Book Club
- One Book One School

2026-2027 Calendar of Events

AUGUST

8/25 KINDERGARTEN PICNIC
8/26 SCHOOL SUPPLY DROP OFF
8/27 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
8/28 DONUT PARTY FOR SUMMER READING

SEPTEMBER

9/18 FAMILY FUN NIGHT
9/21 PTO MEETING 6:30PM
SPIRIT WEAR SALE

OCTOBER

10/5 MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE
10/14 DINE OUT FOR CENTRAL
CHARLESTON WRAP SALE
ONE BOOK ONE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER

11/6 AUCTION
11/11 DINE OUT FOR CENTRAL
11/16 PTO MEETING 6:30
11/20 WINTER SOCIAL AT FLYING HIGH 6:30-9:30PM
11/20 BUCKLEDOWN PARENTS NIGHT

JANUARY

ROADRUNNER BOOKCLUB
1/13 DINE OUT FOR CENTRAL
1/25 PTO MEETING 6:30
BOOK FAIR

FEBRUARY

2/10 DINE OUT FOR CENTRAL

MARCH

3/15 PTO MEETING 6:30

APRIL

4/14 DINE OUT FOR CENTRAL
4/23 SPRING SOCIAL

MAY

5/3-5/7 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
5/19 PTO MEETING 6:30PM
5/20 FIELD DAY
6/4 5TH GRADE PICNIC

Easy ways to help!

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 96
2025 – 2026 Calendar

JULY 2025					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
	~~1~~	~~2~~	~~3~~	~~4~~	0
~~7~~	~~8~~	~~9~~	~~10~~	~~11~~	0
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Total					**0**

AUGUST 2025					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
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25	26	27	28	29	5
Total					**8**

SEPTEMBER 2025					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
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8	9	10	11	12	5
15	16	17	18	19	5
22	23	24	25	26	5
29	30				2
Total					**21**

OCTOBER 2025					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
		1	2	3	3
6	7	8	9	10	5
X	ID	15	16	17	3
20	21	22	23	24	5
27	28	29	30	31	5
Total					**21**

NOVEMBER 2025					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
3	4	5	6	7	5
10	11	12	13	14	5
17	18	19	*20	21	5
PT	~~25~~	~~26~~	X	~~28~~	1
Total					**16**

DECEMBER 2025					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
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8	9	10	11	12	5
15	16	17	18	19	5
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~~29~~	~~30~~	~~31~~			0
Total					**15**

School Begins: August 20, 2025

School Closes: May 29, 2026
(If no Emergency Days Used)
June 5, 2026
(If all Emergency Days Used)

Institute Days: August 18, 2025
August 19, 2025
October 14, 2025
February 13, 2026

District 96 Public School Holidays & Non-Attendance Days

District Institute Day	August 18, 2025
District Institute Day	August 19, 2025
Labor Day	September 1, 2025
Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day	October 13, 2025
District Institute Day	October 14, 2025
*Parent/Teacher Conferences	November 20, 2025
Parent/Teacher Conferences	November 24, 2025
Thanksgiving Break	November 25-28, 2025
Winter Break	Dec 22, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 19, 2026
District Institute Day	February 13, 2026
President's Day	February 16, 2026
Spring Break	March 30 – April 6, 2026
District Closed	April 3, 2026
Half-day Student Attendance	April 24, 2026
Memorial Day	May 25, 2026

***Note: Evening P/T Conferences – Nov 20, 2025 4:00-8:00 PM (This is a student attendance day).**

****Important Calendar Note:** March 17, 2026, is the Consolidated Cook County Election. Hauser Jr. High will be an election polling location; therefore, **an eLearning Day for Hauser Jr. High students**, while elementary students will attend school in person.

Pupil Instructional Days:	176
Approved Teacher Institute Days:	4
Proposed Emergency Days:	5

**Conditional Emergency Day: February 16, 2026

Total: **(Based on current REC Contract) 185**

Legend:
(School Begins
) School Ends

Note: Shaded Dates = Non-Attendance
ID Institute Day
X Legal School Holiday
= Not in Attendance

Student Attendance Hours	Monday - Friday:
All Elementary Grades K-5	8:10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Hauser Jr. High School:	8:20 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.
ECE: AM	8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
ECE: PM	12:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

JANUARY 2026					
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X	20	21	22	23	4
26	27	28	29	30	5
Total					**19**

FEBRUARY 2026					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
2	3	4	5	6	5
9	10	11	12	ID	4
X	17	18	19	20	4
23	24	25	26	27	5
Total					**18**

MARCH 2026					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
2	3	4	5	6	5
9	10	11	12	13	5
16	17	18	19	20	5
23	24	25	26	27	5
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Total					**20**

APRIL 2026					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
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13	14	15	16	17	5
20	21	22	23	HD	5
27	28	29	30		4
Total					**18**

MAY 2026					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
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4	5	6	7	8	5
11	12	13	14	15	5
18	19	20	21	22	5
X	26	27	28	29)	4
Total					**20**

JUNE 2026					
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