

The Winter Holiday Concert

is planned for Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Please include this date on your calendar.

Donations to Centennial's music program are greatly appreciated.



Centennial's
Holiday Concert

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 pm

Come join us as we celebrate music with performances by the orchestra, band, ukulele club, glee club and more...



All performers must be at the school by 6:30 pm.

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Music News

Mrs. Grant/Mrs. Spoltore

Centennial String Orchestra: On Friday, February 6, the Centennial String Orchestra will perform "O Canada" at The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks Women's and Men's basketball games.

Good Luck String Chamber Players: The Centennial String Chamber Players performed for The Waterloo Region District School Board Trustees, at the Education Centre on Monday, December 1st. The students played harmoniously and sounded beautiful. We thank the families that are supporting us in this event.

On December 9, The Centennial String Orchestra Chamber Players & Chamber Ensemble will be visiting Abraham Erb Public School. In addition to performing a range of repertoire for the students in grades 1 to 6; we are looking forward to sharing information with them about our instruments and the elements of music.

The Grade 8 Band: The Grade 8 Band has enjoyed hearing and making music. On November 4, we enjoyed our first band trip to Sir John A Macdonald Secondary School where we heard a concert performed by the University of Toronto Jazz Band. We have also been rehearsing regularly since September and are looking forward to performing in two upcoming concerts. The first one will take place on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm at Sir John A Macdonald Secondary School. Our second concert, will be the Centennial Holiday Concert which will take place on Wednesday Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm in the Centennial gymnasium. Please make sure that you mark these dates on your calendar - these are performances that you will not want to miss



Centennial Glee: Our glee club members enjoyed singing "O Canada" at the Hockey day on Wednesday, November 26 at the Waterloo Rec Complex. The entire school attended the "Battle of Waterloo" game (Laurier vs Waterloo men's hockey) and the glee club sang the national anthem to begin the game. Congratulations to all of the glee members for a wonderful performance. We are looking forward to our next performance at the Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 17.



<http://cnw.wrdsb.ca>

*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*

CENTENNIAL Public School

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November/December 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is hard to believe that the fall season has come and gone and winter has arrived. Snow has fallen and winter weather is upon us! With that many of us will enjoy various winter activities that help us to make the most of our coldest season.

As we reflect on our school year to date, we think of the successful start we have had to the year with many exciting and positive learning activities occurring at our school each and every day. Students are engaged in their learning as teachers are gearing instruction to meet individual needs. Students are involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, ranging from clubs to teams to leadership groups. Teachers are involved in a variety of professional development opportunities, focusing on improving student learning. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thanks to the teaching staff at Centennial for their dedication to providing the best education for our students. Teachers take personal time to organize and run extra club activities as well as provide a rich classroom environment full of engaging learning opportunities! We would also like to thank you parents for the strong support that we get as partners in your child's education.

There are many fabulous activities scheduled for our students and many updates from our fall season included in our newsletter and on our website at cnw.wrdsb.on.ca. Please take a moment to read about the various activities occurring at Centennial Senior Public School.

We encourage you to continue contacting us at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Notes to the teachers in your child's planner, phone calls or appointments are all great ways to keep in touch.



On behalf of the staff, we wish to extend our sincerest best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and a safe holiday season.

Mrs. B. Adams, Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

2014

December 12 Gr. 8 Girls—HPV #2
December 17 Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m.
December 22 - January 2 ... Winter Holidays

2015

January 5 (Day 2)..... First Day Back After Holidays
January 20..... Trip to KW Glee/Symphony
January 20..... 6:30 pm Library—School Council
January 27(Day 1)..... Semester Two Begins
January 30..... PA Day No School For Students

February 4 (Day 0) Winter Activity Day
February 14 Valentines Day
February 16 Family Day Holiday
February 20 Term 1—Report Cards Go Home
February 24 School Council-6:30 pm Library
February 27 Gr. 8 Grad Photo Day

March 5..... Science Fair
March 16-20..... March Break Holidays
March 23..... First Day Back After March Break

April 2 Gr. 8 Girls—HPV #3
April 3 Good Friday Holiday
April 6 Easter Monday Holiday
April 10 Gr. 7 Students—Hep B #2
April 15 Mini We Day
April 17 PA Day (no school for students)
April 21 School Council-6:30 pm Library

Transition to High School

Grade 8-9 Transition Information

Centennial P.S. held a Grade 8-9 Info Night on Monday, November 17th to provide general information about the transition to secondary school. Materials distributed at the meeting are available on our school web site: cnw.wrdsb.ca



In Grade 9, **students attend the secondary school designated by their home address**, unless continuing in an extended/immersion French program or applying to a specialized (magnet) program. Admission to magnet programs is based on application and/or audition. To confirm a student's home secondary school, use School Finder at www.wrdsb.ca.

Secondary school information nights provide specific information about each school and its programs. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions. An updated information night schedule is available at our school web site, or at www.edmondo.com, Group Code 7ra5c8.

Guidance staff will visit classrooms in December to confirm students' home schools and provide course calendars for families to review. Confirmation of students' intended high schools, and further information about course selection and teacher recommendations, will follow in January.

Students will select their Grade 9 courses using an online system called My Way. Online course registration for Centennial students will take place from February 26 to March 5, 2015.

Centennial Website & 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 un-subscribe anytime. Sign up today:

Check out the following cool school websites:

- ◆ Board website: www.wrdsb.ca
- ◆ Ministry of Education website: www.edu.gov.on.ca
- ◆ **Bus Cancellations, go to the** Transportation website (bus cancellations) www.stswr.ca
- ◆ Centennial (W) School Website: cnw.wrdsb.ca

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Helpers Mrs. Tajibnapis

Interested in being a library helper? Listen up for announcements in early December for term 2 applications! This activity runs over three separate terms and currently term one is underway until Dec. 18th. Duties are primarily shelving and tidying up book bins. Term 2 will run from Jan. 5th – April 1st and term 3 from April 7th – June 18th. Students who applied and didn't get to be library helpers in term 1 will have first preference for the remaining terms as long as they indicate interest during the sign up process. Winites are awarded to those students with a minimum of 80% attendance.

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 one loan renewal.
- * 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 encyclopaedias, magazine and newspaper articles, professional and academic journals, eBooks, the Centennial Library Catalogue.

Mark Your Calendar:

January 2015 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 and best "non-fiction" title in April. Stay tuned for announcements in the New Year about this excellent reading program!

Thursday, January 29, 2015, during the activity portion of **Break A**, in the Library, we will kick off the **MS Read-A-Thon**. The **MS Read-A-thon** provides an opportunity for students to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis of Canada just by reading books.

CLUBS & COUNCILS

What is WAYVE? Mrs. J. Byrnes

Working Against Youth Violence Every-

where: Centennial is now a participating member of the WAYVE program. This youth-based program features peer education activities in schools and in the community. The focus of these activities: include consequences of bullying, racism and discrimination. WAYVE teams also raise awareness on youth suicide and peer pressure. WAYVE operates on the belief that youth need to be involved in the solution to addressing youth issues, because they are the ones directly involved.



The focus of our WAYVE team has been inclusion. Currently, we are participating in the "THINK" awareness

campaign that supports character development, bullying prevention and safe, inclusive and accepting schools. **Each student at Centennial will receive a "THINK" band to place on their personal device. The "THINK" acronym encourages students to ask 5 key questions before they text, tweet, or post to social media sites. Is what they are sending: True? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind?**

FIRST Lego League Mrs. H. Fowler

Congratulations to the FIRST Lego Team who competed in the qualifying tournament at St. David's on Saturday, November 22nd. They did a fantastic job presenting their research, running their robots and showing wonderful teamwork. The Nano Brainers came home with the Core Values Award which is given to a team who shows team work, spirit and collaboration.

Congratulations to all team members as you have dedicated much of your time to working as a team and coming up with wonderful ideas.

GRADE 7 Science Mrs. H. Fowler

All grade 7 students are working on their first project in the shop. They will be bringing home their bird house in December. Grade 7 students will be starting the structures unit in the new year.

GRADE 8 Science Mrs. H. Fowler

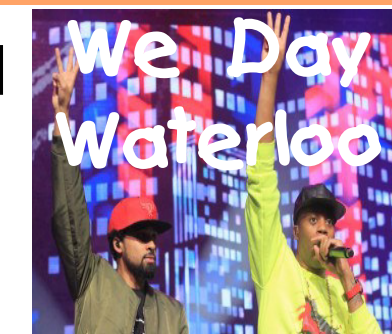
All grade 8 students have started their science fair projects and will soon be ready to start testing. The Science Fair will take place on March 5th, 2015. Grade 8 students are finishing up their cells unit and will be starting the mechanical systems unit in the new year.

Surrealism Art Club Mr. Kauk

Surrealism is a style of art that juxtaposes incongruent imagery. Club participants experimented combining many unlike subjects. Three ideas were then planned and drafted. A final sketch was produced and rendered in coloured pencil. Thank you artists!

Nisandi H	Jordan W	Lina Z	Tessa H	John Z
Naomi D-V	Jia Lin P	Isaac D	Alicia U	A.J G
Emily K	Danielle W	Marianna B	Maiya G	Jack W
Jocelyne M	Nicholas C	Elsje I	Kimia K	Kyle K
Katherine L	Puneet S	Mengdi M	Kassidy K	Monika D
Miranda F	Amy J	Ashok B	Youngjin K	Kaitlin M
Kevin G	Mike Z	Olivia C	Laura A	Caroline L
Jerry G	Sangar S	Luna G	Rick L	Delaney D
				Mikaela T

We Day and the Social Justice Group



.....Mrs. A. Spoltore

We Day Waterloo took place on Thursday, November 20th at the Kitchener Auditorium. Thousands of students from across Waterloo Region gathered to hear inspirational speakers, celebrate with music performers and participate in a day designed to motivate young people to change the world. Fifteen Centennial students attended as a school group while a few others attended with family members or with other community organizations.

This year, the Centennial Social Justice group started our Free The Children initiatives by participating in the "We Scare Hunger" campaign. Thank you to the students and parent community who donated cans and other non-perishable items to the campaign. Students collected items while they were out for Halloween as well as donating items at the Halloween dance. Due to everyone's efforts, we were able to donate close to 1000 lbs of food to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. Thank you Centennial!

Our next campaign is "We Are Rafiki". This campaign will run from Wed. Dec 3 - Fri. Dec 5. Rafiki chains will be sold before school and during Break A for \$11. For each rafiki chain sold, a donation is made toward one of the Free The Children pillars: food, water, health care, alternative income and education as well supporting and empowering the mamas in Kenya who make the chains. One Rafiki Chain = One life changing impact.

For information visit:

<http://www.metowe.com/rafiki-friend-chains/>

Physical Education Department News

Mr. Goulden, Mr. Foss and Mrs. Tasko

Dance: Our classes have just recently begun the annual dance unit (line dancing for grade 7 and square dancing for grade 8), and look forward to our culminating dance showcase on Friday, December 19, during the afternoon.

Food Drive: Our Athletic Council is busy coordinating a food drive -- to begin December 4th and continue until December 16th, when class reps will attempt to construct a prize-winning tower with student contributions. Please remind your son or daughter to help out the Waterloo Region Food Bank by bringing a few items. Good choices are peanut butter, cold cereal, canned meat, fruit and vegetables, and pasta/sauce.

Turkey Shoot: We are running a "Turkey Shoot" before the holidays. This is a basketball free-throw contest offered during **Break A** intramural time. It's a single elimination tournament where we will determine both a grade 7 and grade 8 girl and boy champion. Winners earn a turkey to take home for the holidays. Students can sign up in gym class.

Athletic Council Applications: Athletic Council applications will be available for grade 7 students on Monday, December 1, and must be handed in by Friday, December 12th. We hope to have a group of enthusiastic grade seven students to join our current grade 8 council early in the new year. Please remind your son or daughter to meet the deadline in order to have his/her application considered!



Centennial Girl's Volleyball Team 2014

..... Ms. Tasko and M. Taylor
 Congratulations to the girls' volleyball team who has represented Centennial in fine fashion. Their playing skills showed tremendous improvement over the course of the six-week season.



The team heads into the play-offs in fourth position, and are hoping for a strong performance against Laurentian in order to get to the semi-finals. Thanks for all your energy, ladies!

Marcela B	Meg L	Teigan V	Maggie McL
Makayla H	Kaitlin McM	Chloe C	Brenna M
Vivian H	Jessie P	Tessa H	Claire P
Madeline R	Rachel S	Adri K	Alexis S
Claire S	Joie W		

Varsity Hockey Day at Centennial:

..... Mrs. B. Adams

Centennial students were most fortunate to have the opportunity to hear a variety Waterloo Warrior and Laurier Golden Hawk student athletes speak on Wednesday, November 26. One important message our guest athletes communicated to our Centennial students was the value and importance of balancing your activities with your academic workload with the main focus being academics first! They also highlighted the important contributions one can make to a team and the community and the leadership opportunities that arise from being a student athlete.

Following the excellent guest speakers, Centennial Lions enjoyed a fantastic day watching the Waterloo Warriors and Laurier Golden Hawk hockey teams' battle for a win, with our own Mr. Swan behind the Laurier bench. The students observed excellent high level hockey skills as well as fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship from all the players.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE Mrs. L. Piva

We had a very successful October and November with our Spirit Activities. We had a dance and students brought in food to help with the "We Scare Hunger Campaign". In total we collected over 1,000 pounds of food! December 9 to 12th, Spirit Council will be selling "Candy Grams" each morning for 25 cents. All proceeds will go to our community for Christmas. We will also be having a Tacky Christmas Sweater Day on Thursday, December 18th, so make sure you wear the tackiest sweater you can find!

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, or any other parent approved reason please phone the school attendance line at (519)570-8064 ext. 3138. When you call please spell the last name then say the child's first 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.

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.

Immunization Program

- ❖ Fri. Dec. 12, 2014—Gr. 8 girls HPV #2
- ❖ Thur. April 2, 2015—Gr. 8 HPV Dose #3
- ❖ Fri. April 10, 2015—Gr. 7 Hep. B Dose #2

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you have missed one of the dates, please contact Region of Waterloo Public Health at 519-575-4400.



INCLEMENT WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSURES

Sometimes weather conditions will require the cancellation of buses and/or school closures. Conditions such as severe snow, or ice, as well as frigid temperatures (-35 degrees with wind chill are days that parents should check any of the following for information on closures and/or cancellations:

- ❖ THE WATERLOO REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD WEBSITE AT <http://wrdsb.on.ca> or
- ❖ Tune to the following radio stations for announcements:

96.7 CHYM FM	105.3 KOOL FM	570 NEWS AM
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Our school remains Open "When buses ONLY are cancelled, and students are expected to attend school if they are able to safely walk.



School Bus Reminders

..... Mr. B. Hughes

Bus students and their families are reminded of the importance of arriving at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled pickup time. Safe operation of the bus, especially in winter conditions, requires the co-operation of students to follow safety rules and behaviour expectations, including:

- Keeping clear of the road while waiting for the bus and when it pulls up
- Not consuming food or drink on the bus
- Remaining seated at all times with arms and heads inside the bus
- Keeping feet, legs and belongings out of the aisle
- Following the instructions of the driver
- Making sure traffic is clear, or stopped, before crossing any roadway

Winter weather inevitably delays some routes. School bus cancellations are posted on the transportation web site: www.stswr.ca. Please listen to local radio stations for updates during severe weather.

Winter Activity Day Outside Winter Fun Fun Fun!

Mark February 4, 2015 in your calendars as Centennial's Winter Activity Day! Students will be invited to participate in one of three opportunities to get out and get active in the snow! Groups will travel to Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood, or Chicopee Tube Park, in Kitchener. Stay tuned for full details to follow in the New Year.

