

# Rise To Success

## Supporting Your Child In School

The Waterloo Region District School Board, Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is offering students and their Families - a FREE all day event with workshops on Saturday April 12, 2014 at Bluevale C.I.

The day's sessions include a keynote address by Michael Reist, author of *What Every Parent Should Know About School*, and workshops on topics including elementary student anxiety/stress, exam stress for teenagers, how to advocate for your child and how to support your child's learning at home, social media and gaming addictions, and many more.

Visit our school website for further details and a link to register.

## Dates To Remember



**April 9**..... Gr. 8 Symposium/Gr. 7 Play  
**April 11—29** ... Chocolate Bar Campaign  
**April 12**..... Rise to Success Workshop  
**April 16**..... Mini We Day  
**April 18**..... Good Friday Holiday  
**April 21**..... Easter Monday Holiday  
**April 29**..... School Council-7:00 pm Library

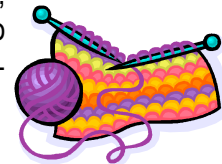
**May 14**..... Red Maple Trip to Toronto  
**May 19**..... Victoria Day Holiday  
**May 20**..... Track Meet  
**May 22**..... Grade 6-7 Orientation Night  
**May 30**..... PA Day (no school for students)

**June 5** ..... Last Day to borrow Library Books  
**June 6** ..... All library books due back to Library  
**June 18-20** ..... Year End Trips  
**June 23** ..... Report Cards go home  
**June 24** ..... Graduation Ceremony  
**June 25** ..... Wonderland Trip  
**June 26** ..... Recognition Assembly/Air Bands  
**June 27** ..... PA Day (no school for students)

## CLUBS CORNER

### Knitting Club:

The Centennial Knitting Club members have seen great improvements in their knitting skills this month. We have a range of abilities with our knitters, from beginner to advanced, and enjoy swapping tips, admiring each other's progress, and chatting while working on different projects. Several students have learned how to purl and cast off in recent weeks, and the projects continue to grow in their complexity. Of course, new knitters are still welcome to join us on Thursdays and Fridays Break B in Room 7.



### Red Maple:

The Red Maple Club continues to meet Break B in the Library every Monday to exchange books, read, and participate in great conversations involving the ten Red Maple novels. Our members are looking forward to attending the Festival of Trees in Toronto on May 14th. Students are encouraged to go online ([www.accessula.com/forest](http://www.accessula.com/forest)) to apply to be student presenters and sign holders for this exciting event. There are also four contests (video, book trailer, book review and top 10 challenges) offering great prizes to winners that joined by the deadline of April 1st. Keep reading Centennial!

### The French Fries



Nous avons maintenant des French Fries à Centennial. Not the fast food kind, but the French Club kind! The French Fries, Centennial's French club, meets every Wednesday during Break A in Room 1. We are currently planning a variety of activities related to French culture and the French language. New members are welcome. **Vive le français!**

### Spirit Council:

Spirit Council continues to run monthly spirit days and fundraisers. The students recently enjoyed dressing up for both Wacky Tacky Day and Twin Day. We also sold Kapow Pops and Smencils to raise money for ALS. Thank you to the staff, students and parents for supporting our various spirit days and fundraisers throughout the year!

## Chocolate Fundraiser



Centennial is once again launching our spring fundraiser, selling Aunt Sarah Simply Delicious Chocolate Bars. This year the goal is to raise funds to support our music program, for guest speakers from We Day, in-school and off-campus special opportunities in April, May & June, and for a variety of classroom technology items. Centennial also helped support a sister school (grade 7&8) in our community last year by donating 10% of our fundraising profits for their purchase of musical instruments, and we would like to help another school this year. The chocolate bars were sent home on Friday April 11th and all monies and unsold chocolate bars will be returned to the school on Tuesday April 28th. There are prizes for the top three selling students, limo lunch for the top 10 sellers and a pizza

## Music



On Tuesday April 22 and Thursday April 24, the Band, Orchestra and Chamber Ensemble will be performing several concerts for our feeder schools. These performances will occur during the school day. The students are really looking forward to playing for our future Grade 7 students.

The Band will be performing at our Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 pm at Sir John A Macdonald high school. Band members will be part of a retreat and rehearsal on the afternoon of Monday May 12 to prepare for our concert on the Wednesday night.

## Library News

### MS Read-a-Thon Results

A total of three grade 7 and three grade 8 students read 4,373 minutes and raised \$565 for the MS Society! That's a lot of reading and fundraising by a small group of students! As a result of this awesome effort, we also received a \$75 scholastic gift voucher that will be used to purchase new books for the school library. Way to go Centennial!

Thank you, Ms. Tajibnapis



## Grade 8 Youth Symposium

On Wed. Apr. 9th, The Child Witness Centre is hosting a unique field trip opportunity for Grade 8 students in the Region, the Youth Symposium. Centennial is fortunate to be able to participate again this year. This one-day event hosts a variety of presenters who will have a powerful, positive impact on students, equipping them with ideas, tools, motivation and confidence to cope effectively with daily challenges at this key time in their lives.

## Stay Connected With Centennial(W)

Centennial has a number of ways to quickly deliver school-wide messages to parents and students.

**Keeping in touch with us is easy!**

Bookmark our school website at:

<http://cnw.wrdsb.ca>

and subscribe to our E-News by following the link on our home page. Your e-mail address will be added to our database. You can unsubscribe anytime. We value timely communication and hope these options make it easy for you to stay up-to-date on school news and events.

# Science Fair

**All Science Team:** J. Bumstead and T. Bumstead

On Friday April 25th Centennial (Waterloo) will be sending 32 students to the University of Waterloo to compete in the All Science Challenge. The All Science Challenge is a free Science Enrichment Event for Grades 6, 7 and 8 students developed and led by Let's Talk Science Outreach Volunteers across Canada. Students will study a handbook which covers science topics such as Chemistry, Biology, Space Science, Environmental Science, Engineering, Math and Earth Science. Good luck to all students!

**Grade 7 Students:** T. Bumstead and H. Fowler

Grade 7 students are just finishing up their structures unit with a truss building project. They will finish the year investigating heat, pure substances and mixtures.

**Grade 8 Students:** T. Bumstead and H. Fowler

Grade 8 students are just finishing up their mechanical systems unit. In the month of April our grade 8 students will be visited by graduate students from the University of Waterloo Alternative Fuels Team. They will also have a guest speaker from the Laurel Creek Nature Centre to talk about the environment and the current state of the world. Grade 8 students will finish the year studying fluids and water systems.

**Mine Craft Club:** H. Fowler

Students are meeting after school on Thursdays to explore a computer game with an educational modification; Mine Craft Edu. During our first meeting we entered a world developed by Centennial (Waterloo) students to learn about plant and animal cells. In future meetings, students will explore other educational worlds and develop some of their own to share with club members.



**T. Bumstead, H. Fowler and R. Goodall**

This year we had over 100 entries into the Centennial Science Fair. On April 8th Centennial will be sending a total of 28 projects to the Waterloo-Wellington Science and Engineering Fair at Bingeman's. Students will discuss their projects with various judges and compete against many other schools in Waterloo Region. Good luck to all students taking part.

Our Grade 8 Science Fair was very successful again this year. All of our students are to be congratulated for the very high level of scientific investigation skills demonstrated, and the tremendous effort put forth to complete these projects over the last 4 months.

**Congratulations to the following students, whose projects are advancing to the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Science Fair (WWSEF) being held at Bingeman's on April 8th:**



- Raegan A. & Tori C. - *Who Can Remember*
- Brian Z. & Yehia F. - *Physics of Cheating at Baseball*
- Emily Y. - *Investigation Fine Motor Control in Males and Females*
- Sarah I. - *Adaptation of Human Sight to Darkness*
- Ryan H. - *Affect of Temperature on Engine Performance*
- Emma T. & Ana R. - *Eyes or Ears Know More*
- Jillian S. - *Eyewitness Testimony*
- Elizabeth C. & Natalie V. - *Spell Cheque*
- Jeff D. & Filip P. - *Is Wifi harmful?*
- Julia B. - *Brain Size and Performance*
- Megan K. - *Air Quality*
- Sheila A. & Shayna M. - *Effect of Changing Violin Bridge Size on Sound*
- Jessie E. - *Bioluminescence*
- Alex S. - *Growing Vertical Gardens*
- Alex E. - *Eye Tracking System*
- Alex K. - *Computer Path Finding Algorithms*
- Eileen C. & Sasha F. - *Evolution of Drug Resistant Bacteria*
- Zach and Mikayla C. - *Fasteners under UV Light*
- Zach T. - *Repulsive Cars*
- Rita Z. - *Oil Spills*
- Oscar J. - *Science Behind Flight*
- Jordan W. - *Rust Accumulation*
- Ben W. - *Corrosion*
- Markus K. - *Smiley Faces and Pareidolia*
- Eric L. - *The S.A.D.D. Truth*
- Atif M. - *Somoluminescence, Density & Longevity*
- Vivek P. - *Colour to Memory*



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

March/April

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Although the weather outside may not reflect the fact that Spring is here, the activities and energy at Centennial Public School certainly indicate that we have indeed moved into Spring!

Our Spring fundraiser kick-off assembly for the students is April 11th. Thanks to Tracey Nairn for her leadership with this campaign and to all our students and families for supporting this event.

Spring plans are underway for track-and-field, year-end trips, graduation and much more. Please be watching for various notes to come home in the weeks to come. You can also keep informed through the Centennial website that we update on a regular basis ([cnw.wrdsb.ca](http://cnw.wrdsb.ca)).

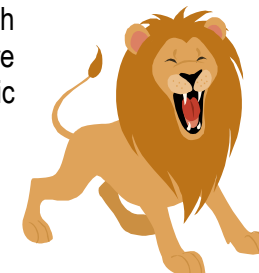
With spring comes a change in attire. Our guidelines for school clothing can be found in the school planner and are listed below. These guidelines are intended to reinforce a sense of school pride, responsibility and encourage a positive learning environment.

Dress-code: tops must cover midribs; clothing should not have suggestive or offensive messages; low cut shorts, halter tops, excessively tight, off the shoulder tops, or see-through garments are not appropriate; clothing must be worn so undergarments are not visible; length of shorts and skirts should allow students to sit, bend and walk with dignity.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

The staff at Centennial are so pleased with the continued progress your children are making and we all look forward to a fantastic year end at Centennial.

B. Adams, Principal



## Centennial Art Challenge

The Centennial Art Challenge is an annual event for interested student artists. Designs are submitted for the following categories: next year's planner covers, next year's respect poster, this year's yearbook covers and the school composite photo. This is a special opportunity for students to have an example of published artwork as part of their portfolio. Congratulations to the following artists for submitting the successful designs.

**Respect Poster – Allison B.**  
**Yearbook – Miranda V. and Nai L.**  
**Planner – Hannah K. and Dana M.**  
**School Composite Photo – Sarah I.**

Thank you to all the artists that participated.

Mr. Kauk



## Mini We Day

Centennial's Social Justice and WAYVE groups will host our Mini We Day on Wednesday, April 16th. Guest speakers and student presenters will share their own experiences with bullying, inclusion and how we can make a difference in our schools and in the world around us.

After Break B, the whole school will participate in **Free The Children's "We Are Silent" campaign**. This is a time when, through silence, students are able to stand up for children around the world who are silenced by the denial of their basic human rights.



## Grade 8 Graduation Tues., June 24, 2014

We will be returning to Centre in the Square on Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. for our graduation ceremony! This venue offers numerous advantages, most notably the fact that all family members who wish to attend can be accommodated.

Further details about graduation, such as the dance following the ceremony and the purchase of tickets, will be sent home at a later date. Please mark this date on your calendar at home, and feel free to contact Mrs. Adams or Mr. Hughes at the school with any questions.