



Music News

..... Mrs. Grant/Mrs. Spoltore

Centennial String Orchestra: On Friday, November 15, the Centennial String Orchestra performed "O Canada" at The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks Women's and Men's basketball games. The Orchestra members performed beautifully and enjoyed watching the games following their performances. Thank you to all the families that joined us for this exciting experience.

Good Luck String Chamber Players: The Centennial String Chamber Players will be performing for the Waterloo Region District School Board Trustees at the Education Centre on Monday, December 9th. We wish the students good luck for their performance and thank the families that are supporting us

Physical Education Department

.....Mr. Goulden/Mr. Foss/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 Thursday, December 19, during the afternoon.

Food Drive: Our Athletic Council is busy coordinating a food drive -- it began December 2nd and continues until December 12th, 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: Also, we are running a "Turkey Shoot" before the holidays. This is a basketball free throw contest offered during the 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: Finally, Athletic Council applications will be available for grade 7 students on Monday, December 9, and are due Tuesday, December 17. 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!

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, **please phone the school attendance line at (519)570-8064 ext. 3138.** When you call, please say the child's first and last 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.

Immunization Program

⇒ Fri. Mar. 28, 2014 – Gr. 7 Hep. B Dose #2;
Gr. 8 HPV Dose #3

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.

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.**



If your child becomes diagnosed with a severe allergy, or any medical condition that requires medication, management or support, please notify the office as soon as possible.

The Winter Holiday Concert

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

CENTENNIAL'S HOLIDAY CONCERT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
7:00 PM IN THE GYM

FEATURING
CENTENNIAL'S BAND,
ORCHESTRA, GLEE CLUB,
UKULELE CLUB AND MORE!

DOMATIONS TO CENTENNIAL'S MUSIC PROGRAM ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED
Students performing are asked to be at the school for 45 min.

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<http://cnw.wrdsb.ca>

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!*

November/December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is hard to believe that the fall season has come and gone and we are now gearing up for winter's arrival. Soon snow will be upon us and 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

2013

December 2—9..... We Create Change-Social Justice
December 17..... Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m.
December 20..... P.A. Day (No school for students)
December 23—January 3—Winter Holidays

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January 6 (Day 1)..... First Day Back After Holidays
January..... Because We Care Philippines
January 17..... PA Day No School For Students
January 21..... 7:00 pm Library-School Council
January 29 (Day 0)..... Winter Activity Day
January 30 (Day 1)..... Semester Two Begins

February 10..... Term 1—Report Cards Go Home
February 14..... Valentines Day
February 17..... Family Day Holiday
February 18..... School Council-7:00 pm Library
February 21..... Grad Photo Day
February 24-25..... Science Fair

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 18..... Good Friday Holiday
April 21..... Easter Monday Holiday
April 29..... School Council-7:00 pm Library

Inspired Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders

Anne of Green Gables at Centre in The Square

..... Mme Simmons



On Thursday, November 14th, all grade 7 and 8 students travelled to the Centre in the Square to view the musical production, Anne of Green Gables. In advance of the performance, students worked on a variety of activities focused on media literacy, drama, and/or music. The viewing of the production was an extension of these activities and students even had the opportunity to see our very own Mrs. Spoltore in the role of Mrs. Sloane, one of the ladies of Avonlea. Thank you to all of the parents who assisted with the supervision of this exciting excursion.



Transition to High School

Grade 8-9 Transition Information

Centennial P.S. held a Grade 8-9 Info Night on Thursday, November 21st 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 web site, or at www.wrdsb.ca.

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. We anticipate that online course registration for Centennial students will take place the week of February 18, 2014.

Library

.....Mrs.. Tajibnapis



Mark your calendar :

January 2014 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 in April. Stay tuned for announcements in the New Year about this excellent reading program!

Thursday, January 30, 2014, during the activity portion of Break A, in the Library, we will kick off the **MS Read-A-Thon**. The **MS Readathon** provides an opportunity for students to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis of Canada just by reading books.



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!

Grade 8 Information Nights being held at Secondary Schools are listed on the Centennial (W) Website.

Centennial Bell Times Are Changing For 2014-15

WRDSB trustees have approved changes to bell times across the system as a strategy to achieve operational savings and improve transportation efficiency.

Centennial P.S. bell times for the 2014-15 school year will be scheduled 15 minutes later. New times will be:

Entry bell – 8:35 a.m.
Dismissal bell – 3:10 p.m.



CLUBS & COUNCILS

Spirit Council

..... Mme S. Taylor & Mrs. A. Spoltore

We had a very successful dance in October and many of our students came to school incognito in support of our costume day.

Spirit committee has been very busy during the past month and a half, organizing events to show our school spirit and to support various fundraising initiatives. More recently, we sold Kapow Pops to help Mr. Hughes and Mr. Swan raise money for prostate cancer and the Movember Campaign.

Fundraising Initiatives:

- ◇ We Create Change—Dec. 2-9
- ◇ Candy Grams—Dec. 10-13
- ◇ Because we Care—Philippines—Month of January

Our next fundraising initiative will be the sale of Candy grams in December, to help provide food and gifts for some needy families in our community and bring them a little joy this holiday season.



Dig out the holiday sweaters - tacky sweater day is coming!!!!

Thanks to all spirit committee members for their enthusiasm and strong efforts to make these events successful.

Debate Club

.....Mme J. Smith & Mrs. M. Tasko

Debate Club will meet every Friday until December from 3-4:15 p.m. We look forward to debating against MacGregor in December! Roar, debaters, roar!

Drawing Art Club

..... Mr. Kauk

The Drawing Club was an extension of the regular art program. Students explored the language of tone in a first drawing, followed by a line drawing. The two languages were then combined in a final drawing. The variety of tone and line were the vocabulary that resulted in an interesting visual study. Thank you artists!

Ellis G. Emma T. Miranda V. Nicholas C. Cindy T.
Danielle W. Jee-in L. Kaitlin M. Gillian B. Luna G.
Sarah M. Armann W. Erin D. Mara C. Bridget V.
Alicia U.

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!

Jee-in L	Mara C	Emily Y	Julia B
Heather M	Sarah I	Morgan L	Danielle W (from 806)
Alicia U	Bridget V	Armaan W	Danielle W (from 701)
Jia Lin P	Maiya G	Monika D	Greta H Nicholas C
Anya F	Kaitlin M	Erin D	Jessie E Peter L
Ellis G	Samyar G	Mandy H	Cindy T

We Day and the Social Justice Group

.....Mrs. A. Spoltore

We Day Waterloo took place on 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. Eighteen Centennial students attended as a school group while several others attended with family members (Blackberry employees) or with other community organizations.



As well, the majority of our students back at the school watched We Day on the live stream.

This year, we started our Free The Children initiatives by participating in the "We Scare Hunger" campaign. Thank you to the students and parents who donated cans and other non-perishable items to our campaign. It was amazing to see several students arrive at school the day after Halloween with wagons full of food! Thanks to everyone's efforts, we were able to donate 458 lbs. of food to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. Our donation will help provide 573 meals to people in our community.

Our next campaign is "We Create Change". This campaign will run from Dec. 2-9. We will be collecting coins in each homeroom. Every \$20 raised = 1 brick. All of the funds are used to help build schools in developing communities. We are asking all students to bring in their extra change during this campaign.

Rafiki Chains will be sold on Dec. 2-4. Students are able to order a Rafiki chain for \$10. The proceeds from Rafiki chains help make a difference in a child or family's life in a developing country. This could include providing school supplies, clean water or medical care to a child for one year. They make great gifts for family members and friends. All chains will be delivered by Mon. Dec. 16. For more information visit:

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



What is WAYVE? Mrs. J. Byrnes

Working Against Youth Violence Everywhere

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?*



Parent Volunteer

A parent volunteer is wanted for every Friday morning to assist the Office Manager with the Attendance and Safe Arrival Program. Friday tends to be one of the busiest attendance taking days. If any parent can spare some time Friday mornings and would like to volunteer, please let us know at the office (519-885-5660). Thanks in advance for your kind consideration.

FIRST Lego League

Congratulations to both FIRST Lego Teams who competed in the qualifying tournament at St. David's on Saturday, November 23rd. Both teams did a fantastic job presenting their research, running their robots and showing wonderful teamwork. The Centennial Rockets 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

All grade 7 students have finished their first project in the shop. They will soon be bringing home their bird house. Grade 7 students will be starting the structures unit in the new year.

GRADE 8 Science

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 February 25th. Grade 8 students are finishing up their cells unit and will be starting the mechanical systems unit in the new year.

Winter Activity Day Outside Winter Fun Fun Fun!

Mark January 29, 2014 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, Chicopee Ski Club in Kitchener, or Chicopee Tube Park, also in Kitchener. Stay tuned for full details to follow in the New Year.



Check out the cool school websites:

- ❖ Centennial (W) School Website: cnw.wrdsb.ca
- ❖ 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

INCLEMENT WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSURES

For up-to-date information on school closures and bus cancellations, please tune to the following radio stations:

- 96.7 CHYM FM
- 105.3 KOOL FM
- 570 NEWS AM

When the buses ONLY are cancelled, the school remains open, 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.

Centennial Girl's Volleyball Team 2013

..... Ms. R. Goodall



This year the Centennial Girl's Volleyball Team had a very successful season. Lead by Manager, Leah K., a student at Centennial, and also supported by Captain Abby S., the girls moved from 8th place finish in the regular season to finishing in the top four in playoffs. These girls practiced hard alongside the boys team, lead by Mr. Foss. All players wish to thank their parents for support

and for driving them to games, along with Ms. Tasko and Mr. Foss for words of encouragement and supporting with skill development. Team players were: Raegan A., Tori C., Elizabeth C., Isabel D., Maddy G., Jackie G., Adri K., Hanne K., Meg L., Carolyn L., Allie M., Maggie M., Vivian O., Madeline R., Abby S., Ashley VB., Alanya W., and Emily.

Centennial Boy's Volleyball Team 2013

..... Mr. J. Foss

This year the Centennial Boy's Volleyball Team had a very successful season, finishing 5th in the regular season, and ending up in the top four teams in the play-offs. The boys managed to defeat the tall, tall team of Stanley Park for one of the best of 5 sets

which make up a game. The boy's games are full of strong spikes and powerful blocks. All players wish to thank their parents for driving them to early morning practice and games. Team players were:



Liam D.	Jonah M.	Joey M.	Ben T.	Brian Z.
Sawyer P.	Jaxon M.	Chris P.	Ben P.	Colton M.
Sam N.	Eric K.	Maksim K.	Abhishek S.	
Dragan S.	Murray L.	Filip P.	Griffen	

Hey Centennial Girls!..... Ms. R. Goodall

Girl's Field Hockey Team 2013



Sometimes success is determined in different ways. The Girl's Field Hockey Team welcomed all girls to try out. We were happy when we got past the centre line and thrilled when we got a shot on net! We traveled to Cambridge, New Hamburg and Ayr to take on teams, as well as playing other schools at Centennial. The girls would like to thank the following staff for support: Ms. Tasko for umpiring and assisting with skill development; Mme Gerster for skill development; and Ms. Woolner for organizing all of the driving for away games. A special thank you goes out to all the parents that drove the girls to games. Team players were:

Zahra A.	Alexis JJ.	Raegen A.	Megan A.
Kathleen C.	Anya F.	Maddy G.	Maya GP.
Tracy H.	Tessa H.	Julia H.	Leah K.
Megan K.	Lana K.	Meg L.	Avery M.
Martha M.	Maggie M.	Claire P.	Alexis S.
Rachel S.	Claire S.	Catrina T.	Emma T.
Teigan V.	Natalie V.	Nadia V.	Mikaela W.
Elizabeth C.	Christina B.		

Remembrance Day 2013..... Ms. R. Goodall



The students of 8C7 put together a Remembrance Day Assembly to provide all staff and students with an opportunity and atmosphere to reflect on the meaning of Remembrance Day. The assembly featured the Remembrance Day Singers, the Ukulele Club, Orchestra, Orchestra Ensemble, readings by Eileen C., a violin solo by Eric K., and a duet by Eric K., and Oscar JK.