



Centennial Public School

November Newsletter 2023



Message from the principal

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and the Centennial Community,

October has been an exciting month for student learning and fun. Students have enjoyed the fall leaves, using them in their math, science and art lessons. They have learned a lot about giving thanks, and how to be positive global citizens. Our sport teams are up and running, both our soccer teams taking home the championships! We continue to demonstrate care for our environment, as you can see in this photo our new trees are thriving out in the yard and our recycle program is back in full force. Clubs and activities are growing with Dance Club, a Student Newsletter Club, Science Club all starting up in the month of November. It has been a pleasure this month to watch students transform, feel settled, comfortable and engaged in the routines of school. With that, I'd like to take a moment to thank all families for their continued support.

Wishing you all a wonderful end of fall.

Take care and thank you,

Jenny Dewan

Principal, Centennial Public School

Upcoming November Dates:

Please note; November is Hindu Heritage and Holocaust Education Month.

November 3rd: PA Day (No School for Students)

November 5th: Turn your clocks back at 2am (Daylight Savings Time ends)

November 8th: National Aboriginal Veterans Day

November 10th: Remembrance Day Ceremony/Assembly

November 11th: Remembrance Day

November 15&16: Centennial PS Winter Clothing Exchange

November 16th: School Council

November 16th: Progress Report Cards Go Home

November 20th-23rd: School Spirit Week and Popcorn Sales

November 20th: World Children's Day (United Nations)

November 20th: Transgender Day of Remembrance (GLAAD)

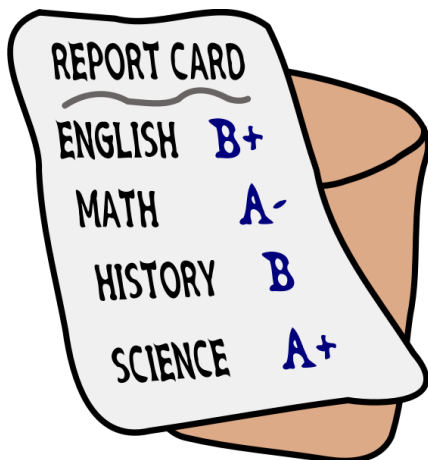
November 21st: Photo retake and class photo day

November 23rd + 24th: Parent Teacher Interviews

November 24th: PA Day (No school for Students)

November 29th: Nepean High School Theatre Presents (whole school 9:30 am)

School News:



Progress Reports

Progress report cards will be available as of November 17th through email. In order to access your child's report card you need your child's OEN as this number is your password to access your child's report card. Please ensure we have your updated email address as this is where all progress report information will be sent. If you have any questions/concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office.



Centennial Soccer- CHAMPIONS!

On Tuesday, October 10th, the Centennial Boys Soccer team played their way to the top spot in the OCDSB regional soccer tournament. The Boys went undefeated through the Group Stage and were able to keep a clean sheet in the knock-out round. Throughout the try-out stages, practices and tournament the boys showed major growth in sportsmanship, teamwork and using positive language with each other and their opponents. Congratulations to the Centennial Boys Soccer Team and all of their hard work! Ribbons will be arriving for both teams very soon!



Centennial Girls Soccer Team Wins Top Prize!

On Tuesday, October 10th, the Centennial Girls Soccer team played their way to the top spot in the OCDSB regional soccer tournament. The girls ran, they scored goals, they fiercely defended their side, all the while, working together as a team. Congratulations to the Centennial Girls Soccer Team and all of their hard work! A big thanks to Mr. H for coaching and making this year's soccer program become a reality!

Centennial Winter Clothing Exchange

Winter snowsuits and boots!

Please give what you can, take only what you need!

We are looking for new and gently used kids outdoor clothing such as:

- Winter coats
- Snow pants
- Winter hats
- Waterproof mittens
- Waterproof Gloves
- Boots
- Ice skates
- Helmets for skating

Also winter clothing for kids such as:

- Long-sleeved shirts
- pants/leggings
- Sweaters



- Fleece jackets
- hoodies
- Running shoes

✓ **All clothing must be new or gently used, and clean!**

Bring your clean items to Centennial PS from October, 26, 2023 until November 10, 2023.

The **Winter Clothing Exchange** is happening on:

- Wednesday, November 15, 3:30-6:00 pm
- Thursday, November 16, 3:30-6:00 pm

NOTE: Families will be advised as to which day they should come, to avoid overcrowding.

Can you help us sort and organize the winter clothing before the exchange day?

Please email Kelly if you can help! kelly.mahovlich@ocdsb.ca

(*Items will be stored on the stage until November 14th, then put on tables outside the gym on exchange days.)



Thank you very much!
Thua and Kelly



Parent Teacher Interviews:

Parent teacher interviews will take place the evening of November 23rd (evening) and the morning of November 24th. Please save the date. Teachers will be reaching out to you directly regarding sign up. If you have any questions/concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher directly. The interviews are slated for 15 minutes, please be mindful of the time as interviews are scheduled back to back. We thank you for your support with this process.



Remembrance Day

We have many special events planned for November 10th, in honour of Remembrance Day. A special thanks to Ms. Prowse and Ms. Schedler for helping to organize this year's event. Once again poppies will be available to all students. Donations may be brought in to homeroom teachers to collect or if you prefer to donate online please see this shared link: [Here is a link to the Canadian Legion website if you choose to donate.](#)

**In Honour
of
Aboriginal
Veterans**



**Nov 8th
is
National
Aboriginal
Veterans Day**



National Aboriginal Veterans Day

We continue to educate our students and community about National Aboriginal Veterans Day. The Federal Government established National Aboriginal Veterans Day on November 8, 1994 to honor the thousands of First Nation, Inuit, and Metis Veterans who were not recognized in Remembrance Day activities. It is now celebrated in many communities across Canada.

Over 12,000 Indigenous people are estimated to have volunteered in all three wars, including 7,000 First Nation members and approximately 300 died during these conflicts. In 1995 the first wreaths to honour Aboriginal Veterans were laid at the National War Monument.

First Nation were exempt from conscription because there were not considered citizens of Canada (they were also unable to vote), but many volunteered along with Metis, Inuit and non-Status despite the challenges they faced, including traveling long distances from remote communities to enlist, learning a new language (english) and coping with racism against them. They did not have the right to obtain other benefits available to non-Aboriginal Veterans due to the Indian Act restrictions.

Indigenous people were not allowed to join the Canadian Air Force until 1942. Both men and women enlisted, serving as soldiers, nurses and in other roles. Many served with distinction, winning medals for bravery in action.

Today Indigenous people continue to serve in Canada's Armed Forces.



Islamic Heritage Month:

Students took time this month to learn about Islamic heritage. Centennial Students also participate in discussions, book talks, and art projects highlighting Islamic heritage and understanding the connections to all Canadians. Many students have created works of art, and shared in a variety of writing activities all in honour of Islamic Heritage Month.



Centennial PS -Retake and Class Photo Day

Just a friendly reminder that our photo retake and class photo day will take place on November 21st 2023. Those who have already had individual photos taken will receive their proofs from their homeroom teachers this week.



SPIRIT WEEK/POPCORN SALES

The week of November 20-23rd will be Centennial Spirit Week. Throughout the week bags of popcorn will be on sale at Nutrition break more details to follow.

Monday November 20th: Tell us what you enjoy! Wear your favourite sports team jersey, activity t-shirt, favourite colours or superhero shirt. We want to see your personality shine and get to know and celebrate you!

Tuesday November 21st: Dress to impress, wear your favorite outfit, hairstyle, clothing! It is class picture day afterall!

Wednesday November 22nd: A celebration of cultures! Wear something that celebrates your heritage, culture and/or country of origin.

Thursday November 23rd: Comfy day. Wear your most comfy clothing, PJ's, sweat pants or Centennial gear,...whatever makes you feel relaxed!



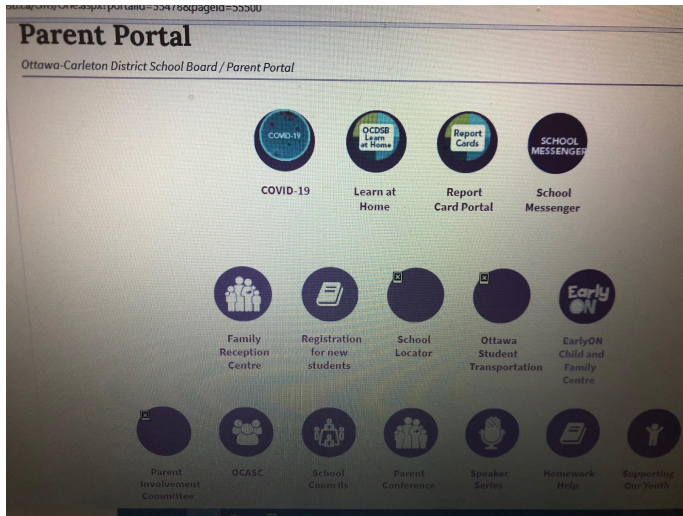
Come check out our bulletin board!

A huge thank you to Rebecca who has created an amazing ADHD Bulletin board. This board is filled with information to better understand what ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) means. Reading the bulletin board may help us to better understand our peers and their needs. At Centennial Public School we celebrate our differences!



School Council

Our next School Council meeting will take place Nov 16th virtually. Please join us via Google meet: meet.google.com/eiz-ypie-srk all are parents/guardians/community members are welcome/encouraged to attend! Some items that will be discussed include ideas for our school yard, fun School Council activities such as movie nights and pizza days. We encourage all to drop by to see how you can get involved!



Parent Portal

Please check out the Parent Portal on the [ocdsb.ca](https://www.ocdsb.ca) website for the latest Parent/Guardian news updates. The link is:

<https://www.ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=55500>

Our Centennial webpage is also regularly updated with our latest Centennial news. The link to our website is as follows: <https://centennialps.ocdsb.ca/>



Fall Clothing Orders

Based on demand, clothing orders are back! Please see the attached clothing order form. For those wishing to order Centennial gear please complete the order form and submit it with the money to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday November 13th. This way orders should arrive before the December break!



We are on the GROW in the Junior Intermediate PSP class. We already have seedlings sprouted in our soil based garden tower. We got to clean out the center composting tube and discovered that our worm friends have been hard at work and converted almost the entire tube of compost into soil over the last school year and summer months. We have also started an exciting new project - growing by aeroponics. This is a water and nutrient based growing tower. The students have been mixing the nutrients and have also managed to sprout seedlings for this tower. If you are visiting the school, you will see the soil based garden tower outside the library and the aeroponics one will be located outside the main office. The goal is to send home even more bags of salad to Centennial families this year. It looks like we are off to a good start. Please know that we choose the family by drawing student names from a random draw. If your child is chosen, you will receive a call asking if you want a bag of lettuce/greens. You are not obligated to accept this bag, it is just part of what my students are doing for their community.



Centennial School Fall Fire Drills

Shout out to our amazing students who successfully completed our fall Fire Drills!

I was very impressed with each class's efforts to get out of the school quickly and quietly.

Thank you for all your efforts!

