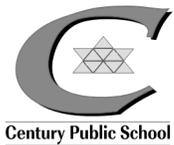




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Proud Vice Principal: Elizabeth Rainer
Superintendent: Frank Wiley
Trustee: Donna Blackburn

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At Century we focus on Integrity and Empathy everyday

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to all new and returning families to a new year at Century Public School. Ms. Rainer and I are very happy to return as your principals.

The First Day was Smooth! It was exciting to watch our students and their families arrive – everyone seemed eager to return to school! Thank you to our custodial staff, Mr. Dusza and Mr. McGunigal for ensuring that we all return to a sparkling, well ordered building. Thank you to our office staff, Ms. Armstrong and Ms. Glover-Truss for welcoming new families and for overseeing all of those essential details needed for opening a school. Thank you to the teaching staff for creating warm and inviting classrooms for our children. Welcome back everyone! 2014-15 will be an exciting year.

Staffing News. Fall is a time of change and renewal and we are seeing both at Century at we are excited to welcome both new and returning staff to our school. Century welcomes: Christy Takahashi as a morning partner to Rebecca Epton in the LLD Program; Chantal Hache as a guest teacher in grade 3 pending a replacement behind Lindsay DeVries who is on maternity leave; Katie Hodges behind Olga Gabroussenk who is on maternity leave; Erica Tratch as a guest teacher on the SELL Team pending a replacement behind Susan Humphries who is on maternity leave; Stacey Pittaway as a guest teacher on the SELL Team pending a replacement behind Lyndsay Keyes who is on maternity leave; Shelley O'Reilly behind Shannon Warren who is on maternity leave; Mohamed Moussa will be our new Multi-Cultural Liaison Officer; Meghan Gordon increases her status from 0.5 to full time and finally, Keira Miller & Rebecca Epton return from Mat Leave. Welcome to Century Public School, one and all! Change can be challenging but change is always good. I am excited for this year and our next chapter at Century Public School!

A word about Combined Grades. At Century, combined classes are created when the number of students in one or more grades will result in classes that would be too big or too small. In all classrooms, whether single-grade or multi-grade, the teacher's goal is to meet the needs of all learners, regardless of the classroom organization. Current research indicates that multi-grade classes foster social growth and independence, practice in cooperation, respect for others, and increased motivation to learn. Older children act as models and guides for the younger children which gives the older children a sense of pride while the younger children adjust to routines by observing older children. Both groups can learn from each other.

Meet the Teacher Night and Learn About the Year Ahead on Thursday, Sept. 18th from 4:00 to 6:00. Century staff are hosting this event for all of our students and their families. We believe that one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning is to come into the school, meet your teacher and discuss ways we can work together. Please come!

School Council meets after our Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, Sept. 18th and you are invited. Being a part of council is fun, free, easy and rewarding. Come and give us a visit. You will be glad you did. We start up at 6:30 in the library.

Terry Fox Run / Walk Event: September 24th from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Please come and join us for a 20 minute walk/run around the school yard. Bring a small donation, chat with our friendly teachers and share in the joy of the day with our children. The event will start at 12:00pm in our gym with a short assembly and end there with some treats and thanks to all. You ought to know that I will be awarding a Pizza Lunch to the class that brings out the most number of Community Members so invite Friends, family and neighbours.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. At Century, we are proud to work with you and we hope to see you at one of the special upcoming events.

Dave Petrie
Proud Principal
Century Public School



Century Cyclones Sports and Clubs

Cross Country Running

Once again Century Cyclones will be participating in the Regional Cross Country meet which will take place early October. Mr. O'Brien will begin practices shortly so students interested in participating should listen closely to our announcements and watch the web calendar on our website.

A Safe and Caring School

Reporting Absences

When your child is absent or arriving late we need to know. Please use the link on our website at www.centurypublicschool.ca or call **613-224-5672**. If we do not hear from you and your child is not at school, we **must make follow-up** calls for safety reasons. The absence line and web form are in operation 24 hours a day. Please inform us so we can ensure the safety of your child.

Arrival and Departure

Please, note that there is no teacher supervision on the school yard before **8:00** or after **3:00**. Students should **NOT** arrive at school before 8:00 am and should be picked up by 2:45 pm.

Traffic and Safety

In an effort to reduce traffic congestion and keep our children safe, M.A.D. Squad and Miss Rainer will be helping students and parents alike. We are encouraging parents to come down Redpine via Overlake so that students do not need to cross any roads. Please pull up to the side of the road and a member of our M.A.D. Squad will greet you and your children and walk them to the yard. Please, avoid U turns as there are walkers and bike riders who may not be in plain sight at all times. Since all roads around the school lead back to Viewmount Drive, there is no advantage in causing this unsafe situation. Students should not

Epi-Pen

If your child needs the emergency use of an epi-pen Auto Injector, an authorization form **MUST be filled out and signed by the doctor and the parent/guardian.**

Severe and Life-Threatening Allergy Protocol Registration

If your child has a severe and/or life threatening allergy, a registration form **MUST be signed by the Allergist/Doctor and the Parent/guardian** to be kept on file at school.

Soccer

Soccer will be starting soon. Both tournaments will be in early to mid October. Inter-scholastic sports is a way to build character and school spirit- it so get involved. Listen to announcements and watch the web calendar on our website for more information.



Parking

We have several buses and vans that transport students to Century. For the safety of all of our children and of your vehicle, please do not park in the bus lane reserved for the buses and vans.

Verification Forms

Verification forms will be sent home shortly. This form to update our contact information in case of emergency. Please, carefully review all of the form, especially the following:

- phone number—parents/guardians
- phone number - emergency contacts
- Pick-up and drop-off addresses

Advise us of any changes to your information. If there are any additional changes to this information during the year, please notify our school office as soon as possible.

Medication

If your child is to receive medication at school, it is OCDSB Policy that a consent form **MUST be signed and completed by your doctor each school year.** NOTE: Medication must be sent to school in the original container with the student's name, medication, and dosage.

Transportation

Eligibility

At present we have 4 school buses providing transportation to students who live the following distances and further from the school:

Kindergarten 0.8 km

Grades 1 to 6 1.6 km

At this time, eligible students have been assigned to existing stops.

Empty Seat Applications

Students who are not eligible for busing may apply for an empty seat, which may or may not be granted after Oct. 1st. Empty seats are only assigned when there are extra, unused seats on a bus route and when the child can be picked up and dropped off at an existing Century stop. No new stops are created.

- Empty seats are awarded on a priority basis, with youngest students and those living furthest from the school receiving first priority. If a new student later registers who is eligible for busing, a seat must be provided and those students who were given empty seats may lose their empty seats.

Students who have been granted cross-boundary transfers are not eligible for empty seats; parents are responsible for transportation of transfer students.

Changes in Pick-up or Drop-off

It usually takes 4 days to arrange busing or to change pick-ups and/or drop-offs. Please, give OSTA time to set up any changes by contacting them in advance whenever possible.

Transportation Contacts

- To change pick-ups or drop-offs, contact Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) 613-224-8800
- Empty Seat Applications
www.ottawaschoolbus.ca
- For late bus information check our website at **www.centurypublicschool.ca**
- and click on the Bus Delays link

For concerns about your bus company or driver or to ask about lost items, contact Campeau Transportation for routes Q98 (red), Q99 (orange), and Q100 (yellow) (613-721-5500) and First Student Transportation for route H700 (green) at (613-820-7146).



Upcoming Events

Student Photographs

Earl Havelin Photography will be here on **Monday September 29** to take our school photos. We are assured that the pictures and retakes will be back to us in time for Christmas. This year we are again having a Family Photo Night on September 29 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. The photographer is Earl Havelin 613-739-3275.



School Council News

Century Parents, we need you!

The Century School Council is a group of parents and teachers who meet once a month to discuss school issues, plan activities like the Family Talent Show and Potluck, and manage fundraising programs. School Council funds have made it possible to do things such as: install a new play structure, put Smart Boards and laptops in all classrooms, pay for extracurricular activities such as buses for field trips and tickets to museums and arts performances, as well as purchase sports equipment (e.g. new basketball nets in the gym that can be raised or lowered).

Our goal is to involve as many of you as possible in the school's activities for the benefit of all Century families! This year we need lots of new members, because many long-time Council members retired at the end of last year when their children graduated from Grade 6. So, please consider coming to our first meeting of this new school year, on **Thursday September 18th at 6:30 pm in the Library at Century. Free child care will be available. For more information, please contact century.public@yahoo.ca.**

Fall Milk Orders

Once again Century will be offering a milk program. Information and Order Form will be posted to our website shortly. Complete the online order form and submit payment in a baggie or envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked. This school fundraiser helps support technology in the classroom. Your support is appreciated!



Dates to Remember

CENTURY EVENTS

Thurs. Sept 18 Meet the Teacher 4:00-6:00

Thurs. Sept. 18 Parent Council 6:30 in Library

Weds. Sept 24 Terry Fox Run

Fri. Sept 26 Four Houses Assembly

Mon. Sept 29 Photo Day

Fri. Oct. 10 P.A. Day (no school for students)

Mon.Oct. 13 Thanksgiving Holiday

Follow us Online

Century is moving towards a more electronic environment and in doing so you can get information more readily at your fingertips.

Our website/blog located at

www.centurypublicschool.ca has an abundance of information. You can find links to many resources including direct links to many of your children's classroom blogs and electronic environments. Our own school website is updated regularly especially when immediate information needs to be relayed home.

You can also follow us on Twitter hash tag [@centuryps](https://twitter.com/centuryps) and have messages forwarded directly to your online device. All of our newsletters can also be located on our website. Daily absences can be reported using an online format. There are many ways to use the electronic communication, it is easily accessible and is environmentally conscious. Check us out today.



Century Faculty and Staff

Welcome students, parents and staff to another exciting year at Century Public School. We have many familiar faces alongside some new ones. At present, our school is organized as follows:

JK Ms. Krista O'Brien
SK Ms. Nicole Hodgson
Gr. 1 Ms. Caroline Starowicz
Gr. SK/1 Ms. Debbie Westine
Gr. 2 Ms. Jacquie Knelsen
Gr. 2 Ms. Sarah McDonald
Gr. 3 Ms. Chantal Hache
Gr. 3 Ms. Catherine Bickford
Gr. 4 Mr. Sean McCann
Gr. 4/5 Mr. Kevin O'Brien
Gr. 5/6 Ms. Jessica McEachen
Gr. 5/6 Ms. Sandra Hayes
Language Class Ms. Christy Takahashi (am) and Ms. Rebecca Epton (pm)

Core French	Mr. Guy Pilon
Core French	Ms. Katie Hodges
Learning Support	Ms. Jamie Schnarr
Learning Resource	Mr. Scott Macklin
Learning Resource	Ms. Rebecca Richardson
Learning Resource	Ms. Leslie Holmes
Learning Resource	Ms. Erica Tratch
Learning Resource	Ms. Stacey Pittaway

Educational Assistant	Ms. Kim Smith
Educational Assistant	Ms. Meghan Gordon

Early Childhood Educator Ms. Olha Tsylyke
Early Childhood Educator Ms. Geetika Sidhar
Early Childhood Educator Ms. Kushlani Perera
Early Childhood Educator Ms. Keira Miller
Early Childhood Educator Ms. Shelley O'Reilly

Principal	Mr. Dave Petrie
Vice Principal	Ms. Elizabeth Rainer
Office Administrator	Ms. Sharon Armstrong
Office Assistant	Ms. Moira Glover-Trus
Chief Custodian	Mr. Les Dusza
Night Custodian	Mr. Tim McGunigal

School Travel Planning at Century Public School

An Introduction for Parents

This year, Century Public School is working with the School Travel Planning group to promote walking and cycling to school. School Travel Planning gets whole communities working together so that children living within walkable distance of the school can walk or cycle.

In communities across Canada, students, parents, teachers, principals, public health nurses, police, school planners, urban planners and elected officials are gathering in School Travel Planning circles to discuss the ways they can encourage more students to walk or bike to school, which sometimes includes creating Walking School Busses or launching campaigns to get children excited about walking to school.

These groups also perform Walkabouts to see problem areas at the school and on surrounding streets that have been identified by students and parents. Then they work together to devise solutions that will make the school journey easier for the sake of happier, healthier children.

This simple journey can mean so much. Benefits of walking and cycling to school include:

Physical health

Walking or cycling to school regularly gives your child opportunities for daily physical activity that will help him or her avoid chronic disease and lead a healthy, happy life.

Mental strength

Students who get physical activity in the morning arrive at school more alert and ready to learn - and studies show they score higher on tests.

Environmental well-being

Reducing the number of cars at schools improves air quality, creating healthier environments where children spend a great part of their day.

Happiness

Those who walk and cycle the school route enjoy a deeper connection to their community and find joy in nature and people along the way; all of which leads to less stress and less depression.

Stay tuned for more details throughout the school year.



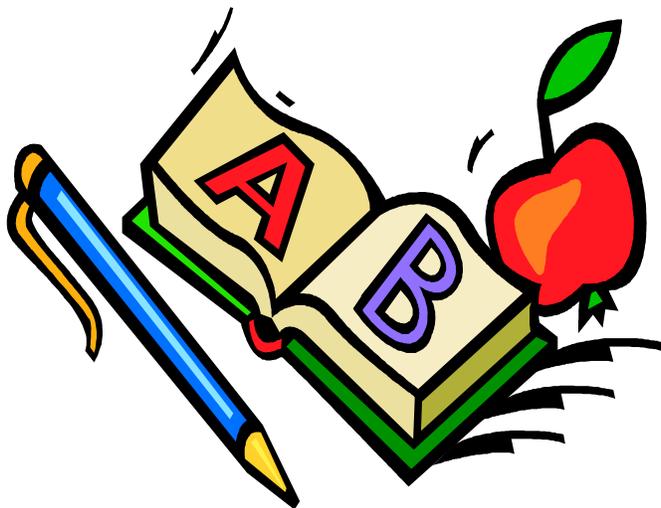
OCDSB Information

Student Accident Insurance

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent/guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Forms can either be picked up from the school office or downloaded at www.binks.ca, or you may apply online at www.insuremykids.com.

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is participating in any field trips out of the province you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options, which range from \$13.00/year to \$31.00/year. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have any questions, please call Binks Insurance Brokers directly at [613-226-1350](tel:613-226-1350)



Community News



Centrepointe Early Childhood Resource Centre

75 Hemmingwood Way, Nepean, K2G 5T6
613-225-4819, www.centrepointechildcareservices.com
Fall 2014 Parent Workshops

"How to Talk So Kids will listen..."

Tuesday Oct. 7 to Nov. 11, 6 weeks

6:30-8:30 pm

Based on the Book "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk" by Faber/Mazlish

\$40 deposit required for the books, (Deposit is refunded at the end of the session)

Topics include:

Helping Children Deal with their Feelings:

Engaging Cooperation:

Alternatives to Punishment

Encouraging Autonomy

Praise and Self Esteem

Freeing children From Playing Roles

Understanding Temperament

Monday Nov. 17, 6:30-8:30 pm

For parents and caregivers of children of all ages

Understand your child's unique temperament

Set your child up for success as they grow and develop

Building Positive Self-Esteem

Monday November 24, 6:30-8:30pm

What is self esteem? Why is it important? Positive tips for supporting the development of healthy self esteem in children and ourselves as parents.

All workshops require pre-registration via phone at 613-225-4819 or email at: info@centrepointechildcareservices.com