

 141 Amos Avenue, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 2W8

June 2017

***Dear Centennial Families,***

As we look back on the activities and learning opportunities this year has presented, we remain amazed by the extraordinary level of dedication shown by every member of our school: **students, staff and parents/guardians.**

We wish to **congratulate all our students** on the completion of an excellent school year. As you entered in September, somewhat anxious about your new year, you quickly found your footing and continued to grow and mature throughout the year. You should be proud of all your academic achievements and all the new friendships you have developed this year.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of each **Centennial staff member**, and express our appreciation to every single member of this team for their dedication and hard work. From our office staff, EA’s, librarian and custodian to our teachers, all who work hard on behalf of our students to provide a positive learning environment and provide an array of extra-curricular opportunities; our students benefit greatly from your gift of time.

We would also like to thank **each family** for your continued support and partnership. Working closely with our families is critical to our students’ success, and we highly value our connection with each of you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our **grade eight graduates** who have hit a milestone in their educational journey. Through hard work our grade eight students have completed their elementary schooling and will venture into the life of a secondary student next year. Well done!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students, staff and our families for your ongoing partnership over the past 6 years. After 29 years in education, **I will be retiring** at the end of this year. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as the principal of Centennial Senior Public School and I leave with very fond memories! It is my pleasure to welcome **Ms. Lisa Devall-Martin** to Centennial as the incoming principal! She is coming to us from Laurentian Senior Public School.

We also wish to congratulate **Mr. Swan and Mr. Kauk** for their upcoming retirement at the end of this month (June 30th, 2017). Thanks to each of you for your contributions to education throughout the many years you have been teaching. Each one of you has touched the lives of many students and families over the years and you will be greatly missed.

This year we have to **say good-bye** to a few staff members whose contributions to Centennial have been highly appreciated. ***Thank you to* Mr. Barber,** who has been teaching science and music for our school this past year. **Ms. Cybulski,** who made a mid-year transition into Centennial, to teach physical education and grade 8 core (806), **Ms. Scott**, who has been teaching grade 7 math (701) and special education and **Mr. Zarudny** who has recently joined us to teach grade 8 core (805). Thank you for all your dedication and work at Centennial; you will all be missed tremendously! We wish you all the best and hope that our paths cross again.

As the year draws to a close, we wish everyone a safe and rejuvenating summer. For our grade seven students, we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

*With warmest regards,*

*B. Adams*

*Principal*

**New Staff Members joining the Centennial Lions!**

We wish to welcome **Mr. Salmon** who will be teaching Mathematics. He comes to us from Cedarbrae PS. Welcome **Mr. Winkelhage** who will be teaching Grade 7 and 8 Science. He comes to us from Laurelwood PS. Welcome to **Mrs. Podrebarac** who will be teaching Grade 7 Core and Math. She comes to us from Sir Adam Beck PS. We also wish to welcome **Ms. Fritsch** who will be teaching Band and Math. She returns to us from Silver Heights PS. We look forward to having you join our team in September.

**Fundraising Campaign Update!!**

Thank you to all our families for your outstanding support for our Chocolate Bar Fundraiser!

This year, we raised $8685 net of all expenses!!!  The pizza parties for the classes that had the **highest participation** were awarded to 705 and 802.  The **3 top sellers** were awarded Conestoga Mall gift cards, which they have enjoyed.  Included in our expenses was a donation of $1000 (10% of our total profit) to a school within the WRDSB who exhibits both financial need and difficulty in raising funds within their community.  Centennial Public School has been very fortunate in its ability to raise funds to support a variety of extra programs, speakers, and items that enrich their programming.   For the last 5 years, we have donated a portion of these funds to a different school each year to assist them in an area of need (i.e. purchase of new technology, start-up costs for Nutrition for Learning).  These funds have also been used to support the busing costs to and from Center in the Square for our graduates, to support our Nutrition for Learning Program and to support our technology needs including the purchasing of 15 new chromebooks and accessories. Way to go Centennial!! A big “Thank You,” to L. Cowley for leading our fundraiser this year!

**Facility Update**

The Board is replacing a few portapaks from a variety of schools each year with portables and this summer is Centennial’s turn. We will be losing our 8 room portapak and gaining 9 portables over the summer.

**Bus Confirmation for September**

Student bussing information for next school year will be available on **August 21, 2017**. Parents can view their transportation details by going to [**www.stswr.ca**](http://www.stswr.ca)**,** and click on ‘Student Login’. Your child’s Ontario Education Number (OEN) will be needed. The OEN can be found on any previous report cards.

*Please Note: Any address changes need to be done through the school. If you are moving this summer, please contact our office with your change of address before the end of this school year.*

You can also visit [**www.stswr.ca**](http://www.stswr.ca)to see bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail notifications for late buses and closures, or to follow them on Twitter.

**OFFICE OPENS AUGUST 28, 2017**

**FIRST DAY PROCEDURES**

**Students should enter the gym when the bell goes at 8:35 and look for their name on the lists posted on the wall. Students should remain by the list. Teachers will meet the students in the gym and direct them to the appropriate room.**

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