



# Century Public School

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*At Century we strive to be good learners and good people too!*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

*I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Please take a moment to read this letter. Perhaps you could ask your child to read a portion of it to you? We have many things to tell you about and hope that we can continue to count on your assistance to raise and educate your beautiful children.*

Please join me in welcoming Sara Hildebrand to Century. Welcome Sara! This means that Ms. Takahashi moves into the SELL room behind Ms. Tratch. Congratulations Christy. Sadly this brings to an end Ms. Tratch's time with us. She has impressed us all with her willingness to work really hard. Thanks for your hard work and dedication. We hope to see you return.

**Our EQAO Results are in!** These results have earned us the designation: "A School in the Middle". This is an accurate description of our results. Our results are on the back of this page. Note that our grade 3s exceed both the Board and the Province in reading and writing. Most of our children performed at Level 3 on Provincial Assessments. We however, believe your children are capable of more. We believe they are capable of excellence and so our challenge is to move from 'most' to 'nearly all'. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, our goal is that every Century Cyclone will improve in his or her ability to identify and use reading strategies to understand texts of increasing complexity. We are focusing on direct instruction of decoding strategies to small groups of students to help them move past decoding and on to comprehension. It is essential that children understand what they read. To support our work, at home, please read to and with your child and then ask your child to explain or evaluate the text. Ask them to do what real readers do: read, understand what they have read and respond. Give it a go at home!

**Century Shout Outs!** At Century we look for ways to recognize the many ways children show themselves to be good people and good learners. Cyclone Shout Outs are read each morning on the announcements. It's our way of showing that we value integrity and empathy. This month Shout Outs go to Sarah (Ms. Hodgson & Ms. Miller), Elaaf, Robel, & Lucie (Ms. Westine & Ms. Tsylyke), Hilmi (Ms. Jones), Sam (Ms. Bickford), Simon & Elliott (Ms. Hayes), Abby, Quinton, Jennah & Faisal (Ms. McEachen). Thanks boys and girls. We appreciate your good work!

**Our Remembrance Day Service is well worth attending and it starts at 10:30 on Tuesday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.** The event will feature readings by the children, an audio-visual presentation and a wreath laying ceremony. All teachers have participated in the preparations and are excited to acknowledge this most important day. Please consider joining us, in the gym. I am sure you will be glad you did.

**Century Clothing is in STYLE.** Attached to this newsletter is an order form for Century wear: T-shirts and hoodies. Please consider purchasing a cool item for your child. Our students are proud of our fine school and are proud to wear Century clothing at school and in the community. We all wear Century gear on Fridays! Did you know they come in ADULT sizes! J

**Finally, we are proud to send home your child's 1<sup>st</sup> term progress report on Friday, Nov.**

**14<sup>th</sup>.** Have a look at it and then please plan to attend a Parent-Teacher Conference with your child's teacher on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00 to 6:00 pm and Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 to 11:00 am.

The marks your child receives are important but not as important as his or her next steps. The conferences with your child's teacher are the best time for you to learn how to support your child's learning at home. Please take the time to come in and sit down with your teachers. We would like to work with you. What is more important than that?

*Thanks for your support to date. I hope to see you at an interview soon.*



Dave Petrie  
Proud Principal  
Century Public School

## Century Cyclones Sports and Clubs

### Boys Junior Soccer

After numerous practices and drills, the boys placed 1st in our soccer tournament on Friday, October 24th. As a proud coach I can say that we played with a positive attitude and sportsmanship that was representative of us as a school!

Way to go Cyclones!

Jessica McEachen,

Gr 5/6 teacher and Century boys Soccer coach



## Century Public School Clothing Order

Century Cyclone wear has returned. Attached to the end of our newsletter is the order form for Century wear. Please take a look, show your school spirit and get your orders in today. Orders submitted on time will be in prior to the December break. Go Cyclones Go!



## Century Public School 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 were selected in October.

**Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Perera JK/SK**  
Character— Abodi, Abdikarim  
Academic— Lauan

**Ms. Hodgson, Ms. Keira, Ms. Geetika JK/SK**  
Character— Sarah  
Academic— Kaid

**Ms. Westine, Ms. Tsylike SK/Gr 1**  
Character— Parker  
Academic— Yasin

**Ms. Starowicz Gr. 1**  
Character— Adrianna  
Academic— Raneem

**Ms. Knelsen Gr. 2**  
Character— Fartun  
Academic— Nahom

**Ms. Jones Gr. 2**  
Character— Jiwon  
Academic— Justin

**Ms. Bickford Gr. 3**  
Character— Marian  
Academic— Logan

**Ms. Cowan Gr. 3**  
Character— Shada  
Academic— Yannick

**Ms. Hildebrand/Ms. Epton Gr. 1/2/3**  
Character— Emery  
Academic— Yara

**Mr. McCann Gr. 4**  
Character— Omar  
Academic— Mohamed A

**Mr. O'Brien Gr. 4/5**  
Character— Shada  
Academic— Amal

**Ms. McEachen Gr. 5/6**  
Character— Ibrahim  
Academic— Spencer

**Ms. Hayes Gr. 5/6**  
Character— Wiam  
Academic— Aghashh

**EDP**  
Character— Tausif

## Inclement Weather:

### School Transportation Cancellations

Occasionally, winter storms make it difficult for our school buses to navigate the roads safely. Buses may be cancelled on those days. Whenever buses are cancelled, they are cancelled for the whole school board and for the whole day. Bus cancellations are always posted on our OCDSB website, [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca), our website [www.centurypublicschool.ca](http://www.centurypublicschool.ca) and will be posted to our Twitter feed. Announcements will also be frequently made on these radio stations: CBC-FM 91.5, CFRA 580 AM, Y101FM, BOB 93.9 FM, CHEZ 106.1FM, the Bear 106.9 FM, MAJIC 100.3FM and CHRI 99.1FM. Listen for "Ottawa Carleton District School Board".

When buses are not running and the schools remain open, teachers and staff will be at school. If parents choose to drive their children to school, parents must pick up the children promptly at the end of the day or earlier if the weather worsens. Supervision is only provided for 15 minutes after the regular dismissal time of 2:45. When there are no buses in the morning, there are no buses for the rest of the day.

When the school is officially closed, due to weather or other emergencies, students and staff do not attend. There are no teachers or staff at the school. Children must stay at home.

**Please report any absences to the school using the website.**

## Reporting Absences

When your child will be absent or arriving later in the day, **please complete the online form at [www.centurypublicschool.ca](http://www.centurypublicschool.ca) or call our absence line at 613-224-5672.** If we do not hear from you and your child is not at school, we **must make follow-up** calls for security measures

## Skating and Helmets

The OPHEA safety guidelines, which govern the safety behind athletics and physical education require the use of helmets when ice-skating. To ensure the safety of our students we are requiring that all students who will be skating, wear a helmet. A helmet must be in the form of a ski/snowboarding helmet or a hockey helmet.

**If you have an extra helmet at home that you may be willing to part with or loan, please advise your child's teacher. We are in particular need of youth medium and youth large sizes.**

Thanks for your assistance and support.

## November Bookfair!!!

The Scholastic bookfair will be returning to Century on November 19, 20 and 21. Browsing will take place on the 19th and each class will have an opportunity to visit that day. Buying will be on the 20th and 21st. With a big thank you to Gemma Nicholson, a volunteer with our School Council for organizing this event!



## Winter Outdoor Clothing

The warmer weather is turning colder. As we say goodbye to this warmer weather it becomes increasingly important to ensure that our students dress for the weather. Warm and dry clothing is essential. Children go outside unless there is heavy rain or extreme cold temperatures. All students need to be dressed for the varying weather conditions. It is a good idea to have an extra set of dry clothing in your child's knapsack or in a bag in the coatrack. Should you require assistance with proper winter attire, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### Primary Student Winter Clothes:

Boots  
Snow pants  
Jacket  
Hat  
Gloves

### Junior Student Winter Clothes:

Boots  
Snow pants (optional)  
Jacket  
Hat  
Gloves

### Implementation:

- the office will advise the community as to the start and end of "winter clothing season"
- all students will leave for recess wearing all required winter clothes everyday
- to move off the pavement to play on the yard students must wear all required clothing – including snow pants
- on warmer days, garments can be undone, left at the lines and or stored in pockets
- students without required clothing will play on the pavement if it is not too cold to do so
- students without required clothing will be sent to the office if it is too cold to stay outside

## Resiliency and Community

For the month of November, the MAD Squad will be focusing its messaging and teaching on the concept of Acceptance. They will also be building upon this message with a focus on developing a strong sense of community. When an individual feels as sense of belonging they are more equipped to deal with the hardships and ups and downs that life may bring our way. It is the MAD squad wish that each and every student at Century Public School and their families feel a strong bond to our school and to each other.



## Community Corner

The OCDSB Presents  
a free information session for parents with

**Dr. Oliver P John**

### Developing Social Emotional Skills in Children

No registration required

Date: Tuesday, November 11

Time: 7–9 p.m.

Location: Sir Robert Border High School Auditorium  
131 Greenbank Road, Ottawa

Dr. John is an expert in understanding personality development. He will be speaking about children and the ways in which social development of children can affect outcomes. He will also talk about parenting strategies to support the development of social emotional skills in children.

This event is hosted by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee with grant funding from the Ontario Ministry of Education.

## School Travel Planning

Century is partnering with the City of Ottawa, OSTA and Safe Routes to School to study how our families/students are making their way to school. We are studying traffic flow around the school, understanding how students are making their way to school and exploring opportunities for students and families to feel more comfortable walking to school. Thank you to all of the parents who filled out the Travel Planning survey so that we could gain valuable information about how students travel to school. We conducted our Traffic Observation a few weeks ago and in the next week or two, members of the community will be participating in a walkabout to identify any potential hazardous areas and ways in which they can be improved. Stay tuned for more information next month!



### CENTURY EVENTS

- Tues Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30 a.m. in the gym
- Thurs. Nov 13 School Council mtg @ 6 pm in the Sir Winston Churchill staff room
- Fri. Nov 14 Progress Reports go home
- Wed. Nov. 19 Book Fair Viewing
- Thurs. Nov. 20 Book Fair Purchasing  
Parent-Teacher Interviews 4 to 6 p.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 20 Clothing Order Due
- Fri. Nov 21 PA DAY No school for students  
Parent teacher interviews 8 to 11 a.m.  
Book Fair Purchasing 8am– 11 a.m.
- Fri. Nov. 28 Four Houses Awards Assembly @ 9:15 in gym

Skating Ongoing on Tuesdays. Please see our website calendar for when your child is skating.



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