

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, Oct. 11 .....P.A. Day (no school for students)  
 Monday, Oct. 14 .....Thanksgiving Day Holiday  
 Wednesday, Oct. 16 ..Parent Information Night for  
 Year End Trips 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Oct. 22 .....School Council 7:00 p.m.  
 Monday, Oct. 28 .....Photo Re-take Day  
 Monday, Nov. 4 .....Progress Reports Go Home  
 Thursday Nov. 21 .....Grade 8-9 Parent Information Night  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 26 .....School Council 7:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 17 .....Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 20 .....P.A. Day (No school for students)  
 Week of Dec. 23—Jan. 3 Winter Holidays

## Progress Reports

**& Interviews:** Progress reports will be sent home on Monday, November 4th, 2013. This year there is no designated day for parent-teacher interviews, however, parents are welcome to contact the teachers to obtain an interview at a mutually agreed upon time. Interviews can be conducted on the phone or in person with the teacher(s).

## Magazine Fundraiser:..... Mrs. T. Naim



This year Centennial P.S. will be running a Magazine fundraising campaign. Our kick-off was Friday, **September 14th** and our campaign will run until **October 9th**. Any students who sell one or more subscriptions will receive a prize and will also get a ballot for our draw prizes!! Funds raised from our campaign will be used to support the rich programs offered at Centennial. **Thanks in advance for any support you can provide to our Magazine Fundraising Event.**

## Year End Trip Information Meeting

Mr. A. Goulden

A Parent Information Evening for year-end trips is being held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the gym at Centennial. A representative from BrightSpark Travel will outline plans for trips being offered to grade 7 & 8 students for the following destinations:

- ♦ **Quebec City** .....(June 17-20, 2014),
- ♦ **Ottawa** ..... (June 18-20, 2014) and
- ♦ **Toronto** .....(June 18-19, 2014).

Online registration for these trips will open at 8 a.m. on Tuesday October 22, 2013. If you are unable to attend the meeting, an information package can be picked up in the front hall of the school starting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2013.



# LIBRARY

.....Ms. M. Tajibnapis

During the first two weeks of school, students came with their English class to visit the library.

Students are encouraged to exchange books as often as needed during **open LIBRARY TIMES:**

Monday through Thursday 8:35-12:33 / 1:13-2:55  
 (\*Thursday open earlier at 8:23)

Friday 8:35 – 10:17

**Break A 10:27 – 10:57** (Sign up required)

**(Break A, noted above, is open for students who want to use the library apart from class time. )**

Students must sign up after school or in the morning. It is



also a time that Library Helpers assist with library duties (offered over three separate terms). Students can borrow up to four items for a period of three weeks each with up to two loan renewals. Overdue book slips are distributed about twice a

month to remind students of overdue items. Borrowing privileges will be suspended until overdue materials are renewed or returned (or paid for in the case of lost/damaged items. Parent help in taking care of borrowed books is appreciated. As part of the orientation, students received a letter to keep as reference in their planners. The letter highlights the Library Learning Commons website – a one stop website that is also accessible from home internet: <http://library.wrdsb.ca>. From this website students can access Virtual Library to find encyclopedias, magazine and newspaper articles, professional and academic journals, eBooks, the Centennial Library Catalogue, StudentLink and many more specialized resources. To enter Virtual Library from home internet, a “User ID” and password is required and was provided during the orientation and in the orientation letter.

## Mark your calendar for these Library events:

**January 2014** will begin the **Red Maple Reading Program**. Students have an opportunity to join, be the first to read Canadian nominated titles, and vote for the “best” novel in April. Stay tuned for announcements in the New Year about this excellent reading program!

**Thursday, January 30, 2014, activity portion of Break A, in the Library** will kick off the **MS Read-A-Thon** assembly, providing an opportunity for students to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis of Canada while reading books.



# CLUBS & COUNCILS

## Spirit Council:..... Mme S. Taylor & Mrs. A. Spoltore

We have selected this year's Spirit Council and are looking forward to an exciting year of activities. This council is made up of grade 7 and 8 students whose applications demonstrated initiative, leadership, organization and school spirit. The Spirit Council runs dances, spirit days, assemblies and fundraisers for local charities. Stay tuned for exciting activities planned by the Spirit Council this fall!

## Music News:..... Mrs. A. Spoltore

We are excited to be back making music at Centennial! All of our regular music rehearsals will occur during the nutrition breaks on different days of the week. The **Senior Orchestra** will meet on Mondays, the **Glee Club** will rehearse on Tuesdays, the **Ukulele Club** will meet on Wednesdays and the **Grade 8 Band** will rehearse on Thursdays. There may be the need for extra rehearsals as we approach concert times and we will keep the students informed of these times well in advance. **Our Holiday Concert is planned for Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Please include this date on your calendar.**



## Athletic Council:..... Phys. Ed. Staff

Congratulations to the following Grade 8 students who were successful in their application to the Centennial Athletic Council:

Ben P.	Sawyer P.	Eric K.	John M.
Maddy G.	Ryan H.	Tori C.	Alison P.
Christina W.	Emily D.	Ana R.	Alayna W.
Rita Z.	Megan K.	Allison McD.	Raegan A.

## Scrapbooking Club: ..Mme J. Smith

The Scrapbooking Club started up again this year in Room 6 with many enthusiastic members. The Scrapbooking Club will be every Wednesday 3 - 4 pm in Room 6 (except for Staff Meeting Days) throughout the school year. New joiners are always welcome!

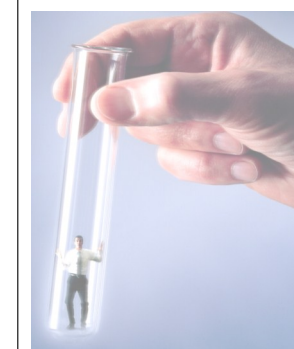
## The First Lego League:

.....Mr. J. Bumstead, Mrs. T. Bumstead, Mrs. H. Fowler  
 Congratulations to the students who made The First Lego League team. Centennial will be sending 25 students to the University of Waterloo to compete against other regional teams on Saturday November 23rd. Students will be programming robots, researching and presenting their research to university professors and be tested on their abilities to work as a team. Students will be researching topics and problems with natural



disasters. If you enjoy this area of science study, we would love to have an opportunity to talk to you. Please contact Mrs Bumstead, Mr. Bumstead or Mrs. Fowler.

## Grade 7 Science: .... Mrs. T. Bumstead



All grade 7 students are currently finishing the Science Olympics where they are learning about the scientific method. This unit is followed by **Ecosystems** where students will make bird houses. All grade 7 classes have all returned from Laurel Creek Conservation Area, where they conducted a stream study and played the survivor game in the forest.

## Grade 8 Science: ..... Mrs. T. Bumstead

Grade 8 students are currently competing in Survivor Science. The students are reviewing the key ideas of Scientific method. This will prepare grade 8 students for the Science Fair which will take place in February. Students will select their science fair topic and begin developing their scientific method in October. In addition, grade 8's will also learn about cells in October.

## Debate Club: ..... Mme J. Smith & Mrs. M. Tasko

Debate Club is up and running again this year! Centennial is privileged to have WCI and SJAM students organizing the Debate Club under the supervision of Mme. Smith and Mrs. Tasko. Debate Club will meet every Friday until December from 3-4:15 p.m. After our third meeting, we will not be accepting new members because student debates will have already started. We look forward to debating against McGregor in December! Roar, debaters, roar!

## Rubik's Cube Club: Ms R. Goodall



This year, Centennial is offering a club for those interested in learning how to solve a Rubik's Cube and variations of the cube. We meet every Friday Break A! This club is led by our very own expert– Eric who is a student in our school. They have met a couple of times to date with many enthusiastic puzzle solvers. This club is under the supervision of Ms Goodall.

## Gardening Club: .. Mme A. Prendergast

Centennial's Gardening Club has been busy gardening during Break A on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have been pruning shrubs, deadheading flowers, weeding and planting bulbs. Hopefully, our gardens will soon be ready for a long winter's rest. New members are still welcome anyone interested in joining should see Mme Prendergast in Room 1.





**Library Helpers** ..... Ms. Tajibnapis  
Interested in being a library helper? This activity will run over three separate terms and duties are primarily shelving and tidying up book bins. Term one is from Sept. 30 to Dec. 19. Don't forget to indicate which day(s) you prefer. Library Helpers work during the activity portion of Break A during either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If there is more interest than spots available, students who did not get the position in Term 1 will have preference in Terms 2 (Jan. 6 to March 27) and 3 (March 31 to June 12). Winitis are awarded to those students with a minimum of 80% attendance.

**PD DAY October 11:** .....Mr. Hughes  
Friday October 11th is a designated **Professional Development Day**. Students do not attend school that day. P.D. day activities support the Board's overall goal of **optimizing learning and achievement for all students**. On October 11th, staff will be completing a variety of health and safety training modules and workshops, and contributing to the development of a School Improvement Plan for 2013-14, with a focus on improving student achievement through *assessment for learning*. For more information on assessment for learning and the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, visit:

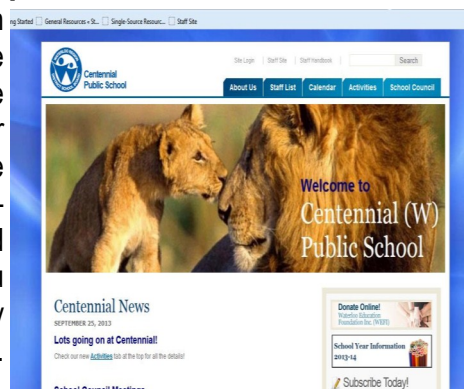
<http://metamedia.ca/WRDSB>

## Centennial Web Site & E-Updates

Visit and bookmark our school web site at :

<http://cnw.wrdsb.ca>

Stay connected with Centennial online! While at the web site, be sure to subscribe to our E-Updates and get the latest school announcements, reminders and alerts e-mailed to you directly! You may unsubscribe anytime. Sign up today!



## Clothing Donations:

.....Ms R. Goodall  
Centennial is home to a few students who could use a wardrobe boost. Donations of gently used clothing would be welcomed. Boys and girls clothing from size 10-12 right up to large adult are needed. Please drop donations off in Ms Goodall's room 26. Thank you in advance for supporting our students.



# HEALTH & SAFETY

Mr. B. Hughes, Vice Principal

## Attendance Check & Personal Information

If your child is going to be late or absent from school due to illness or appointment, **please phone the school attendance line at (519)570-8064 ext. 3138**. When you call, please say the child's first and last name, homeroom or teacher, reason for absence, your name and relationship to the student. It is important that we are notified each day your child is absent from school. The attendance line is available 24/7. Please advise the office of any changes to your personal and/or contact information so that we may quickly reach parents/guardians as the need arises.

## Emergency Preparedness

In keeping with our Board policies and procedures, we have held various emergency drills over the past few weeks. The purpose of the drills is to practice the way we would need to perform in the event of emergency. We have held three fire drills and one intruder and tornado drill. We were extremely pleased with the responsibility and safety demonstrated while carrying out the drill procedures.

**Immunization Program:** We held our first school immunization clinic for all grade 7 students and grade 8 girls on Friday, September 13th. Our remaining clinics are as follows:

- Fri. Nov. 8, 2013 - Gr. 8 HPV #2
  - Fri. Mar. 28, 2014 – Gr. 7 Hep. B Dose #2; Gr. 8 HPV Dose #3
- If you have any questions or concerns, or if you miss one of the dates, please contact Region of Waterloo Public Health at 519-575-4400.

## Food Related/Perfume Allergies

Some of our students have life threatening allergies that require vigilance and co-operation from the school community.

Please refrain from bringing to school **ALL NUT PRODUCTS AND/OR PRODUCTS** that MAY contain nuts, as well **ANY PERFUME-BASED SPRAY PRODUCTS OF ANY KIND**.



If your child becomes diagnosed with a severe allergy, or any medical condition that requires medication, management or support while at school, please contact the office as soon as possible.

## School Bus Safety:

..... Mr. B. Hughes  
Please visit our school website for school bus safety update @ <http://cnw.wrdsb.ca>.



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# CENTENNIAL Public School

141 Amos Avenue, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 2W8

*We show respect, we work together! We'll make a better school, now and forever!  
Friendship, diversity, leadership too! We use these "keys" to improve me and you!*

September / October 2013

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Centennial Public School is off to a terrific start. Our students are establishing daily routines in their respective classes and learning the expectations for the school. I hope the start of the school year has been positive for both you and your children.

We wish to **welcome** back three **staff members**: Mrs. Tasko – Grade 8 Physical Education, Mrs. Woolner-Melko - Grade 8 Language Arts, History and Geography, and Mrs. Robbins our Head Secretary. We also wish to welcome our newest member, Mrs. Adair our office Secretary. We are glad to have you on the Centennial team! We also wish to congratulate Ms.Ferguson who has recently been married and is now Mrs. Bender.

The staff at Centennial provide **outstanding opportunities** for the students throughout the year. Activities such as Football, Field Hockey, Cross Country Running, Band, Orchestra, Glee Club, Ukulele Club, The First Lego League, Art Club, Art Drop-in, The Cubing Club, Technology Helpers, Office Helpers, Library Helpers, Scrapbooking Club, Debating Club, Gardening Club, Announcers, Yearbook Committee and Leadership teams are just a few of the extra-curricular activities your child can get involved with during the Fall season.

Please take a moment to review the information in your child's **planner**. All school routines, important dates, contact numbers, dress code, expectations and much more can be found in our school planner.

Throughout the school year, Centennial Public School generates a bi-monthly **newsletter** that will communicate important information and dates for the upcoming months. Newsletters will be posted on our school website for easy access and viewing. If you would like a hard copy sent home, let Mr. Hughes know. We also use our website to inform you of any upcoming events, school council agendas and minutes and many other important items about Centennial. Please take a moment to bookmark [cnw.wrdsb.ca](http://cnw.wrdsb.ca) to your toolbar.

Regarding classroom issues, if you have any questions or concerns during the school year, I encourage you to contact your child's Homeroom or subject teacher. Our teachers are a great resource and will be happy to help you. Additionally, if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please contact me.

At Centennial we strive to create a positive, safe and welcoming environment where students can learn to their potential. We look forward to a great year.

*Mrs. B. Adams, Principal*

## STAFF 2013 - 2014

Mrs. B. Adams, Principal  
Mr. B. Hughes, Vice-Principal

Teachers	Assignment
Mrs. C. Bender	English, Hist./Geog.
Mr. J. Bumstead	English, Math, Hist./Geog.
Mrs. T. Bumstead	Science & Technology
Mrs. J. Byrnes	English, Math, Hist./Geog.
Mr. A. Folliott	English, Math
Mr. J. Foss	Health & Physical Education
Mrs. H. Fowler	Science and Technology, Math
Mme. M. Gerster	French Immersion
Ms R. Goodall	Enrichment Class
Mr. A. Goulden	Health/Phys. Ed., Special Ed.
Ms. L. Grant	Music (Strings)
Mrs. B. Haygarth	Life Skills Class
Mr. G. Kauk	Visual Arts, Spec. Ed.
Mme. A. Prendergast	French Immersion
Mme. C. Simmons	French Immersion
Mme. J. Smith	French Immersion
Mrs. A. Spoltore	Band, Guidance
Mr. G. Swan	Math, Guidance
Mrs. M. Tasko	Phys. Ed.
Mme. S. Taylor	French Core
Mrs. L. Varnava-Wyman	English, Hist./Geog.
Mrs. M. Watson	Math, Special Education
Mrs. L. Woolner-Melko	Language, Hist./Geog.

### Education Assistant

Mrs. D. Bradley	Educational Assistant
Mrs. M. Craddock	Educational Assistant
Mrs. K. Cooke	Educational Assistant
Mrs. D. Finlayson	Educational Assistant
Miss L. Finnie	Child and Youth Worker

### Support Staff

Mrs. S. Adair	Secretary
Mr. M. Cooper	Night Custodian
Mrs. C. Robbins	Head Secretary
Mr. C. Shantz	Head Custodian
Mrs. M. Tajibnapis	Library Clerk
Mrs. M. Todrovoric	Night Custodian