



# Centennial Public School - October News



## Message From the Principal

Dear Centennial Community,

Last month was such a special month, one of renewal and community. We reconnected with one another, catching up from the summer, and were fortunate to dive into many new friendships. There was an amazing turn out at our Centennial Community Potluck and Meet the Teacher Evening. A big **thank you** to all those who contributed to making these events so very special.

This past month has been busy, coming together to run for Terry Fox, and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. It is now officially autumn, which means cozy apparel and a beautiful backdrop for our school yard as the leaves change. Classes have settled into their routines and learning is happening all around the school both inside and outside of the classrooms.

We look forward to the year ahead and hope you and your family are keeping well.

Take care,

*Jenny Dewan*

Principal

Centennial Public School

## **Important October Dates:**

Please note October is Islamic Heritage and Latin American Heritage month:

[Click Here For Information About Islamic Heritage Month](#)

[Click Here For Information About Latin American Heritage Month](#)

2nd - National Custodial Workers Day

3rd - Cross Country Running Team Attends Race at Terry Fox Elementary School

5th - World Teacher Appreciation Day [Click Here For Details](#)

6th - Professional Activity (PA) Day - No School for Students

9th - Thanksgiving (no school for staff and students)

10th - World Mental Health Day

11th - International Day of the Girl

11th - OCDSB Soccer Tournament@ Hornet's Nest

16th - Individual Education Plans (IEP's) sent home for parent input & signature

17th - Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Education (ECE) Appreciation Day

19th - School Council Meeting (7-8pm) *All are welcome!*

- You can join via Google Meet ([meet.google.com/iig-nguj-hpi](https://meet.google.com/iig-nguj-hpi))

20th - Canadian Library Workers Day

24th - Dussehra (Hindu Holiday)

24th - 25th - Yom Kippur (Jewish Holiday)

23th - 27th - Media Literacy Week

27th - Dress Purple Day [Click Here for Details](#)

## **School News**

### **Centennial Rocks Cross Country!**

On Tuesday, October 3rd the Centennial Cross Country Club put their skills to the test. Joining several OCDSB schools, the Centennial Cross Country team did a super, fantastic job running their races at the Terry Fox Facility at Mooney's Bay. We are very proud of our students and their commitment to practicing each week and doing their very best at the big event! We look forward to cheering them on at many more sports events to come! Way to go Centennial Cross Country Team!





## Terry Fox Run

It was a beautiful day for our Terry Fox Relay. All students were active participants and learned the power of giving back for a wonderful cause.

As an exciting bonus we were able to raise approximately \$500.00 for this worthy cause! Thank you to all the participants, volunteers, and donors.



## National Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

On September 30, OCDSB students and staff will mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.



This is a day of mourning and remembrance for Indigenous people. This date also offers an opportunity to reflect and to honour residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

We also commit to continued teaching and learning about the history and legacy of residential schools.

Within the school we provide a wide variety of experiences for our staff and students to learn together about the significance of the day as well as celebrating Indigenous Excellence.

## Rowan's Law Day

On September 30th we also recognized Rowan's Law Day by discussing the signs and symptoms of a concussion with our students, educating them about dangers of concussions.

What is Rowan's Law? On March 7, 2018, Ontario passed Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), and related amendments to the Education Act. This new legislation, which received all-party support, is intended to protect amateur athletes by improving concussion safety on the field and at school. For more information: [CLICK HERE](#)



## Soccer at Centennial PS

The interest at Centennial PS around soccer is wonderful to see.

Thanks to all of those who came out to practice. We will be proudly sending 3 teams to the School Board Soccer Tournament at the Hornet's Nest on October 11th. Congratulations to all who came out!

## **Meet the Teacher Evening/Centennial PS Potluck**

On Thursday September 28th Centennial PS hosted a Meet the Teacher and Potluck Evening. This provided families an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and hear a bit about life at school. It also provided an opportunity for the community to come together. It was so nice to spend time with our Centennial families, and wow the food was amazing!

Thank you to Ms. Kelly, the Centennial Staff, and our grade 6 volunteers who helped make this day extra special for everyone. If you did not get the opportunity to stop in and meet your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to reach out to them at any time. We look forward to a great year together.



## **Transportation Pick up/Drop off Information**

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority continues to look for drivers. We are fortunate to be able to share that at this time our yellow bus is running! Thank you for your continued patience as OSTA. If you are dropping off or picking up your child from in front of our school (Gloucester St.) please be aware that you must not leave your vehicle unattended for 2 minutes or more. If your vehicle is left unattended bylaw may ticket. Also supervision only begins at 8:40am. Please do not drop your child off in the yard prior to this as there is no supervision.



We are working with the city to rezone this portion of the road as a "kiss and ride" location to allow more flexibility. In the meantime, should you wish to drop off or pick up and are required to stop for more than 2 minutes please park in one of the permissible parking spaces across the street.

## **Breakfast Club is back!**

Centennial Public School's Breakfast Club is back up and running. The club will continue to offer breakfast at the parking lot doors in the morning to any who would like to participate. Students who need breakfast are to come to the parking lot doors between 8:40-8:55 to meet with Ms. Helena to pick up their bagged breakfast.

Students without lunch, you are in luck! The PSP classes are delivering bags with extra lunch items to each class daily. We ask that students ensure all garbage is put into their school bags and brought home each day to help reduce waste.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding the breakfast program please do not hesitate to contact the office.





## **Required Forms**

Please note these forms are required for all students.

Please submit the forms below electronically if not already submitted by hard copy as soon as possible.

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

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

Please also note that **IF** your child has Severe / Life Threatening Medical Condition, the following form is required to be submitted for every school year (the form expires at the end of each school year and a new form is required for the beginning of each school year).

<https://forms.ocdsb.ca/Forms/Plan-Of-Care-For-Students-With-Life-Threatening-Medical-Conditions>

## **Individual Education Plans ( IEP)**

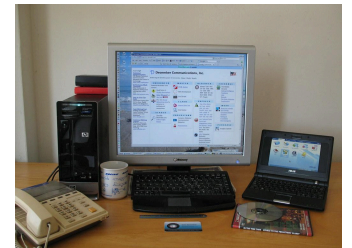
Term 1 IEPs are being developed and will be shared with parents by email on Monday Oct. 16, 2023. Please let your child's teacher know if you prefer a paper copy of the IEP. Once you receive your child's IEP, please review, sign and return the parent consultation page. As always, please reach out to your child's teacher or our Learning Support Teacher, Maria Michalopoulos should you have any questions.



## **School Council Update**

Calling all parents. We are thrilled to be hosting our October School Council Meeting virtually at 7pm on October 19th. Please use the following link to join in the conversation, all are welcome ([meet.google.com/iig-nguj-hpi](https://meet.google.com/iig-nguj-hpi)).

Do you want to get involved in your child's school environment and activities? This is your chance. We are looking for volunteers to attend monthly meetings and help with planning and running activities in the school during the year.



Past events we hope to do this year include monthly pizza days, movie nights, spring fling, scavenger hunts and more. Come out to meet like minded parents who want to contribute and help. Even if you cannot make the meeting send in your name and contact info if you can volunteer for any activities. Hoping to see you there.

## **Is your child feeling under the weather?**

Please checkout Ottawa Public Health website for schools:

<https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/professionals-and-partners/cd-guidelines-ccc-schools.aspx>

As always, if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home.

We appreciate all your continued support.



## **Looking for community support?**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Centretown Community Health Centre:

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

They offer a wide variety of mental health and wellness services and are right in our community!