

Class of 2014



Grade 8 Graduation:



Please reserve **Tuesday, June 24th** to help our class of 2014 celebrate their Grade 8 Graduation. Our graduation ceremony will take place at Centre in the Square. Further information about our graduation will be sent home later this spring.

Every year there a few students who quietly ask or are chosen to receive a one of a kind graduation dress tailored by one of our teachers. If you have a dress of any size, style or length, please consider donating it to Centennial. Also, we gladly accept any dress shirts, dark dress pants or shoes that can be tailored to fit Centennial's young men.

So far this year, the Centennial community has generously donated enough clothes to help outfit five Centennial students.

Library



MS Read-A-Thon Kickoff Assembly, January 30th

Students were invited to attend the MS Read-A-Thon kickoff assembly that was held in the library during Break A on Thursday, January 30th. Over 50 students learned about multiple sclerosis (MS) and how they could become involved in the MS fundraising effort by reading books. We also were very fortunate to have a special guest from the area speak about her personal struggle with this disease that afflicted her later in life.

The two-week reading period has started and ended on Friday, February 14, 2014. The collection of pledges was taken following week.

Two years ago Centennial read 13,359 minutes and raised \$2501.30 which enabled us to maintain our bronze level standing for the sixth consecutive year. As a bronze member, we received a \$275 Scholastic gift certificate that was used to purchase more books for the library!

We are hoping to match or exceed that goal again this year.

Good luck and keep on reading Centennial!

Red Maple Reading Program:

Mrs. Varnava-Wyman, Mrs. Byrnes, Ms. Woolner-Melko, and Ms. Tajibnapis are pleased to have over 70 students participating in the Red Maple reading program this year. This year, there are ten excellent novels. Students need to read a minimum of five titles to be entitled to vote for their favourite book. The winning book will be announced in mid-May at the Festival of Trees ceremony in Toronto. The club meets in the library every Monday, Break B, to discuss the books and participate in various activities. Students keep track of their progress and preferences by updating the bulletin board display in the library.



Due to popular demand, stay tuned for more information about an opportunity to attend the Red Maple Awards Celebration at the Toronto Harbour Front on May 14th.

Clubs & Councils

Window Painting Art Club: The Window Painting Art Club was a huge success. Interested students, created holiday imagery for the courtyard windows. Artists drafted with wax then painted in tempera. Results added to the festive energy of our student body and brightened the environment.

Heather M.	Sarah I.	Cassidy C.	Mara C.
Miranda V.	Nai L.	Ellis G.	Julia B.
Jessie E.	Amanda A.	Hanne K.	Dana M.
Diana A.	Danielle W.	Emma T.	Bridget V.
Gillian B.	Sarah M.	Tessa H.	Ashley C.
Greta H.	Alicia U.	Maiya G.	Martha M.
Danielle W.	Sameeksha N.	Monika D.	Jee-in L.

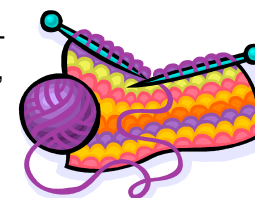
Art News Expressions: Expressions is an annual student art exhibit at the KW art gallery. Every school in the region is invited to participate by submitting student art. This year, the exhibition has a focus on the theme of inspiration. Centennial will be represented by the following student artists; Alicia U, Monika D., Grace E., Brenna M. and Natalie M.



Mr. Kauk would like to take this opportunity to thank the artists and invite members of the Centennial community to the exhibit. The show opens on March 30, 2014, (opening remarks 2:30 pm) and runs until April 27, 2014.

Cooking Club: Centennial will once again have a Cooking Club starting at the end of February. Over 50 students have signed up and they'll get a chance to cook a meal on a Tuesday after school with Mme Smith and Mrs. Haygarth. There will be 8 students in the kitchen at one time: 4 will cook a main dish or appetizer and 4 will prepare a dessert. Cooking Club will be from 3-4:30 pm and students who signed up on Tuesday, February 4 will get their cooking date soon. See you in the kitchen in Room 6, chefs!

Knitting Club: Ms. Cooke and Ms. Woolner-Melko have been hiding from the cold with a group of dedicated knitters every Thursday and Friday Break B. The Knitting Club consists of a dedicated group of knitters with a wide range of experience who meet to discuss patterns, show their creations, and knit in an informal setting. New members are still welcome.



Ukulele Club: Centennial's Ukulele Club is BACK! After a fun-filled fall, the ukulele club is set to begin again this Spring. New members are welcome! We meet every Wednesday, Break A. Come join us!

What makes ukuleles so great?

1. They are inexpensive.
2. They are happy instruments!
3. They are easy to start to learn.
4. They are portable.
5. They are sociable.
6. They can express your personality.
7. They are enjoyed by small children and famous musicians.
8. They are (generally) maintenance free.
9. Ukuleles have been played by Elvis Presley, John Lennon, Bruce Springsteen, Taylor Swift, Eddie Vedder, and the list goes on...
10. You are joining a wonderful community!

Bananas and Pyjamas Day Spirit Committee:



The Centennial Spirit Committee ran a successful spirit day in January in the interest of having some fun and in helping to raise funds for the Philippines. On a very cold, frigid Wednesday, which was excellent for storing huge tubs of ice cream outside, the students wore their favourite pyjamas to school and brought a banana. Some ice cream, sauce and

sprinkles converted those bananas into banana splits, hence the name "Bananas in Pyjamas". Great fun was had by all and Spirit Committee members had a strenuous arm work-out, scooping ice cream for for close to 350 students. We are planning more spirit days for the near future so stay tuned - Wacky Tacky Day is not too far off.

Sara Westbrook Performance:

Centennial welcomed motivational speaker and recording artist Sara Westbrook for a student concert on Thursday, January 16th. Sara shared a powerful and effective choice-making 'formula' that we hope will make a positive impact on the lives of our students.

Sara inspired students to demonstrate respect for self and others through UPower: understanding that no matter the circumstances, we have the power to own our choices and respond with respect, even in the face of disrespect.



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 un-subscribe anytime. Sign up today!

Social Justice Group: Thank you to everyone who supported our "We Create Change" and "Rafiki Chains Sale" back in December. Thanks to the generosity of the Centennial community we were able to donate more than \$1300 to Free The Children and Me To We initiatives like education, clean water and health care.

This month our focus is on raising money for the "Help for the Philippines - Because We Care" campaign. We ran a very successful bake sale on Wednesday, February 12th. All of the proceeds from the bake sale will go to help provide relief for those affected by the November 8th typhoon.

Thank you for your continued support of the Centennial Social Justice group as they strive to find ways to make a positive change in the world around them.

Our Bell Times

Unchanged Next Year: After further review of bell times across the system, the WRDSB has advised us that Centennial's bell times will be unchanged for the 2014-15 school year.



The student entry bell will remain at 8:20 am and the instructional day will begin at 8:35 am. Dismissal will remain at 2:55 pm.

Carizon Family and Community Services Presents....

Girls Group: This group is for girls in **Grades 6-8**. Girls will meet at Centennial Public School three times each month on **Thursdays from 6:30—8:30 pm** to engage in organized activities that are geared towards enhancing positive self-esteem. This is a drop-in program and therefore does not require registration! March Dates for groups are to be announced.

Youth in Action: Youth in Action is geared towards students in Grades 8-12 (including 5th year). This group focuses specifically on helping teens find a positive voice within their communities. Through organized activities, games and discussions, youth will be encouraged to build themselves into the best leaders and people they can possibly be. Youth in Action will run **once a month from 6:30—8:30 pm** at Centennial Public School. The next group will be held on Thursday, February 27th.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Student Absence and Personal Information: Parents please call the **school attendance line at (519)570-8064 ext. 3138** each day your child is absent from school. The attendance line is available 24 hours a day. Also, please advise the office of any changes to student personal and/or contact information so we have current contact information in the event of an emergency.

School Bus: Behaviour, Respect, Safety! Bus transportation is a privilege that may be suspended if student(s) behaviour interferes with the safe operation of the bus or if student(s) demonstrate lack of respect for others. Each day school buses offer the service to transport many Centennial students to and from school as an extension of our school. We expect that our students/riders will always demonstrate safe and appropriate behavior and always show respect for others.

High snowbanks and narrow streets in the winter months make it vitally important to keep the bus loading area in front of the school clear before and after school. We ask parents not to drop off or pick up students:

- in the school parking lot (due to overcrowding) and
 - in front of the school on either side of Amos Avenue and
 - **do not park in the bus loading zone** at any time
 - City of Waterloo By-law Officers are monitoring this area for bylaw compliance
 - please do not attempt a 3-point or a U-turn on Amos Avenue.
- Bus riders should always:**
- Students should be at the stop at least five minutes before the scheduled pickup time
 - Keep well back from the curb while waiting for the bus and when it pulls up
 - Make sure traffic is clear, or stopped, before crossing any roadway
 - Never cross between or behind buses
 - No eating or drinking on the bus
 - Remain seated at all times with arms and heads inside the bus
 - Keep feet, legs and belongings out of the aisle
 - Obey the rules posted inside the bus and follow the instructions of the driver

Immunization Program: Friday, March 28, 2014, The Region of Waterloo Public Health will be at Centennial (W) immunizing: Gr. 7's Dose 2 for Hep. B and Grade 8 girls for Dose 3 of HPV vaccine. If you have any questions please contact at 519-575-4400 Region of Waterloo Health Unit.

Food Related and 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 **PERFUME-BASED SPRAY PRODUCTS OF ANY KIND**. Please advise the office if your child is or becomes diagnosed with a severe allergy, or any medical condition that requires medication, management or support, please notify the office as soon as possible.



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CENTENNIAL Public School

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*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!*

January-February 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Congratulations to our students for their hard work and dedication during Semester One. We have many motivated learners at Centennial and we are proud of their accomplishments! We also appreciate the strong parental support that is so critical to each student's success. Please be sure to contact any of your child's teachers if you have questions about the Report Card.

Centennial staff continue to offer many excellent extra-curricular opportunities for students and we strongly encourage our students to be involved in some way outside of the classroom. This provides them with an opportunity to get to know students from different classes and extend their learning to a new activity. A current list of all the activities offered by staff at Centennial can be found on the Centennial website (cnw.wrdsb.ca).

Our spring fundraising campaign will be underway very soon. We are raising funds to support various enriching activities for our students. Once again we will be selling Aunt Sarah's Simply Delicious chocolate bars at a cost of \$2.00 each. Donations in lieu of selling chocolate are also an option for families not wishing to sell. More information will be coming home soon. This is always an excellent fundraising campaign and we appreciate your continued support!

We look forward to our continued partnerships with our Centennial families!

Sincerely,
B. Adams



DATES TO REMEMBER



March 4 Grad Photo Day
March 5 Winter Activity Day (re-scheduled)
March 7 PA Day (no school for students)
March 10-14 March Break Holidays
March 17 First Day Back After March Break
March 28 Immunization Day

April 11—29 Chocolate Bar Campaign
April 16 Mini We Day
April 18 Good Friday Holiday
April 21 Easter Monday Holiday
April 29 School Council-7:00 pm Library

May 19 Victoria Day Holiday
May 20 Track Meet
May 22 Grade 6-7 Orientation Night
May 30 PA Day (no school for students)

June 18-20 Year End Trips
June 23 Report Cards home
June 24 Graduation Ceremony
June 25 Wonderland Trip
June 26 Recognition Assembly/Airbands
June 27 PA Day (no school for students)