

Class of 2015



Grade 8 Graduation:

Please reserve **Thursday, June 18th** to help our class of 2015 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 are 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.

WRDSB PIC PRESENTS
BUILDING SKILLS
 TO NAVIGATE THE SCHOOL YEARS
SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2015
 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM
 Registration: 8:15 to 8:45
 Welcome and Introduction: 8:45
 Keynote: 9:00 am
BLUEVALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
 80 BLUEVALE STREET NORTH, WATERLOO

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
LESLEY ANDREW
 CANADIAN SINGER, ACTRESS AND
 MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
 OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND
 BEATING THE ODDS

CONFERENCE TOPICS INCLUDE:
 Raising Money Smart Kids
 Win Win in Any Kind of Meeting
 Anxiety in Children
 Nurturing the Scientist in Your Family
 Elementary Math: What's the Problem?
 Easing the Transition from High School to University
 Homework: What Really Matters
 Autism & Creativity: How Video Games Help

FREE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS
 BAG LUNCH - AVAILABLE FOR \$4
 FREE CHILDCARE FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-11
 FREE PARKING GRT BUS ROUTE #5

FOR REGISTRATION & INFORMATION
 Online registration: www.wrdsb.ca
 Phone registration: (519) 749-3333
 Fax: (519) 749-3333

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!

Library



MS Read-A-Thon Kickoff Assembly, January 29th

Mrs. Tajibnapis

Students were invited to attend the MS Read-A-Thon kickoff assembly held in the library during Break A on January 29th. Kris-John Kucharik spoke about multiple sclerosis (MS) and how students could become involved in the MS fundraising effort by reading books.

The two-week reading period has just ended and the collection of pledges is taking place now.

Last year, six students read 4373 minutes and raised \$565! We are hoping to match or exceed that goal again this year. The homeroom that raises the most money will receive a \$75 Scholastic gift certificate to purchase books for their classroom.

Good luck and keep on reading Centennial!

Red Maple Reading Program

Mrs. Varnarva-Wyman, Ms. Scott, Ms. Woolner-Melko and Ms. Tajibnapis are pleased to have over 80 students participating in the Red Maple reading program this year. This year there are ten excellent titles in two categories: fiction and non-fiction. Students need to read a minimum of five titles in each category to vote for their favourite title in the last week of April. The winning books will be announced on Tuesday, May 12 at the Festival of Trees ceremony in Toronto. The club meets in the library every Thursday, 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 12th!



Clubs & Councils

SCIENCE NEWS Mrs. Fowler

Science Fair:

Our grade 8 students are in the process of completing their science fair projects and will soon be starting to present them in class in preparation for our Science Fair, on Thursday March 5. Parents and friends are invited to join us for the evening fair from 6-8 pm on this day!

Science Council:

Students have been busy in the last month with a variety of activities to enhance the Science program at Centennial. Some have helped to do some basic maintenance on our microscopes while others have organized construction room materials and resources. One group is planning our first "Lunch and Munch" activity where we will invite an outside speaker to share their area of expertise in science or technology with our students during Break B. If you or someone you know might be interested to be a speaker in the future, please ask your daughter/son to pass this information on to their science teacher. The final group is preparing for our first school wide activity, which will be a pi contest. This is not to be confused with the pie you eat, although there will likely be some pie for the winner! Students will be invited to demonstrate the number of decimals of pi they are able to memorize. Posters will be appearing in the school soon to advertise this exciting event.

Wind-up Toys Needed!



This is an opportunity to divert materials from going to the landfill, remove clutter from your homes and help out the science department! Please donate any small wind-up toys you are no longer using as we can use them in some engaging science experiments. These may include toys such as those old Happy Meal toys such as walking spiders, rolling cars or other moving figures. All wind up toys are welcome! Please bring the toys to Mrs. Fowler's Room 14.

Art News - Expressions Mr. Kauk

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 theme is "Our Stories".

Centennial will be represented by the following students artists:

- Jocelyn M.
- Katherine L.
- Vivian H.
- Gerry G.

SCULPTURE ART CLUB Mr. Kauk

The Sculpture Art Club was an opportunity for interested students to work in three dimensions. The subject of study was the human figure. Students modeled a wire armature based upon the classical formula for proportioning. Tape and tile grout was used for volume by using additive technique. Adding a patina completed the piece. Congratulations artists.

Katherine L.	Will M.	Fan R.
Naomi D V.	Amy J.	Delany D.
John Z.	Mengdi M.	Zoe R.
Ruth M.	Emily D.	Sara K.
Maren B.	Danielle W.	Keenan G.
Ashok P.	Maiya G.	Olivia C.
Kevin G.	Alicia U.	AJ G.
Avery H.	Jerry G.	Jack W.
Alex S.	Mikaela T.	Siddharth N.
Mabel L.	Lina Z.	Kyle k.
Luna G.	Emily R.	Gus M.
Nisandi H.	Eileen C.	Jocelyne M.
Mike Z.	Kassidy K.	Alexa B.
Miranda F	Caroline L.	Lisa S.
Matthew G	Tessa H.	Mariana B.
Armaan W.		

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!



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 \$1038 to Free The Children and Me To We initiatives like education, clean water and health care.

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.

West Waterloo Boundary Study Review

Centennial is part of the West Waterloo Elementary boundary study that commenced this year, 2014-2015. It will establish the boundary for the new West Waterloo area (Vista Hills) Elementary School and address the long-term program and accommodation needs of the West Waterloo community. The issues to be examined in this area include:

- Overpopulation at Edna Staebler and Laurelwood Public Schools
- Walk-in boundaries (reduction in transportation requirements)
- Transition plan for existing students

Centennial and Cedarbrae Public Schools will participate in this study as they are the current holding schools for the Vista Hills community. Other schools involved in the boundary study are: Abraham Erb PS, Laurelwood PS, Edna Staebler PS, and Mary Johnston PS. Further information can be found in the West Waterloo Boundary Study link found on Centennial's website (cnw.wrdsb.ca). All community members are welcome to join the public meetings which will be scheduled in the near future (dates will be posted on the link).

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 KOOLFM	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.

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! Our bus operators transport hundreds of Centennial students to and from school each day. Bus transportation is a privilege that may be suspended if student(s) behaviour interferes with the safe operation of the bus or demonstrates lack of respect for others. Bus riders should:

- Be at the stop at least five minutes before the scheduled pick up 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

Drivers Please Note

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 in the bus loading zone** in front of the school on either side of Amos Avenue. Drivers should not attempt 3-point or U-turns on Amos Avenue. City of Waterloo By-law Officers monitor this area for bylaw compliance.

Immunization Program:

The Region of Waterloo Public Health will be at Centennial (W) immunizing on **Thursday, April 2 2015** (HPV vaccine for Grade 8 girls) and **Friday April 10th** (Hep B vaccine for all Grade 7s). If you have any questions please contact Public Health at 519-575-4400

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 (INCLUDING PRODUCTS THAT MAY CONTAIN NUTS, as well PERFUME-BASED SPRAY PRODUCTS OF ANY KIND.** Please notify the office if your child has or becomes diagnosed with a severe allergy, or any medical condition that requires medication, management or support.



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CENTENNIAL Public School

141 Amos Avenue, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 2W8

February 2015

*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!*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Congratulations to our students for their hard work and dedication during Semester One. It is evident we have motivated and enthusiastic learners who should be very proud of their accomplishments! I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the Centennial staff for their continued efforts to make our school an excellent environment for learning! 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 children 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). Highlights of our school activities can be found within the pages of our newsletter.

Our spring fundraising campaign will be underway very soon. 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!

Centennial is involved in the West Waterloo Boundary Study. Please take a moment to review the updates in the newsletter and on our school website.

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

Sincerely,
B. Adams



DATES TO REMEMBER



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

May 13 Grade 6-7 Orientation Night
May 18 Victoria Day Holiday
May 19 Track Meet
May 26 School Council 6:30 p.m.
May 29 PA Day (no school for students)

June 18 Graduation Ceremony
June 19 Recognition Assembly Ceremony
June 19 Report Cards home
June 22-25 Year End Trips
June 25 Last day of School
June 26 PA Day (no school for students)