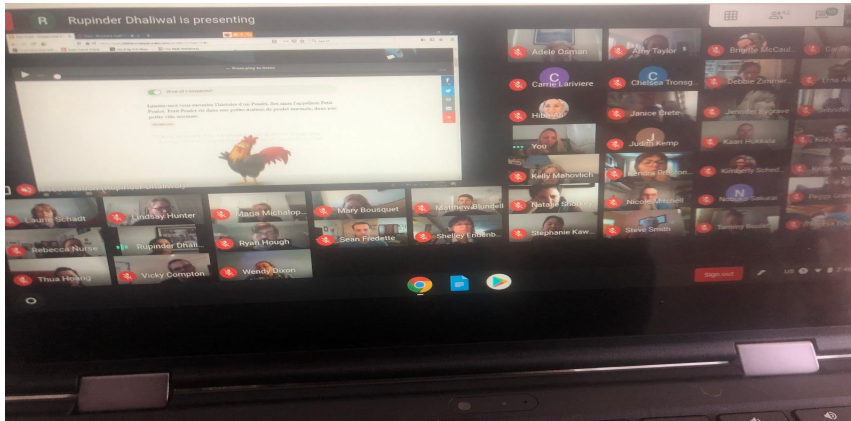




## Centennial Public School -January News



### Message from the principal

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and the Centennial Community,  
Happy January! I hope that all of you have had a wonderful and restful break. I know that 2020 brought some unplanned challenges and that the start of 2021 has been the same. Please know that whether your children are physically in the building or not we are here for you and for them. Our staff have been prepared to convert to online learning at any time and are ready and eager to work with you and your children to ensure to maximize the learning. Staff have been busy working with a variety of formats to ensure student engagement and highest standards for both teaching and learning. We hope that you and your families stay safe and find time to enjoy the outdoors in a safe way. We look forward to having all students back in the building as soon as permitted to do so. Please know that when in the building we are committed to the highest standards of safety which includes, increased custodial staff and duties to support a detailed cleaning regime, use of PPE, social distancing and following Ottawa Public Health guidelines. If you have any questions/concerns at any time please do not hesitate to reach out. We wish you and your families a safe, happy and healthy new year!

Take care,  
Jenny Dewan  
Principal, Centennial P.S.  
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[\(613\) 239-2277](tel:6132392277)

### Upcoming January Dates

#### January Dates

- 4-25 Online (at home) Learning for all Regular Program Students**
- 14 School Council (online) 7pm Link: [meet.google.com/opu-ermv-izm](https://meet.google.com/opu-ermv-izm)**
- 18-22 Kindergarten registration week**
- 20 Kindergarten registration evening 5:30pm (see Centennial website with links)**
- 22 Elementary Professional Development Day**

### SCHOOL NEWS:

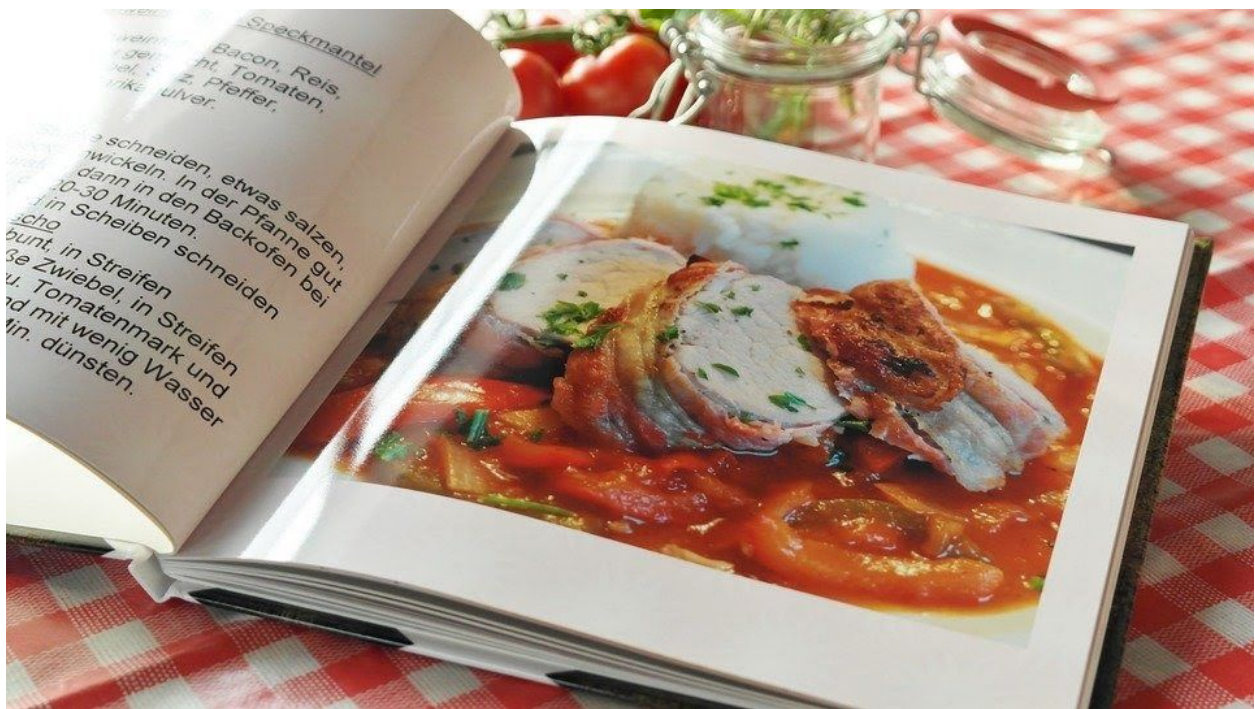


### MOVE TO AT HOME LEARNING

**As you are aware the Ministry initially announced that all elementary students would be working from home the week of January 4-8. Thursday January 7th, an amended announcement came indicating that schools would remain closed and that online learning would continue until January 25th, 2021. Therefore, with the exception of our 3 Specialized Program classes (PSP and LLD) where students from these classes may attend in person learning if they cannot be accommodated through virtual learning, at home learning will**

continue until 25th of January. Kindergarten students - 180 mins of synchronous learning opportunities (120 mins asynchronous) a day during the regularly scheduled class time and grade 1-8 students- 225 minutes synchronous learning opportunities (75 minutes asynchronous) a day during the regularly scheduled class time. Attendance will be taken each day as would be done should students be in brick and mortar school. If your child will be absent please contact the office as per usual. Should anything change, I will reach out by email to all families. We also keep our Centennial PS, and OCDSB websites page up to date with the latest COVID news so they too are helpful resources. If you have any questions/concerns our office is open so please do not hesitate to contact the school directly. For more information:

[https://ocdsb.ca/news/ele\\_remote\\_learning\\_to\\_continue\\_to\\_jan\\_25th](https://ocdsb.ca/news/ele_remote_learning_to_continue_to_jan_25th)



### Centennial Cookbook

At home learning may provide families an opportunity to cook together. We are continuing to accept family recipes to add to our Centennial cookbook. If you want to take it a step further and videotape you and your children cooking please feel free to send you video clips along with your recipes. All cookbook entries should be submitted to Vicky Compton ([vicky.compton@ocdsb.ca](mailto:vicky.compton@ocdsb.ca)) by the end of the month. Happy Cooking, we look forward to sharing with one another!



### **School Council January Meeting**

**We invite all Centennial parents/guardians to come join School Council virtually on Thursday January 14th, 2021 from 7-9pm. If you wish to join us please use the following link:**

**[meet.google.com/xig-haku-bro](https://meet.google.com/xig-haku-bro)**

**We welcome new members at any time and coming does not mean you have to commit to future meetings. As a friendly reminder the meetings are virtual so muting your microphones when not speaking is helpful to ensure the speaker can be heard. Hope to see you there!**

**WE'RE READY**  
to help your child explore

**Register now for Kindergarten**

Join a Virtual Parent Information Night with your local school.

OTTAWA-CARLETON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### Kindergarten registration

Official Kindergarten registration week takes place the week of January 18-22nd. A parent information session will take place ONLINE Wed. January 20th at 5:30pm. If you have any questions/concerns about how to register or the registration period please do not hesitate to contact the main office. If your child will require transportation please see the attachments provided by OSTA below. Further information may be found using the following link: <https://ocdsb.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=209831>



### Ottawa Public Health

The Ottawa Public Health website provides updated information to families regarding the latest COVID information. The following link: <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/index.aspx> provides insight on how to safeguard against COVID at this time. The link also provides the latest vaccine information as well as information about outdoor activities such as rinks, sledding etc.



## Online Resources

There are a wide variety of online resources available to you. Google translator may be used to help translate any documents. If you are having difficulty supporting your children due to language concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to Kelly Mahovich ([kelly.mahovich@ocdsb.ca](mailto:kelly.mahovich@ocdsb.ca)) and/or Vicky Compton ([vicky.compton@ocdsb.ca](mailto:vicky.compton@ocdsb.ca)) who are our English as a Second Language staff. Here are a few additional resources you may find helpful in supporting your children with at home learning:

[wordreference.com](https://www.wordreference.com) - useful dictionary tool with many languages

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/414697070/brains-on> - the Brains On! Science-related topics

[duolingo and memrise](#) - websites/apps for language learning and practice

