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*At Century, we work on Character every day.
Integrity, Empathy and Resilience are at the core of all we do.*

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Honouring our Volunteers is Important. Our school is blessed with an exceptional number of individuals who give their time and expertise to support learning at Century. Each year Century recognizes our volunteers on Family Fun Night, at the start of our Talent Show—how fitting is that! We are on the calendar for Thursday May 15th. More details will follow. I do hope you can attend. **Character cries out at Century... Century Shout Outs!** At Century we look for ways to recognize children who show themselves to be good people and learners. Shout Outs are read on the morning announcements. It's our way of showing that we value integrity and empathy. This month Shout Outs go to Destanie (Ms. Starowicz), Yasin (Ms. Knelsen), Meena (Ms. Paterson), Fartun & Yousif (Mr. McCann), Susan (Mr. O'Brien), Aghashh, Jad, Safa, Bailea & Seamus (Ms. McEachen). We appreciate your good work!

Century's Annual Community Potluck is on Thursday, May 1st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Merivale High School and you are invited! Many children and their families have joined Century's vibrant community from all over the city and all over the world and so we are all going to get together to have dinner, get to know each other a little bit better and celebrate our diversity. An invitation is included in this Newsletter. Please complete the invitation and send it back to school straightaway so we know how many chairs we will need. Further, after the meal, there will be an opportunity to perform. Should you, your family or your child wish to share a cultural performance with us we will be thrilled to watch. There is a form for this information too. See you at the Potluck at Merivale High School.

Head Lice Season is Still Here and we are finding more and more - yikes! Ottawa Public Health recommends that **parents check their children's head weekly for Head Lice.** Lice do not pick and choose their victims based on social status, and it is not a sign of un-cleanliness. If you discover head lice on your child, notify the school and/or childcare provider immediately. Children with head lice should not attend a school or childcare facility until they have had the first of two treatments. If your child does get head lice, be sure to check all other family members, including adults.

The Condition of the Yard Varies From Day to Day. Some days we are requiring children to wear all winter gear and other days we are allowing them to remove hats & coats. On colder days, we expect children to have boots and snow pants to be on the snowy fields. Please continue to send your children to school with the appropriate clothing so they can focus on learning after recess instead of being distracted by very wet pants and feet - yuck! Your assistance is appreciated.

Our Eco Club is Making a Difference. Geoffen, in Ms. McEachen's class learned that a certain kind of turtle, native to Ontario, is threatened or endangered in many areas and he decided to make a change. Turn the page and read the whole story.

Thanks so much for your continued support.

Dave Petrie
Proud Principal,
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Eco-Club Members Become Earth Rangers

Geoffen Copeland, in grade 6, came up with the exciting idea for Eco-Club to join Earth Rangers and start thinking about helping endangered species. Once we joined, we accepted our mission and chose to save the Blanding's turtle, because they are a local reptile. The Blanding's turtle is endangered because people are developing new roads and communities in the turtle's habitat. We committed to raise \$250. Our plan was to organize a bake sale and it happened last week. It was an incredible success!!! The students in Eco-Club brought in cupcakes, cookies, squares, muffins and more. There were so many treats!!! After it was all over, we counted the money and we had raised \$250! We want to thank all the students at Century for bringing in their money and supporting our fund-raising project.



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Character and Academic Pride

Each month Century Public School celebrates the accomplishments of students. We are working towards building global citizens, ones who embody positive character and a commitment to academics. Each month two students are selected from each class who clearly have demonstrated what is representative of good citizenship. Congratulations to those students who have been selected this month.

Ms. O'Brien, Ms T & Mrs Perera, K

Character— Onisha
Academic— Narjis

Ms. Nicole, Ms. Shannon, Ms. Geetika, K

Character— Fisehaye
Academic— Joanna

Ms. Starowicz Gr. 1

Character— Destanie
Academic— Aiden H.

Ms. Westine Gr. 1

Character— Kaiden
Academic— Mohammad A.

Ms. Knelson Gr. 2

Character— Yasin
Academic— Nicholas

Ms. McDonald Gr. 2

Character— Chawa
Academic— Yannick

Ms. Bickford Gr. 3

Character— Ronin
Academic— Tausif

Ms. Paterson Gr. 3

Character— Tommy, Karim
Academic— Taym

Ms. Blanchard Gr. 1/2/3

Character— Abdullah
Academic— Arham

Mr. McCann Gr. 4

Character— Dakara
Academic— Mamadou

Mr. O'Brien & Ms. Zywick Gr. 4/5

Character— Simon
Academic— Khalid

Ms. McEachen Gr. 5/6

Character— Adam
Academic— Quinton

Ms. Hayes & Ms Campagnon Gr. 5/6

Character— Salma
Academic— Sally

Mrs Petera, Ms. T, Ms. Geetika,

Ms. Shannon, EDP

Character— Keenan
Character— Robbie

Century Events

April 10th	School Council—6:30 p.m. in the Century Library
April 15	Grade 6 visit to SWC
April 18th	Good Friday—no school
April 21st	Easter Monday—no school
April 23rd	Administrative Professionals Day!
May 1st	Community Potluck @ Merivale High School, 6 to 8 p.m., info attached
May 2nd	Four Houses Assembly @ 11:15 a.m.
Ongoing	Kindergarten Registration



From the Office



Guest Sign-In

All schools work to keep their environment as safe as possible and Century is no different. When adults arrive to the school we ask that they all sign-in, and this must also include our parent community. Any person other than a Century Staff member must sign-in and be wearing a guest badge. Even if you are running in quickly to drop your children off and you would like to go past the office you must sign-in.

Student Lates

Throughout the year it is common that some students may be late for school but when this becomes the norm it is a problem. Our school day begins with the bell at 8:15am. Learning takes place almost immediately with instruction being delivered. When students miss the instruction, they are missing learning opportunities. We also need to track each and every student as to their whereabouts, and when students are consistently late this puts a strain on our resources to track this accordingly. There is not much we can do in terms of consequence for lates all we can do is ask for your help.

“Tell Them From Me” Student and Parent Survey for Gr 4-6

As per the Education Act, all OCDSB students Grades 4 through 6 are being asked to participate in an anonymous school climate survey. Century students in Grades 4 through 6 will be completing the survey this month.

An OCDSB letter and notice of non-consent have been sent home with all Century students in Grades 4, 5 and 6. The student survey is completed at school and takes approximately 40 minutes to complete. It is completely anonymous and confidential.

Parents of Century students in Grades 4 through 6 are also asked to complete the survey. The parent survey parallels the questions asked in the student school climate survey and is an opportunity to allow parents to have a voice in school climate improvement. Please go to www.tellthemfromme.com and follow the instructions on the info letter sent home last week to complete the survey before the end of April.

Century Public School invites you to a Spring Community Potluck!



This is an invitation to all of our families (new and old) to get together over a good meal, make new friends and celebrate our many cultures.

- May 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 at Merivale High School
- Everyone brings a dish of food and a serving spoon
- We provide paper plates, cutlery, seats, tables and entertainment
- we all share the wonderful food
- Please complete the table below and return it to school straight away

It is important that we know how many people are coming so we can have enough tables, chairs, plates, etc.

We are looking forward to seeing you

Your family name Eg. "The Kwans"	How many are coming?	What dish you will bring?	Do you or your child want to perform? See back of this sheet.

Performance Outline

The reason we are inviting children and / or their families to perform is to provide an opportunity to celebrate our multi-cultural community. This is not a Talent Contest. Please give us an idea of what you would like to do.

Who will perform: _____

What will be performed: _____

From what Country, Region or Culture does it originate: _____

We will have a sound system, a piano and can play CDs and iPods. We will require your music 1 week in advance so we can organize the show.

What will you need for your performance? _____

Should we have questions about your performance, who should we call?

Name: _____

Best number to call: _____

Thanks for your support!



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Siblings without Rivalry

**For parents/caregivers of 2 or more children,
aged 12 months to 18 years.**

Topics include:

- **Communicate with siblings effectively to help children deal with their feelings.**
- **Understand how to free your children from family roles & labels.**
- **Respect individuality & cope with sibling rivalry/fighting.**

When: Tuesday April 1, 8,15,22, 2014

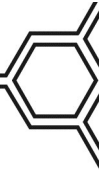
(4 sessions)

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Pre-registration required!

Call 613-225-4819 or ask email:

Gudrun@centrepointechildcareservices.com



Ottawa Public Health launches “Have That Talk” mental health video campaign



Ottawa Public Health is pleased to launch the “have THAT talk” campaign. This includes a mental health video series created to give parents more information about mental health. The series covers where to get help and how to talk to children and youth about mental health. The program was launched on Bell Let’s Talk Day.

Mental health problems affect 1 in 5 Canadians. Also, 75% of all of these problems start before the age of 24 years. Parents can watch these videos at www.haveTHATtalk.com to learn how they can talk about stress, coping, depression and when and where to get help. Please share these videos through [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or email. By talking openly about mental health, parents can help their children and youth become healthy and resilient adults.

For more information contact Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 or visit www.ottawa.ca/health and www.haveTHATtalk.com.