



## Centennial Public School Newsletter: September

### ***WELCOME BACK!***



#### **Principal's Message**

Dear Centennial Community,

We are excited to have the school filled once again with students at work, learning, laughing and sharing. Centennial staff have been working hard in order to prepare their classrooms and the school for our students to return.

Over the summer we are excited to share that we had our play structure slide fixed as well as brand new matting installed. For those new to Centennial PS, if you are coming into the office you may use either the main doors on Gloucester street and/or the parking lot doors. There is a buzzer system at both doors which will connect you with our office.

For this new academic year we hope that all students engage in the academics and school culture, feeling a true sense of belonging and excitement around learning inside and outside of the classroom. Centennial is truly a special place. I wish each of you a fantastic year.

Take care,  
Jenny Dewan

#### **School Hours**

8:40	Yard Supervision Begins, <a href="#">Breakfast Club</a> Opens (Begins 1st Week of October)
8:55 am - 10:55 am	Instructional Time
10:55 am - 11:40 am	Recess & Lunch Break
11:40 am - 1:40 pm	Instructional Time
1:40 pm - 2:25 pm	Recess & Snack Break
2:25 pm - 3:25 pm	Instructional Time
3:25 pm	Dismissal

## Important Dates

First Day for Staff	September 1st, 2023
Labour Day	September 4th, 2023
First Day of School	September 5th, 2023 (all students)
Terry Fox Run	September 22nd, 2023 (all students)
Meet your Teachers/Potluck	September 28th, 2023
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	September 30th, 2023
Cross Country @ Terry Fox	October 3rd, 2023 (Cross Country Team)
Dental Screening	October 3rd and 4th, 2023
PA Day	October 6th, 2023
Thanksgiving	October 9th, 2023
Photo Day	October 20th, 2023
PA Days	November 3rd and 24th, 2023
Holiday Break	December 25, 2023 to January 5, 2024
PA Days	Jan. 26th and Feb. 16th 2024
Family Day	February 19th, 2024
March Break	March 11th-15th, 2024
Holiday	March 29th, 2024
Holiday	April 1st, 2024
Victoria Day	May 20th, 2024
PA Day	June 7th, 2024
Last Day for Students	June 27th, 2024

## Backpack and School Supply Donations



A huge thank you to the **Rujohn Foundation** who once again provided Centennial Public School with a donation of backpacks and school supplies to help students start the new year.

If you are a family who require a backpack, school supplies, lunch bag and/or water bottle please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher and we will be sure your child(ren) have what they need.

## **Orange Shirt Day**

As a part of our school's observation of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th, we will take part in Orange Shirt Day.

<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

## **Terry Fox Run**



Friday, September 22 at 10:15 am is Centennial's annual Terry Fox Run. Our goal is to have 100% school participation! If you would like to make a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research, you can donate online or send a cash donation into the school. Students will bring information home soon on how to donate to this great cause. Thank you.



## **Cross Country Team/Club**

The cross country team practice every Tuesday and Thursday during morning break. All grade 3-6 students are invited to come out!

## **Potluck/Meet the Teacher**

On September 28th we will host our Centennial PS annual Potluck/Meet the teacher event. The event will take place from 5-7pm.

We welcome all families to come join us and bring in your favorite dishes to share. No nuts of any kind, please. Teachers will be sending home a sign up sheet for you to let us know should you wish to contribute a food item for the event.

We look forward to seeing you all then!

*Please remember not to wear any perfume or other scented products to this event due to severe allergies.*

## **FALL PHOTO DAY!**

Fall Photo Day is scheduled for October 20th 2023

All student photos will be taken and families will have the opportunity to purchase photos should you wish to do so. If you have any questions/concerns regarding photo day please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.



## Centennial PS Breakfast/Lunch Program



Centennial PS will be once again offering a breakfast program beginning the week of September 11th. Any students wishing to participate in the breakfast program can go to our community room at 8:40 am for breakfast prior to the start of school. If students forget, or don't have lunch, students may come to the office to pick up a bagged lunch. If you are needing food support please do not hesitate to reach out.

## Dental Screening

Dental screening will take place for all students at Centennial PS on Monday October 3rd and 4th. This is a free service provided by Ottawa Public Health. This service is provided by certified dental hygienists.

More specific information will be sent to all families via School Messenger prior to this date. If you have any specific questions/concerns about this process please do not hesitate to contact the main office.

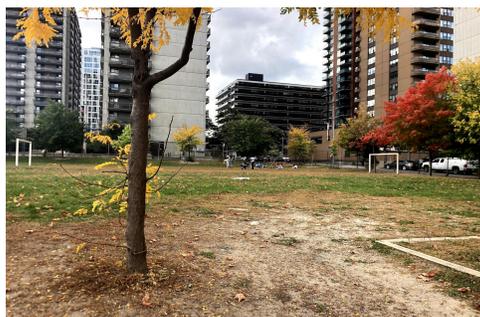
## Centennial PS is Scent Free

Centennial PS is a scent-free school. Please ensure that if you are entering the school you are not wearing any scents as we have both students and staff with serious allergies.

Please do not send children to school with scented hand sanitizers. Unscented hand sanitizers are available in every class and beside each entry door for student/staff use.



## Parking-Pick Up- Drop Off at Centennial PS



As Centennial PS is a downtown school, picking up and dropping off can become congested. ***We ask that no parents/guardians park in the school parking lot area.*** If you are picking up your child please park on a side street or on an available spot on Gloucester street and walk to the yard to pick up your child. This will ensure that our school buses and school vans have easy access to pick up/drop off our students safely. Thank you for all your understanding and support.

## COVID Protocols in Schools

This year face masks are not required but continue to be recommended. We respect family and staff choice around this issue. Hand sanitizers are readily available in each classroom and at each entrance.

If your children are sick please keep them home as per usual practice.

Please continue to use the self screener to help direct appropriate steps.

If you have questions/concerns please don't hesitate to reach out.



## **Class Changes**

We have had an overwhelming number of new students register since the summer. Therefore we are in the position of having to move a few students to balance class sizes. If your child has been impacted you will receive a call/email by the end of the day today. The changes will take effect on Tuesday September 19th. Thank you for your flexibility and support during this process.

## **Forms**

Please fill out the following forms as soon as possible.

You can fill them out online using these links, or using paper copies which will be sent home by your child's teacher. Thank you!

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](http://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.