



**Centennial Public School Newsletter: September 2020
WELCOME BACK!**



Message from your principal

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians and Centennial community,

It is hard to believe it has nearly been six months since we've had students in the building. Our halls are missing the quiet noise of student chatter and images of student work filling our hallways. Centennial staff have been working hard in order to prepare their classrooms and the school for our students to return. We have missed you all. Although this year may be a little different as far as our procedures and protocols, one key element remains the same. We continue to be committed to the safety, well being and learning of all our students. We wish you all a wonderful year and start, to the 2020-21 academic year!

Take care,
Jenny Dewan

Please enjoy this video clip put together by Centennial Staff as a welcome back to our Centennial family.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L1uc97otTwujFNzIt6kE4P0O3sYXsaOo/view?usp=drivesdk>

SCHOOL HOURS:

8:30am	Breakfast Club Opens (Begins Oct 5, 2020)
8:30am	Yard Supervision begins
8:45 - 10:45am	Instructional Time
10:45 - 11:30am	Recess & Lunch Break
11:30am - 1:30pm	Instructional Time
1:30 - 2:15pm	Recess & Snack Break
2:15 - 3:15pm	Instructional Time
3:15pm	Dismissal

Upcoming Dates:

First Day for Staff	August 31, 2020
PA Days	August 31, Sept 1., Sept 2
First Day of School	September 14, 2020 (Staggered entries)*
Labour Day	September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving	October 12, 2020
Holiday Break	December 21, 2020 to January 1, 2021
PA Day	January 22, 2021
PA Day	February 12, 2021
Family Day	February 15, 2021
March Break	March 15-19, 2021
Holiday	April 2, 2021
Holiday	April 5, 2021
PA Day	April 23, 2021

Victoria Day
 PA Day
 Last Day for Students

May 24, 2021
 June 4, 2021
 June 25, 2021

STAGGERED OPENING SCHEDULE:

Special Education classes (PSP+LLD)	September 14th, 2020
Kindergarten Year 1 and those in Year 2 extended day programs	September 15th, 2020
Kinder year 2	September 16th, 2020
Grades 1 and 2	September 14th, 2020
Grades 3 and 4	September 15th, 2020
Grades 5 and 6	September 16th, 2020

Entry Procedure:

A friendly reminder that no cars should enter the parking lot between 8:30-8:45 and 3:15-3:30 due to bus and van arrival/departure. Should your child's first day not be an inclement weather day (nice weather) they are to proceed to meet their teacher at their designated location on the yard. Should the first day be an inclement weather day, your child should use their designated entrance and head directly into class to meet his/her teacher. Please note that due to safety procedures in place parents must please say goodbye at the gates and are not allowed entrance into the school and/or either of the yard areas. We thank you for your understanding.

Student Grade/Class	Teacher(s)	Yard location	Room Number	Designated Exit/Entrance Door
KJSA (All JK and SK)	Ms. Peggy Ms. Hukkala Ms. Thua Ms. Ali Mr. Hough	Kinder yard		Kinder doors (by Kinder yard)
R1	Ms. Endenburg	Butterfly Garden		Parking Lot Doors

R2	Ms. Schedler	Butterfly Garden		Parking Lot Doors
R3	Ms. Shorkey	Butterfly Garden		Bay Street Doors
R4/5	Ms. Lipsett	Main Yard		South Doors
R5/6	Ms. Schadt	Main Yard		South Doors
MF14	Ms. Kawamoto	Main Yard		Gloucester Doors
MF15/6	Ms. Hunter	Main Yard		South Doors
LLD	Ms. McGovern	Butterfly Garden		Parking Lot Doors
PSPA	Ms. Bygrave	Front of South Doors		Back door to classroom
PSPB	Ms. Mitchell	Front of South Doors		Back door to classroom

Pre-Screening/What to do if your child becomes ill

Prior to arriving at the school you are to ensure you have completed the pre-screening survey. For your convenience we have included the survey on the school website:

<https://centennialps.ocdsb.ca/>: Ottawa Public Health has developed an online [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Students](#). This tool will help parents and guardians make decisions about whether or not their child/children can attend school (In Person). This tool should be completed daily before attending school. Please note that no personal information is requested when completing the assessment. More details are available on the Ottawa Public Health website. Should your child display any symptoms while at school you will be contacted to come and pick up your child immediately. With a doctor's note informing the office of a pre-existing (non COVID related) condition, exceptions may be made. Should your child become ill when at school the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately for pick up. Until the parent/guardian arrives children will wait in the isolation room located by the office. Please ensure the office has your most up to date contact information. Should your child become sick at home please inform the office as soon as possible. The child should get a COVID test if they are displaying COVID symptoms. They should be kept at home until they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours. Regardless if they have had a negative COVID test, the student may only return to school after 24 hours of being symptom free. If a student is not tested, they must self-isolate at home for 14 days. Each day Ottawa Public Health will be sending the school a list of names of people (staff

and students) who are not cleared yet to re-enter the school. Should your child's name be on the list they will not be able to re-enter the school until they are cleared to do so by Ottawa Public Health.

Safety Expectations and Protocols

Please review the safety requirements with your child(ren). As per ministry guidelines all students grades 4-6 must wear a mask while in school. If your child does not have a mask one will be provided. For K-3 students masks are recommended and not mandatory. Students must sanitize when coming into the school. There are sanitization stations inside each door and in every classroom. Should you wish to send your child with his/her own sanitizer please ensure it is scent-free as we are a scent-free school.

What to bring

Please send children with enough snack/lunch food for two small lunch breaks, as we will continue to practice a balanced day at Centennial. Due to safety guidelines this year all garbage etc. will come home with your child each day so please consider reusable containers. At this time indoor shoes are not mandatory as all gym will take place outdoors. When outdoors if children are appropriately distanced they will not have to wear masks. Lanyards will be provided to each student to keep masks protected and on their person if not being worn. Should you wish to send your child with his/her own lanyard please ensure it has a safety clip, otherwise our school lanyards will need to be worn. We will provide each student with his/her set of their own school supplies as supplies cannot be shared this year. You may wish to send your child with additional supplies but this is not mandatory. Water fountains will be out of use but water refilling stations for water bottles will be available for use. We ask that each child come to school with a water bottle.

School routines

For safety purposes each class must enter/exit through their assigned doors. They also must only use their assigned bathrooms. Seating plans will be made for each class as well as lineup orders to ensure consistency for easy tracing if required. For arrivals/recess/end of day each class is assigned a place on the yard. This will be the place where you can find your child at the end of the day should you be meeting with him/her.

Forms

As we are getting away from paper copies, we are asking that you submit both the media and use of technology forms online this year.

Media Form: <https://forms.ocdsb.ca/Forms/Media-School-Website-Consent-Form>

Use of Technology Form: <https://forms.ocdsb.ca/Forms/Use-of-Technology>

We have included [an online electronic form](#) "Plan of care for students with life threatening medical conditions". Please include a photo of the medication.

Transportation

Transportation has now been uploaded to the parent site. To get your child's busing information please go to www.ottawaschoolbus.ca

Regretfully, that due to COVID-19, no empty seat requests can be accommodated this year.

Please see the [Transportation Preparation Checklist](#) and the [Safety on the Bus](#) information.