

Library News

Century Public School Library was “adopted” through the Indigo Chapters Adopt-a-School program this fall. Three stores raised money for our library by asking their customers to donate to our school. The three stores were Prospero The Book Company on Bank St, Coles in Carlingwood Mall and Coles in Billings Bridge Mall. The manager Lyssa at the Prospero store is a former student of Century and she encouraged the other two stores to adopt us too. Between the 3 stores, they managed to raise \$4231.52!! What an amazing gift for our library.

A few weeks later we had another exciting announcement from the Chapters Indigo company. They told us that they were giving us another \$5000.00 for books for our library. The children and staff are very grateful for and excited about all the new books that will be arriving in our library. We are a very fortunate school to have received such a wonderful gift.

The children have all signed big thank-you notes for the three stores and some have written personal notes too. If you happen to be in one of these stores, make sure to let them know you are from Century and say thank you. For more information about the Adopt-a-School program go to <https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/about>



CenturyPublicSchool

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

Dear Century Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to wish you and your family a healthy and happy 2016. We feel very fortunate to be working with you and your children, and look forward to a productive and exciting remainder of the school year.

Training Camp part 2 started the first day back. This is a planned and purposeful focus on our Routines and Expectations as an investment in the rest of the school year. During the first two weeks of the school year, the first week of the New Year and the week following March Break, teachers spend class time reviewing Our Character Traits with a focus on Integrity & Empathy and teaching / reviewing our School Routines.

Speaking about Character... Century Shout Outs! At Century we look for ways to recognize children who show themselves to be good people and good learners. Cyclone Shout Outs are read on the announcements. It's our way of showing that we value integrity and empathy. Thanks boys and girls. We appreciate your good work!

Staffing Update. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Taryn Jotham to the Century staff. Ms. Jotham has taken over from Ms. McEachen who is now off on leave.

Century Clothing arrived before the break. We hope your order made it home. If there are any problems with your order, please let us know straight away and we will get you all fixed up. Please remind your child to wear Century clothing each Friday to show their pride in our school. You will have a second opportunity to buy Century Gear in the spring.

Your child's safety is our first concern. While December was mild, we are expecting much colder temperatures for the rest of the winter. The snow and the cold have now arrived and the children are busily engaged in winter activities on the yard such as digging tunnels, sliding on the ice and making forts. It's quite a scene. We ask that all children wear winter boots, a warm hat, gloves/mittens, a winter coat and snow pants so that they are warm and safe. Your support in encouraging your child to dress for the weather is greatly appreciated.

We are starting to think about report cards at Century. Term 1 Reports and Term 2 IEPs go home on Friday, February 5th. Reports reflect your child's progress from September to the end of January. We aim to report in clear language with a focus on strengths and next steps. Your child's marks are important but not as important as his or her next steps. Please be sure you understand what needs to be done to improve. Finally, if you'd like to meet with one of our fine teachers, please feel free to contact us at school. We would be pleased to discuss how you can support your child's learning at home.

Again, all the very best to you and your family in 2016.

Elizabeth Rainer
Acting Principal,
Century Public School

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 the following students who were selected in December.

**Ms. McDonald, Ms. Perera,
Ms. Whiteduck JK/SK**
Character— Riyam
Academic— Logan

Ms. Knelsen Gr. 1/2
Character— Majd
Academic— Lavan

Mr. O'Brien Gr. 4/5
Character— Malak
Academic— Pierson

**Ms. Nicole, Ms. Shannon,
Ms. Kristy JK/SK**
Character— Angelina
Academic— Shraddha

Ms. DeVries Gr. 2/3
Character— Adnan
Academic— Aseel

Ms. McEachen Gr. 5/6
Character— Anthony
Academic— Raj

**Ms. Westine, Ms. Geetika,
Ms. Candice
JK/SK**
Character— Coleton
Academic— Hadi

Ms. Bickford Gr. 3
Character— Athena
Academic— Jiwoon

Ms. Hayes Gr. 5/6
Character— Anastasia
Academic— Mabroka and Wisal

Ms. Starowicz Gr. 1/2
Character— Kaitelyn
Academic— Jalal

Mr. McCann Gr. 4/5
Character— Hamam
Academic— Hanan



Inclement Weather: School Transportation Cancellations

On mornings when the weather is bad and the busses may not be running because of road conditions, please listen to the radio. Announcements will be made on:

CBC 91.5, CFRA 580am, CHEZ 106.1, JUMP! 106.9, BOB FM 93.9, Majic 100.3, CHRI 99.1, HOT 89.9

When buses are not running the schools remain open, teachers and staff will be in attendance.

If parents choose to drive their children to school, it is important that you must pick them up by 2:30pm.

When there are no busses in the morning there are no busses for the rest of the day.

We are asking that when students are home due to inclement weather that you report the absence using the online attendance form available on our website.

A Safe and Caring School

From the Office:

Reporting Absences

When your child will be absent or arriving later in the day, **please complete the online attendance form on the school website 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 safety measures.

Late to School

This is a friendly reminder that Century has a start time of **8 a.m.** Teacher supervision runs from 7:45 a.m. to 8 a.m. Curricular instruction begins immediately following the bell and announcements. It is important that Century students arrive to school before 8 a.m. so that they are best prepared to learn.

Proposed Changes to French Instruction in Kindergarten & Early French Immersion

This fall, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) had been considering changes to the delivery of French as a second language which would affect all kindergarten programs throughout the District and grades 1-3 in the Early French Immersion (EFI) program. In October 2015, parents and staff were asked to provide feedback about the recommended changes to how we deliver these programs and the recommended changes went forward to the Board of Trustees.

The school district heard from many parents who felt that more time was needed for school councils, parents and staff to be aware of the recommendations and to have the opportunity to discuss the recommendations, consider the research on this topic and to provide feedback to the Board. As a result, the Board asked staff to undertake additional consultation on this topic and to do that with a timeline that could still allow for a September 2016 implementation, if the Board decides to proceed with any changes.

It is important to know that no decision has been made yet about the changes or the date of implementation.

Additional consultation will occur in December and January; staff will present a summary report, and Committee of the Whole will consider the recommendations on February 2, 2016.

If you have additional questions, there is plenty of information on the district website at www.ocdsb.ca.

Century Events

- Tues. Jan 19 School Council Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m
- Weds Jan 20 Kindergarten Info Evening @ 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. Jan. 22 PA Day (no school for students)
- Fri. Jan 29 Four Houses Assembly @ 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. Feb 5 Term 1 Reports go home
- Fri, Feb 12 PA Day (no school for students)
- Mon. Feb 15 Family Day statutory holiday—School Closed

Middle French Immersion

The entry point for Middle French immersion (MFI) for the OCDSB is grade 4. Students residing in our area who are entering into the program are encouraged to register during the registration period in **February**. As Century Public School is a single track, regular English program site, students entering the MFI program will be registering at Carleton Heights Public School and transferring schools. Please contact Carleton Heights at 224-7922 for further information.

Important Message about Immunizations

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board is sending the following from Ottawa Public Health to ensure as many parents as possible are made aware of this important message. Please contact them at [613-580-6744](tel:613-580-6744) if you have questions or concerns.

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) is reviewing the immunization records of 150,000 students attending elementary and secondary schools in Ottawa to make sure the information is up-to-date. Updates on immunizations are crucial information to protect the health of students during an infectious disease outbreak, such as measles.

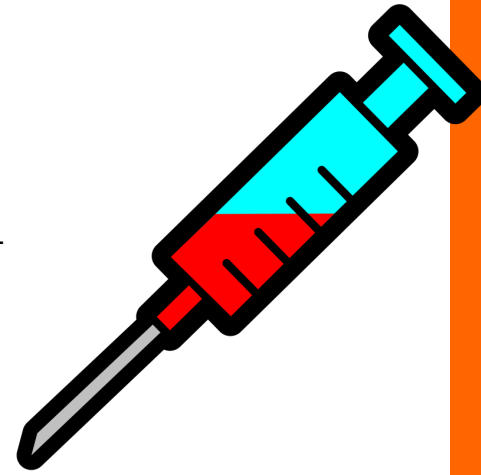
Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), students attending school in Ontario are required to be vaccinated against nine diseases or have a valid exemption. In the months ahead, OPH will be sending letters to parents if their child's records are not up-to-date. A suspension from school may be issued if a student's record remains incomplete.

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To avoid school suspensions, parents who receive a letter requesting immunization information can contact OPH by phone at [613-580-6744](tel:613-580-6744) or submit immunization information [online](#), by fax ([613-580-9660](tel:613-580-9660)), by [mail](#) or by the [ImmunizeCA app](#).

Parents can visit parentinginottawa.ca/immunization for more details about how to submit their child's immunization information to Ottawa Public Health. Suspension letters for OCDSB students will be sent home starting in January 2016.

If you receive a letter from Ottawa Public Health, your cooperation and support to respond quickly is very much appreciated. Your efforts will help protect not only your child but will help ensure all our children are better protected against infectious diseases. You will find this information in multiple languages on our website at www.ocdsb.ca/med/pages/ottawa-ublic-health-immunization-record-update



Kindergarten Information Session

January 13, 2016
6pm-9pm

Nepean Sportsplex
1701 Woodroffe Avenue
Halls A & B

FREE registration online, please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/kindergarten-information-night-session-dinformation-la-matemelle-et-le-jardin-registration-19753397945>

Will your child be beginning Kindergarten in September 2016?
Are you trying to decide which school board will best suit your child and family?

Come out for an evening of information before kindergarten registration begins.

There will be representation from the 4 school boards as well as the private schools in Ottawa and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

You will also get information about the various resources available to you and your family in your community.

For more information on what each school board has to offer please visit our Early Learning Ottawa YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNk41m5c0x1h85fnhsS597KdOD-7urqTb>