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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! 2015-16 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: Ms. Cindy Ackison who is covering behind Ms. O'Brien. Rebecca Epton is in the LLD Program back to a fulltime spot. Ms. Lindsay DeVries has returned from maternity leave. Ms. Ashley Cowan is replacing Ms. MacDonald. Mr. Andrew Tomec is covering Ms. Schnarr. Finally, Shawna Whiteduck is replacing Ms. Miller. Welcome to Century Public School, one and all! Change can be challenging but change is always good. I am excited for our next year together 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.

School Council meets on Thursday, Sept. 17th 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 p.m. in the library.

Terry Fox Run / Walk Event: September 30th 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.

A word about Labour Relations. The Elementary Teachers Federation and our Provincial Government continue to negotiate towards a settlement. For the most up to date info, please visit http://www.ocdsb.ca/med/Labour_Relations/Pages/default.aspx. At this point there are no plans for a 'Meet the Teacher Night'. We will let you know if there is a change in plans.

At Century, we are proud to work with you and we hope to see you at one of the special, upcoming events.

Dave Petrie
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A Safe and Caring School



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.

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 **7:45 AM or after 2:45 PM**. **School start and end times have changed and are now 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM**. Students should **NOT** arrive at school before 7:45 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 many walkers and bike riders this year 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 be travelling through the school to get to the yard.

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 or in the staff parking lot.

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. Please see Ms. Armstrong or Ms. Glover-Trus in the office.



Transportation

Eligibility

There have been big changes to the bussing routes and eligibility requirements for students this year. At present we have 2 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 at 613-721-5500 for routes C92 (RED),) and C83 (GREEN).



Upcoming Events

Student Photographs

Earl Havelin Photography will be here on **Thursday, Sept 24** 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, also on September 24, 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 17th 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. 17 Parent Council Meeting at 6:30
in Century PS Library

Thurs. Sept 24 Photo Day

Fri. Sept 25 Four Houses Assembly

Weds. Sept 30 Terry Fox Run

Fri. Oct. 9 P.A. Day (no school for students)

Mon. Oct. 12 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

A Word from our (MLO) Multicultural Liaison Officer

Mohamed Mousa is our Multicultural Liaison Officer (MLO) in the school. He helps immigrants, refugees, and newcomers in settling into Canada. He speaks both Somali and Arabic. He provides referrals to newcomers in the following areas: Counselling, Education, Employment, Health, Housing, Immigration, legal, and school assistance. Interpretation in your language is available through him. He is in the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You can contact him through the school or at 613-897-6413.

محمد موسى هو مندوب الثقافات المتعدده لدينا في المدرسة . انه يساعد المهاجرين واللاجئين والوافدين الجدد على الاستقرار في كندا . يتحدث كلا الصومالية والعربية. انه يقدم خدمات للقادمين الجدد في المجالات التالية: الاستشارة، التعليم والعمل والصحة والإسكان والهجرة والقانونية، والمساعدة المدرسة، الترجمة باللغة الخاص بك. وهو في المدرسة يوم الجمعة. يمكنك الاتصال به من خلال المدرسة أو 6138976413

Mohamed Mousa waa manduubka dhaqanada kala duwan ee dugsiga. Wuxuu caawiya muhaajiriinta, qaxootiga, iyo dadka degitaanka Canada ku cusubiyahay. Wuxuu ku hadlaa Soomaali iyo Carabi. Wuxuu u tilmaama meelaha laga helo khada-maadka: Waxbarashada, Shaqadda, Caafimaadka, Guriyeynta, La-talinta, Sharciga, iyo maclu-umaadka dugsiyada. Wuxuu kaa caawin doona sidii ad u heli lahayd qof kuu af celiya. Waxaad ka heli kartaa dugsiga maalmaha Arbacada iyo Khamiista. Waxaad kala soo xiriiri karta dugsiga ama 613-897-6413.

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/SK Ms. Cindy Ackison
JK/SK Ms. Nicole Hodgson
JK/SK Ms. Debbie Westine
Gr. 1 Ms. Caroline Starowicz
Gr. 1/2 Ms. Jacquie Knelsen
Gr. 2/3 Ms. Ashley Cowan
Gr. 2/3 Ms. Lindsay DeVries
Gr. 3 Ms. Catherine Bickford
Gr. 4/5 Mr. Sean McCann
Gr. 4/5 Mr. Kevin O'Brien
Gr. 5/6 Ms. Jessica McEachen
Gr. 5/6 Ms. Sandra Hayes
Gr 1/2/3 Language Class Ms. Rebecca Epton

Core French Mr. Guy Pilon
Core French Ms. Katie Hodges (am) and
Ms. Olga Gabroussenok (pm)

Learning Support Mr. Scott Macklin
Learning Resource Mr. Andrew Tomec
Learning Resource Ms. Jade Sullivan
Learning Resource Ms. Leslie Holmes
Learning Resource Ms. Susie Humphries
Learning Resource Ms. Lyndsay Keyes

Educational Assistant Ms. Margaret Feltham
Educational Assistant TBA (pm)

Early Childhood Educator Ms. Shannon Warren
Early Childhood Educator Ms. Geetika Sharma
Early Childhood Educator Ms. Kushlani Perera
Early Childhood Educator Ms. Shawna Whiteduck
Early Childhood Educator Ms. Candice Aubrey
Early Childhood Educator TBA

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

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 \$13.50/year to \$32.00/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

Girl Guides

Register your daughter for Brownies (ages 7 and 8). Brownies gain confidence by learning skills that they can use in their daily lives and develop a commitment to their communities through service projects and special events. Programming covers safety and healthy choices, science and technology, the arts and eco-awareness and camping. Register on-line at girlguides.ca or call 1-800-565-8111. The 122nd Nepean Brownies meet Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Carleton Memorial United Church, 740 Melfa Cres, Nepean. For information contact Jenn O'Reilly at (613) 795-1758.

School Travel Planning at Century Public School

An Introduction for Parents

Again 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 Buses 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:

- opportunities for daily physical activity that will help him or her avoid chronic disease and lead a healthy, happy life.
- 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.
- better air quality and healthier environment.

Stay tuned for more details throughout the school year.

